

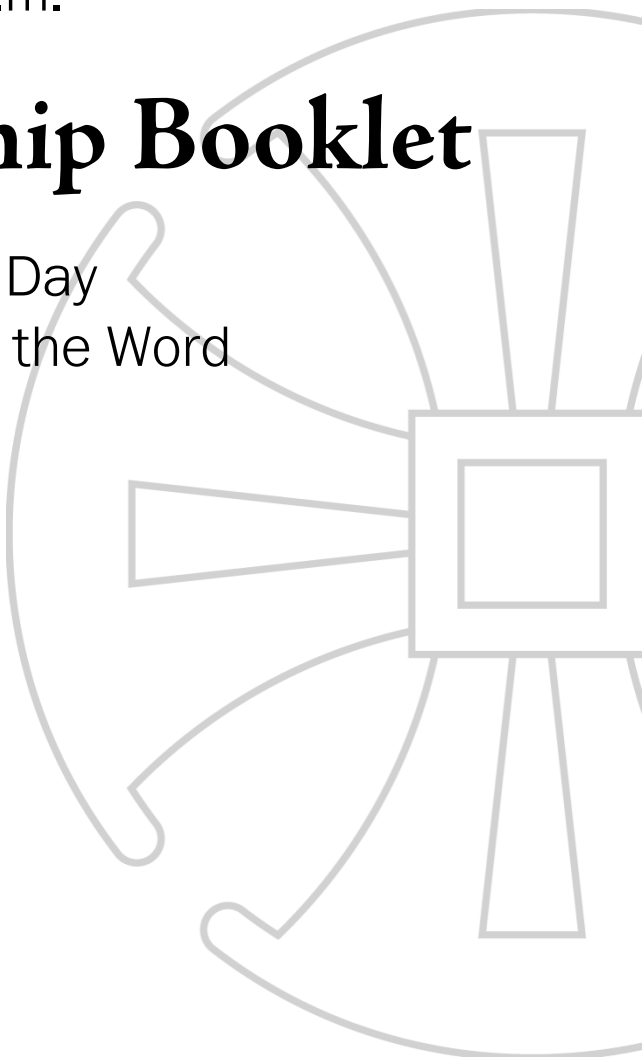
Sunday, October 3, 2021

At 10:00 a.m.

Worship Booklet

St. Francis Day

A Liturgy of the Word



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Land Acknowledgement

Ascension gathers on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voices, let us sing:

Halleluiah, halleluiah!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,

Pale silver moon that gently gleams:

Halleluiah, halleluiah!

halleluiah, halleluiah, halleluiah!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,

You clouds that ride the heavens aloft,

O sing now, halleluiah!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;

Stars nightly shining, find a voice,

Halleluiah ...

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,

Make music for your Lord to hear

Halleluiah, halleluiah!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,

You give to us both warmth and light
Halleluiah ...

Earth ever fertile, day by day
Unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, halleluiah!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
God's glory them also show
Halleluiah ...

Let all things their creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness:
Halleluiah, halleluiah!
Praise God eternal, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
Halleluiah ...

Opening Prayers and Penitential Rite

God is with us
O come, let us worship!

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean. I live in the City of Ottawa which is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. *On whose territory do you live?*

Silence

Let us pray,

Loving God,
help us to live respectfully on these lands, seeking justice and peace. Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing to you with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; so that we might follow Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confident in God's loving kindness, let us call to mind our sins, and those of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

Silence

Holy One,
we have taken your gifts for granted and treated your creation as if it belonged to us alone. Heal us from our selfishness and show us the way to wholeness for the whole world, in this day and for generations to come.

God brings new life for all. You are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ to bring God's healing to the world. **Amen.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
Peace to people of good will.

Repeat

Collect

Almighty and all-loving Lord, grant your people grace to renounce the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading | Galatians 6:14-18

A Reading from ...

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

Thanks be to God

Psalm 148:7-14

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;

mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and wingèd birds;

sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and young women,
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendour is over earth and heaven.
**The Lord has raised up strength for this
people**

and praise for all loyal servants, the
children of Israel,
a people who are near to the Lord.
Hallelujah!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Repeat

The Gospel | Matthew 11:25-30

God is here

The Spirit is with us

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to ...

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth, because you
have hidden these things from the wise
and the intelligent and have revealed them

to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Sermon

Post Sermon | Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

*Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.*

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever,
in God's gracious arms.

Refrain

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Refrain

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,

open every door.

Refrain

Affirmation of Faith

Together, let us affirm our faith:

**We believe and trust
in God, the Source of all being,
who spoke all creation into being.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust In God the Holy Spirit
who breathes life into the people of God.**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Closing Prayers

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. As we go forth this day, renewed by your word and strengthened by your people, open our eyes to the wonders of

creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God

whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Receive God's blessing that you might be God's blessing: in the name of the Holy Trinity who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

Closing | Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father and our Mother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

Repeat!

Dismissal

Go in the name of Christ to treasure and to
tend God's beloved world.

Thanks be to God!

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