

Francis of Assisi, Memorial Day October 4

We celebrate Francis of Assisi, the thirteenth-century Italian whose greatest honour was to be known as *il Poverello*, “the little poor one of Christ.” He grew up in a very wealthy family and seemed to have not a care in the world until he was twenty years old, when a chance encounter with a leper left him appalled by his own uselessness. Soon afterwards he heard Jesus speaking to him from a painting of the crucifixion over the altar of a local church. He threw away his wardrobe and renounced his father’s wealth in order to care for the poor and the crippled.

In 1208 he heard the commission which the risen Lord gave to his apostles, “Go, make all nations my disciples,” and knew that it was also addressed to him. Francis began to train his followers for the task of making Jesus truly known and loved among the ordinary people of Italy.

Out of this movement developed the Order of the Lesser Brethren, commonly called the Franciscans. Francis cared deeply for his new Order, but he also grew restless as it became an established institution of the Church. He distanced himself from its day-to-day life and eventually went his own way as he strove to imitate Christ’s total obedience to God.

Two years before his death he was granted a sign which manifested this desire. One September day in 1224, he had a vision of the Crucified borne on the wings of a seraph. As the vision withdrew, the wounds of Jesus appeared in Francis’s own flesh — the scars like nailwounds on his hands and feet, and in his right side a scar like a spear-wound. These marks, called the *stigmata*, remained on Francis’s body until his death two years later.

Among other thing Francis was a proponent of Peace and is still associated with peace, justice and reaching out to the poor and otherwise marginalized people of God.

A friendly reminder, **we continue to strongly recommend wearing of masks** for worship and especially while singing from the congregation. This is the most loving act of Christian kindness that we can extend to each other and visitors at this time.

9:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
Book of Alternative Services

The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego, Presider

A Warm Welcome to all who worship with us, especially visitors.
With thanks, please mute your cell phones during the service.
The congregation says or sings the items in **bold** typeface.

Prelude – *Cathy Quicke*

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Gathering Song: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (CP #415)

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: [ALL THINGS BRIGHT] William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

(Refrain)

***All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings:**

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them every one: *(Refrain)***

**The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall:**

**God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator
who has made all things well: *(Refrain)***

Song: *All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir*

Chorus:

**All god's creatures got a place in the choir
some sing low and some sing higher
some sing out loud on the telephone wire
some just clap their hands or paws or
anything they've got now**

**Listen to the bass it's the one at the bottom
where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
moans and groans with a big tuh-doo
and the old cow just goes "moo"**

**The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
where the honey bee hums and the cricket fiddles
the donkey brays and the pony neighs
and the old grey badger sighs**

**Listen to the top with the little birds singing
and the melodies and the high notes ringing
and the hoot-owls cries over everything
and the blackbird disagrees**

**Singing in the night-time, singing in the day
and the little duck quacks and he's on his way
and the otter hasn't got much to say
and the porcupine talks to himself**

**It's a simple song, sung everywhere
by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear
the alligator and the hawk above
the sly old weasel and the turtle-dove**

chorus

**all god's creatures got a place in the choir
some sing low and some sing higher
some sing out loud on the telephone wire
some just clap their hands or paws or
anything they've got now**

The Gathering of the Community *All stand.*

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria (by Franz Schubert)

**Glory, glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God heavenly King; Almighty God and father.

We worship you; we give you thanks.

We praise you for your glory; we praise you for your glory.

Lord, Lord, Jesus Christ, only son of the Father.

Lord, God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father

Receive our pray'r; receive our pray'r.

For you alone are the Holy One; you alone are the Lord.

You alone are the most high Jesus Christ

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Centering Stillness:

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. (Silence)

The Prayer of the Day: Grant us, Almighty God, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen *For All the Saints*

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Responsive Psalm 148:7-14 BAS – Carol Watkins

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens; * **praise him in the heights.**

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * **praise him, all his host.**

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * **praise him, all you shining stars.**

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, * **and you waters above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; * **for he commanded, and they were created.**

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; * **he gave them a law which shall not pass away.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, * **you sea-monsters and all deeps;**

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * **tempestuous wind, doing his will;**

9 Mountains and all hills, * **fruit trees and all cedars;**

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * **creeping things and wingèd birds;**

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, * **princes and all rulers of the world;**

12 Young men and maidens, * **old and young together.**

13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, * **for his name only is exalted, his splendour is over earth and heaven.**

14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, * **the children of Israel, a people who are near him.**

Hallelujah!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Galatians 6:14-18 NRSV – Ian Stuart

¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Hear what the Spirit of God is saying.

Thanks be to God

Gradual: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Text: & Music: Stuart Townend / CCLI Song # 1558110

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

**The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory**

**Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished**

**I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom**

Ian: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Ian: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 11:25-30 NRSV

²⁵ 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; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ 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.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Ian: The Gospel of Christ

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Song: **Alleluia** *Taize Community*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia (repeated)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sermon – The Ven. Dr. Lon Towstego

Anthem: *Look at the World* by John Rutter

The Apostles' Creed (*said*)

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People – *Ian Stuart*

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy and welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Presider: Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

The members of the community offer a sign of contactless peace to one another.

Offertory: *Make me a Channel of Your Peace*

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

Modernized: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) / Music: John Barnard (B. 1948)

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

**Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

After the offering is placed on the Lord's Table, all sing:

**Praise the Father, praise the Son
Praise the Spirit, three in one.
Who was and is and is to come
All praise and honour and glory and power
Oh praise his name forever.** *by Gord Johnson*

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

(Eucharist Prayer 3)

Eucharistic Prayer #3

Presider: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who was tempted in every way, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to
live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for
us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels and all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus and Benedictus – *tune, Glenfinlas*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:

**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 forever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread #2

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Administration of Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table.

*If you prefer not to receive communion but wish to receive a blessing,
please cross your arms over your chest.*

Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Prayer after Communion: God of all goodness, who gave to your servant Francis a will to be the servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology

Presider: Glory to God

All: whose love, 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.

Blessing

Sending Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God* (CP #399)

Text: Martin Rinckart (1596-1649) / trans. Catherine Winkworth (1858)

Music: [NUN DANKET] Johann Crüger (1598-1662)

**Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven;
our ever faithful God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please join us for coffee and conversation in the parish hall

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 9, 2022

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100;
Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Judi Clark to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robert and Rose Noyes (parents) and Charles and Charlotte Clark (in-laws).

ST. MARY'S CHURCH YARD WORK PARTY – Saturday, October 8th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please bring rakes, brooms, wheelbarrows, hedge trimmers or any other implements you think may be useful. Please come and assist our dedicated yard workers in preparing the yard for Spring. There are some garden beds that are in need of serious work despite the efforts of those who have been working throughout the season! Many hands make light work!

HARVEST THANKSGIVING DECORATING - Any family or group of people who would like to decorate one of the windows in the Nave for Thanksgiving, please sign up on the chart in the Narthex today. Baskets will be put out for you to fill with non-perishable items and these baskets will then be put in the window of your choice. You can add to the window additional decorations in keeping with the theme of Thanksgiving, but please be sure to fill up a basket which will be the focal point of each window. The Decorating will take place on Saturday, October 8 from 9:00 – Noon. Anyone wishing to contribute to the purchase of flowers, please speak to Heather Geddes. Following the Sunday Service fruit and vegetables can be left for distribution through the Food Bank.

DONATIONS TO THE SAANICH PENINSULA LIONS FOOD BANK – If you would like to donate non-perishable items for the Food Bank, please bring them with you next Sunday and place them in the containers the doors into the church.

ST. MARY’S OUTREACH – For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked “Outreach for Month of ____” with your name and address and, if applicable, your Electronic Collection Plate number.

June	ORCCA Dental Clinic
July	General Outreach
Aug.	Anglican Appeal
Sept.	Saanich Peninsula Hospital & Health Found.
Oct.	Rector’s Discretionary Fund
Nov.	South Island Centre for Counselling & Training
Dec.	General Outreach

ST. STEPHEN’S OUTREACH – For those who do not have offering envelopes, you may bring your outreach offering in a plain envelope, marked “Outreach for Month of ____” with your name and address and, if applicable, your Electronic Collection Plate number.

June	Youth for Christ Blue Bus Ministry
July	Precious Jewels
Aug.	Victoria Humane Society
Sept.	Children’s Charities in Africa
Oct.	General Outreach
Nov.	Christmas Hampers
Dec.	Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund

INTERCESSIONS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Anglican Church of Canada – Linda and Lynne; Bishop Sidney and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for Anna, our bishop; Clara, Lynn and St. Paul, Nanaimo; David and the Diocese of Caledonia; Friendship Community Church.

Our Parish Ministers: Lon, Logan, Brett, Bob, Richard and Gil

In our Parish: We pray for Christa Cowie, David Cooper and for their families.

For those ill or in need of prayer: Neville W., Alan, Margaret P., Derek and Betty, Margery, Diana, Michael P.

For Those with Long-Term Needs: Cheryl, Sharie, Lise, Ted, Brenda, Louise, Liz, Cathy and John, Jillian S., Paul J., Natalie, Jamie, Sharon B., Mark

For friends beyond the parish: Jennifer, Shelia & Candice, Amanda, Val, Sharon, Donna, Jo-Jo, Virginia, Health Care and Frontline workers, Nicholas, Shelby, Donna & Bob Brandle, Margot & Bruce, John K., Helen, Jeannie, Kasia and family, Andrew, Bill G & Ann, Gil & Cheryl's son-in-law, Matt, Leatrice.

THANK YOU to everyone for continuing your offerings. Your dedication to your church is heartwarming. If you would like to contribute to the work of our Parish,

- You may place your offering in the collection plate at the back of the church when you attend services.
- You may donate to either congregation on-line by going to the parish website (**ParishCS.ca**) and clicking the “DONATE” tab on the top line. From there, follow the instructions to indicate where your donation should be applied. May be used for Outreach donations as well.
- There are secure mail slots in the office doors at St. Mary and St. Stephen for drop off.
- You may send a cheque (made payable to either St. Mary’s Church or payable to St. Stephen’s Church) and mail it to the respective address on the back of the bulletin.

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