

**Leader: CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Let us pray: *(moment of silent reflection)*  
you granted the reward of eternal life  
to our blessed father, Francis.  
Grant that we who celebrate  
with tender devotion and filial affection  
the memory of his passing from death to new life,  
may ourselves one day have the joy of sharing  
with him the gifts of the heavenly Kingdom.  
This we ask through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Leader:** May the Lord Bless you and keep you.  
May He turn his face to you,  
and have mercy on you.  
May He turn His countenance to you  
and give you peace.  
May the Lord Bless you: @  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

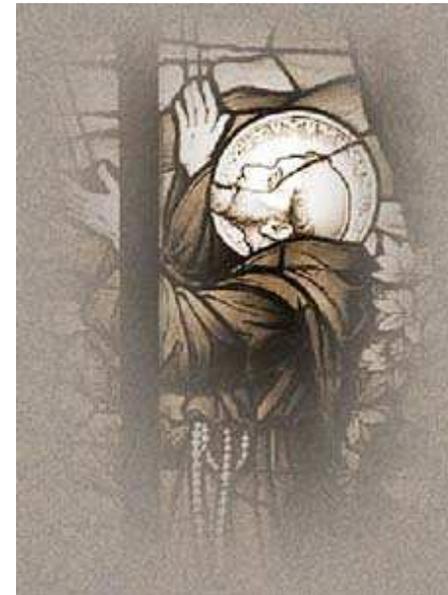
**Leader:** Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



# Morning Of The Transitus of our Holy Father Francis

3rd October



*“To be gone and to be with Christ”*



**Benedictus:**

**Antiphon:** Holy is God's name, God's mercy is for all peoples.

Blessed are you, God of Israel,  
for you have visited and redeemed your people,  
and have raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of your servant.

**As you spoke through the mouths  
of your holy prophets from of old,  
that we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hand of all who oppress us;**

to perform the mercy promised to our ancestors  
and to remember your holy covenant,

**and the oath you swore to Abraham and Sarah,  
to grant us deliverance from evil,  
that we might serve you without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness  
all the days of our lives.**

And you, child,  
will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Holy One  
to prepare God's ways,

**to give knowledge of salvation to God's people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
through the tender mercy of our God  
when the day shall dawn upon us from on high,  
to give light to those in darkness  
and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet  
into the way of peace.**

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**

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**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,**

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**Ant. 1: He was found perfect and virtuous and through him a remnant  
was preserved in time of wrath.**

**Ant. 2: O blessed poverty, who bestows eternal riches on those who love and  
embrace her.**

Psalm 121 (122)

I rejoiced when I heard them say: \*  
'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

**Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up, \*  
the tribes of the Lord.**

For Israel's law it is, \*  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement \*  
of the house of David.

**For the peace of Jerusalem pray: \*  
'Peace be to your homes!  
May peace reign in your walls, \*  
in your palaces, peace!'**

For love of my brethren and friends \*  
I say: 'Peace upon you!'  
For love of the house of the Lord \*  
I will ask for your good.

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.**

*Pause for quiet prayer & reflection on Psalm*

**Ant. 2: O blessed poverty, who bestows eternal riches on those who love and  
embrace her.**



**Ant. 3: Place your mind before the mirror of eternity!  
Place your soul in the brilliance of glory!**

Canticle: Eph 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father \*  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ \*  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

**He chose us in him \*  
before the foundation of the world,  
that we should be holy \*  
and blameless before him.**

He destined us in love \*  
to be his sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of his will, †  
to the praise of his glorious grace \*  
which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

**In him we have redemption through his blood, \*  
the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the riches of his grace \*  
which he lavished upon us.**

He has made known to us †  
in all wisdom and insight \*  
the mystery of his will,  
according to his purpose \*  
which he set forth in Christ.

**His purpose he set forth in Christ, \*  
as a plan for the fullness of time,  
to unite all things in him, \*  
things in heaven and things on earth.**

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.

*Pause for quiet prayer & reflection on Psalm*

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## Reading

### A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Thessalonians (2:13-14f)

We feel that we must be continually thanking God for you, brothers and sisters whom the Lord loves, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved by the sanctifying spirit and by faith in the truth. Through the Good News that we brought he called you to this so that you should share the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The Word of the Lord.

### Responsory:

Leader: I promise you, everyone who has forsaken home, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children for the sake of the kingdom of God:  
All: **will receive, in this present world, many times their worth,  
and in the world to come, everlasting life.**

### A Reading from the Sacrum Commercium (nos. 59-63)

When everything was ready, the brothers constrained Lady Poverty to eat with them. But she said: "Show me your oratory, chapter room, and cloister; your refectory, your kitchen, your dormitory and stable; show me your fine chairs, your polished tables, your great houses. I do not see any of these things, I see only that you are cheerful and happy, overflowing with joy, replete with consolation, as though you expect everything will be given you."  
They answered, "Our Lady and our Queen, we, your servants, are tired from our long journey, and you too, coming with us, have suffered not a little. Let us therefore first eat, if it pleases you, and thus refreshed we will fulfil your wishes."  
"What you say pleases me," she replied; "but now bring water so that we may wash our hands, and towels to dry them."  
They were quickly brought a broken earthenware bowl filled with water, for there was not a whole one in that place. And pouring the water over her hands, they looked here and there for a towel. But when they did not find one, one of the brothers gave her a tunic with which he was clothed so that she could dry her hands with it. Taking it with thanks, she magnified God in her heart because he had placed her in the midst of such men.

### Responsory:

Leader: Blessed are you, Lord God, whose is the care of all things:  
All: **by such works you have taught your people to be pleasing too.**