

## INTERCESSIONS

**LEADER:** God is ever creative. His love renews all things and is the source of our hope. Let us turn to him in confidence.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Leader:** We give thanks for the order of created things, you have blessed us with the resources of the earth and the gift of human life.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Leader:** We give thanks for our share in your continuing work of creation: we praise you for your gifts to us of inventive skill and creative vision.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Leader:** We pray for all the nations of the world, may those in authority work for peace and goodwill among all peoples.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Leader:** We pray for all who are homeless today, especially anyone in our own locality: we pray for families searching for a place to live, and for refugees driven from their homeland.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Leader:** We pray for each other, for all who need our prayer and for those intentions closest to our heart.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Leader:** Life was your first gift to us: may those who have died come to its fullness in you.

**Response:** **Lord, accept our thanks and our prayers.**

**Our Father ....**

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

**All:** Almighty, eternal, just, and merciful God, grant us the grace to do for You alone what we know You want us to do, and always to desire what pleases You. Thus, inwardly cleansed, interiorly enlightened, and inflamed by the fire of the Holy Spirit, may we be able to follow in the footsteps of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. And by your grace alone, may we make our way to You, Most High, who live and reign in perfect Trinity and simple Unity, and are glorified God all-powerful forever and ever. Amen.

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** **And also with you.**

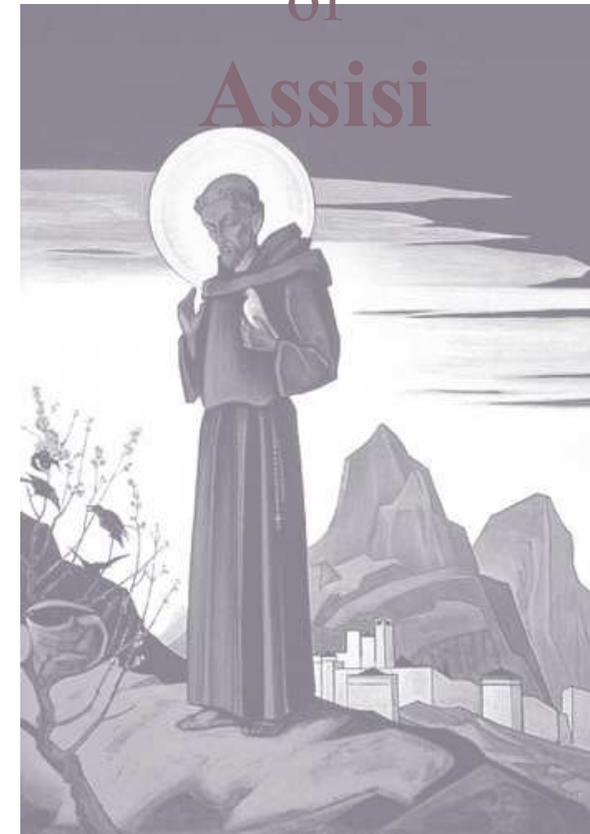
**Leader:** May Almighty God bless us: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All:** **Amen**

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

# Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi



Evening Prayer

Leader: We adore you,

**All: most holy Lord Jesus Christ,  
here and in all your churches  
throughout the world,  
and we bless you  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: O God come to our aid.

**All: O Lord make haste to help us.**

**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.

### OPENING HYMN:

**Ant. 1: The only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus,  
the crucified Christ.**

The Lord's revelation to my master:=  
'sit on my right:\*\n your foes I will put beneath your feet.'

**The Lord will wield from Sion=  
your sceptre of power:\*\n rule in the midst of all your foes.**

A prince from the day of your birth=  
on the holy mountains;\*\n from the womb before the dawn I begot you.

**The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.=  
'You are a priest for ever,\*\n a priest like Melchizedek of old.'**

The Master standing at your right hand\*\n will shatter kings in the day of his wrath.

**He shall drink from the stream by the wayside\*\n and therefore he shall lift up his head.**

### Psalm 109



### Magnificat

**Antiphon: The Lord has looked upon him with favour; he has raised  
him from his lowly state so that he can hold up his head.  
Many have marvelled at him and glorified the Lord.**

My soul now glorify  
the Lord who is my Saviour

**R/ Rejoice for who am I  
that God has shown me favour.**

The world shall call me blest  
and ponder on my story.

**R/ In me is manifest  
God's greatness and his glory.**

For those who are his friends,  
and keep his laws as holy.

**R/ His mercy never ends  
and he exalts the lowly.**

But by his power the great,  
the proud, the self conceited.

**R/ The kings who sits in state  
are humbled and defeated.**

He feeds the starving poor,  
he guards his holy nation.

**R/ Fulfilling what he swore  
long since in revelation.**

Then glorify with me,  
the Lord who is my Saviour.

**R/ One Holy Trinity,  
for ever and for ever.**

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him from his lowly state so that he can hold up his head.  
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FROM THE TESTAMENT OF ST. FRANCIS.

And after the Lord gave me brothers, no one showed me what I should do, but the Most High Himself revealed to me that I should live according to the form of the Holy Gospel. And I had this written down simply and in a few words and the Lord Pope confirmed it for me. And those who came to receive life gave to the poor everything which they were capable of possessing and they were content with one tunic, patched inside and out, with a cord and short trousers. And we had no desire for anything more. We (who were) clerics used to say the Office as other clerics did; the lay brothers said the Our Father; and we quite willingly stayed in churches. And we were simple and subject to all.

And I used to work with my hands, and I (still) desire to work; and I firmly wish that all my brothers give themselves to honest work. Let those who do not know how (to work) learn, not from desire of receiving wages for their work but as an example and in order to avoid idleness. And when we are not paid for our work, let us have recourse to the table of the Lord, seeking alms from door to door. The Lord revealed to me a greeting, as we used to say: "May the Lord give you peace."

Let the brothers beware that they by no means receive churches or poor dwellings or anything which is built for them, unless it is in harmony with (that) holy poverty which we have promised in the Rule, (and) let them always be guests there as pilgrims and strangers. And I firmly command all of the brothers through obedience that, wherever they are, they should not be so bold as to seek any letter from the Roman Curia either personally or through an intermediary, neither for a church or for some other place or under the guise of preaching or even for the persecution of their bodies; but wherever they have not been received, let them flee into another country to do penance with the blessing of God.

And I firmly wish to obey the minister general of this fraternity and another guardian whom it might please him to give me. And I wish to be so captive in his hands that I cannot go (anywhere) or do (anything) beyond obedience and his will, for he is my master.

### Responsory

Leader: How great, O Lord, is your glory! the glory of your saving power.

All: **You have made him a blessing for ever.**



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. 1: The only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus,  
the crucified Christ.**

**Ant. 2: I was fitted closely into the pattern of his death,  
in order to know Christ and the power of his Resurrection.**

### Psalm 113

Not to us, Lord, not to us,\*  
but to your name give the glory  
for the sake of your love and your truth,\*  
lest the heathen say: 'Where is their God?'

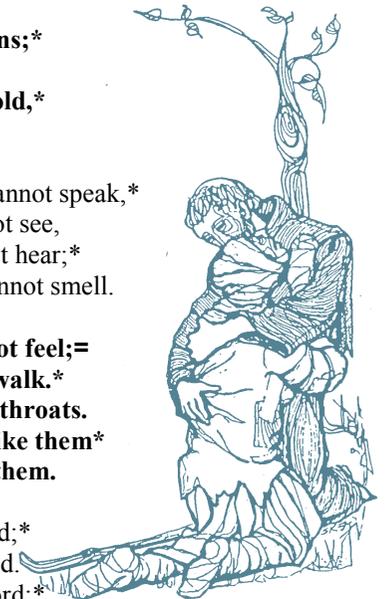
**But our God is in the heavens;\***  
**He does whatever he wills,**  
**Their idols are silver and gold,\***  
**the work of human hands.**

They have mouths but they cannot speak,\*  
they have eyes but they cannot see,  
they have ears but they cannot hear;\*  
they have nostrils but they cannot smell.

**With their hands they cannot feel;=**  
**with their feet they cannot walk.\***  
**No sound comes from their throats.**  
**Their makers will become like them\***  
**and so will all who trust in them.**

Sons of Israel trust in the Lord;\*  
he is their help and their shield.  
Sons of Aaron, trust in the Lord;\*  
he is their help and their shield.

**You who fear him, trust in the Lord;\***  
**he is their help and their shield.**  
**He remembers us, and he will bless us;=**  
**he will bless the sons of Israel.\***  
**He will bless the sons of Aaron.**



The Lord will bless those who fear him,\*  
the little no less than the great:  
to you may the Lord grant increase,\*  
to you and all your children.

**May you be blessed by the Lord,\*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
The heavens belong to the Lord\*  
but the earth he has given to men.**

The dead shall not praise the Lord,\*  
nor those who go down into the silence,  
But we who live bless the Lord\*  
now and forever. Amen.



**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: I was fitted closely into the pattern of his death,  
in order to know Christ and the power of his Resurrection.**

**Ant. 3: The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be  
your glory.**

**Canticle Rev 19:1, 25-27.**

Alleluia  
Salvation, glory and power belong to our God,\* [Alleluia]  
His judgements are true and just.  
Alleluia [Alleluia]

**Alleluia  
Praise our God, you his servants,\* [Alleluia]  
You who fear him small and great,  
Alleluia [Alleluia]**

Alleluia  
The Lord our God the Almighty reigns.\* [Alleluia]  
Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory  
Alleluia [Alleluia]

**Alleluia  
The marriage of the Lamb has come,\* [Alleluia]  
And his bride has made herself ready,  
Alleluia [Alleluia]**

Alleluia  
Praise the Father, the Son and the Spirit.\* [Alleluia]  
Now and forever. Amen.  
Alleluia [Alleluia]

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

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your glory.**

**READINGS:**

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO (JOHN: 17:1-11)

After saying this, Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; so that, just as you have given him power over all humanity, he may give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world existed. I have revealed your name to those whom you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they have recognised that all you have given me comes from you for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have indeed accepted it and know for certain that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. It is for them that I pray. I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you. All I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us.