

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (*October 4th*)

Collect

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Psalm 100 (responsorial)

R O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth: give thanks and bless his holy name.

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song. **R**

Know that Lord is God;
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. **R**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name. **R**

For the Lord is gracious;
his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **R**

Micah 6:6-8

⁶ 'With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of
rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
⁸ He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Galatians 6:14-18

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.

Luke 12:22-34

²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not
worry about your life, what you will eat, or about
your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more
than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴
Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they
have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds
them. Of how much more value are you than the
birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single
hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able
to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry
about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow:
they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon
in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸
But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is
alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven,
how much more will he clothe you—you of little
faith! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to
eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep
worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that
strive after all these things, and your Father knows
that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his
kingdom, and these things will be given to you as
well. ³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your
Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³
Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for
yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing
treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and
no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God,
you made your church rich
through the poverty of blessed Francis:
help us like him to sing creation's praise,
and care for all your creatures;
through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.
Amen.