

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church**  
Progressive in Approach and Christlike in Action!  
**Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**OCTOBER 2, 2022**

**Francis of Assisi - From Birdbath Saint  
to Patron of Creation**

**“I have done what was mine to do: may Christ teach you  
what is yours”**

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**Welcome**

**Prelude: All Present All Visible**

**Prayer**

Lord, help me to live this day, quietly, easily.

To lean upon your great strength, trustfully, restfully.

To wait for the unfolding of your will, patiently, serenely.

To meet others, peacefully, joyously.

To face tomorrow, confidently, courageously.

**Reading: Canticle of Creation - Francis of Assisi  
(1181-1216)**

*Translated by Paschal Robinson (public domain) and slightly modernized. Here begin the praises of the creatures which Blessed Francis made to the praise and honour of God while he was ill at San Damiano.*

Most high, most powerful, good Lord,  
Praise, glory, honour and blessing are yours.  
To you alone do they belong, most High,  
And there is none fit to mention you.

Praise be to you, my Lord, with all your creatures,  
Especially to my reverent Brother Sun,  
who lights up the day, and gives us your brightness;  
Beautiful is he and radiant with splendour great;  
singing of your significance.

Praised be my Lord, for Sister Moon and for the stars,  
In heaven you have formed them clear and precious and fair.

Praised be my Lord for Brother Wind  
And for the air and clouds and every kind of weather  
by which you give your creatures nourishment.

Praised be my Lord for Sister Water,  
helpful and humble and precious and pure.

Praised be my Lord for Brother Fire,  
By which you light up the dark.  
Fair is he and joyful and mighty and strong.

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Mother Earth,  
which sustains and keeps us  
And brings forth diverse fruits with grass and flowers bright.

Praised be my Lord for those who forgive others for your sake  
and bear weakness and tribulation.  
Blessed are those who shall in peace endure,  
for you, most High, will crown them.

Praised be my Lord for our sister, Death,  
from which no living thing can flee.  
Woe to them who die apart from you;  
Blessed are those who find themselves in your most holy will,  
For the second death shall harm them not.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks,  
And be subject to him with great humility.

**Reflection:** Sharon Willan

## Song: Deep in the Human Heart

1. Deep in the hu - man heart The fires of jus - tice burn; With  
2. This is our task to - day, To build a world of peace; A  
3. Tak - ing the step of faith, We leave the past be - hind And

5  
vi - sions of a world re - new'd Through rad - i - cal con - cern. As  
world of jus - tice, free - dom, truth, Where kind - ness will in - crease; A  
move in - to the fu - ture's world With o - pen heart and mind. By

9  
Chris - tians we are called To set the cap - tives free, To  
world from hung - er freed, A world where peo - ple share, Where  
grace we work with Christ, As one com - mu - ni - ty, To

13  
o - ver - throw the e - vil pow'rs And end hy - poc - ri - sy.  
ev - 'ry per - son is of worth And no - one lives in fear.  
bring new hope and full - er life To all hu - man - i - ty.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three parts, with the first part starting at measure 1 and the second part starting at measure 5. The third part starts at measure 9, and the fourth part starts at measure 13. The score ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

## **Alternative Version to the Prayer Attributed to Jesus**

As rendered by Mark Hathaway ([www.visioncraft.org](http://www.visioncraft.org)) based on the work of Neil Douglas-Klotz ([www.abwoon.com](http://www.abwoon.com) - *Prayers of the Cosmos*, Harper & Row, 1990). May be reproduced in whole or in part if this citation is included.

O Silent Sound, whose shimmering music pulsates

at the heart of each and all,

Clear a space in us where your melody

may be perceived in its purity.

Let the rhythm of your counsel reverberate through our lives,

so that we move to the beat of justice, love, and peace.

Then, our whole being at one with your song,

grant that the earth may be filled with the beauty of your voice.

Endow us with the wisdom to produce and share

what each being needs to grow and flourish,

And give us courage to embrace our shadow with emptiness,

as we embrace others in their darkness.

But let us not be captive to uncertainty, nor cling to fruitless pursuits.

For from you springs forth

the rhythm, the melody, and the harmony,

which restores all to balance, again and again. Amen.

## **Blessing**

Francis never wrote the famous Peace prayer which only came to light in the last half of the nineteenth century. However, in his 27th Amendment, Francis did write a peace prayer.

Where there is charity and wisdom,  
There is neither fear nor ignorance.  
Where there is patience and humility,  
There is neither anger nor disturbance.  
Where there is poverty with joy,  
There is neither greed or avarice.  
Where there is rest and meditation,  
there is neither anxiety nor restlessness.  
Where there is the fear of the Lord to guard the entrance,  
There the enemy cannot have a place to enter.  
Where there is a heart full of mercy and discernment,  
There is neither excess nor hardness of heart.

## **Postlude: A Tribute to Anoraki Mt. Cook (New Zealand)**

**Tune: Sir Edward Elgar "Nimrod" from  
"The Enigma Variations"**

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