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# Cathedral Eucharist

Feast of St Francis

Harvest  
Celebration

4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

at 10.00am

Missa in simplicitate,  
Jean Langlais

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# The Gathering



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**Dear mother earth,  
who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia.  
The flowers and fruits  
that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.  
Praise, praise the Father,  
praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit,  
Three in One;**

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933)  
St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun*

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## GREETING

May God,  
the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
who is wonderful in all his works,  
be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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## CANTICLE OF THE SUN

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Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,  
**no mortal lips are worthy to  
pronounce your name.**

We praise you, Lord,  
for all your creatures,  
**especially for Brother Sun,  
who is the day  
through whom you give us light.**

We praise you, Lord,  
for Sister Moon and the stars,  
**in the heavens you have made  
them bright, precious and fair.**

We praise you, Lord,  
for Brothers Wind and Air,  
**fair and stormy,  
all weather's moods,  
by which you cherish  
all that you have made.**

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Water,  
**so useful, humble,  
precious and pure.**

We praise you, Lord, for Brother Fire,  
**through whom  
you light the night.**

We praise you, Lord, for Sister Earth,  
**who sustains us with her fruits,  
coloured flowers, and herbs.**

We praise and bless you, Lord,  
and give you thanks,  
**and serve you in all humility.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Consider the birds of the air;  
they do not sow or gather into barns,  
yet our heavenly Father feeds them.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Consider the lilies of the field,  
how they grow;  
they do not toil nor spin,  
yet even Solomon in all his glory  
was not arrayed like one of these.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

How little faith we have.  
Seek first the kingdom of God  
and his righteousness.  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Matthew 6.26,28-30,33*









# The Liturgy of the Word



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## HYMN

**God be merciful and bless us;  
shine upon us with your face,  
that the earth may know your  
actions  
and all lands your saving grace.**

**O God, may the peoples praise  
you;  
may all peoples sing your praise.  
For you judge the nations justly,  
ruling over every race.**





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But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Matthew 6. 25-34*



# The Liturgy of the Word



## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts  
through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God  
the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*After each petition the following response is used*

### Prayer 1

**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.**

### Prayer 2

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

### Prayer 3



















# The Dismissal



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## BLESSING

May God the Father who clothes  
the lilies of the field  
and feeds the birds of the air,  
provide us with all we need for life  
in it's fullness,

**Amen.**

May God the Son,  
who fed the five thousand  
and turned water into wine,  
feed us with his life  
and transform us in his love.

**Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
who hovered over  
the waters of creation  
and formed the world from chaos,  
form us in the likeness of Christ  
and renew the face of the earth.

**Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you  
always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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## HYMN

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**



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