

03 OCTOBER 2021
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation: Week 5
St Francis Day: Hope for our Common Home

A very warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for our worship service this morning.



Welcome & Greeting

A warm welcome to Revd. Mbekezeli Ntombela who will be preaching today.

Call to Worship

Come Lord, come down
Come in, come among us
Come as the wind to move us
Come as the light to prove us
Come as the night to rest us
Come as the storm to test us
come as the sun to warm us
come as the stillness to calm us
come Lord come down
come in come among us

Amen (Celtic daily prayer).

The Angelus prayer from Archbishop Thabo

**God bless the world,
Give it wisdom at this time,
Grant us relief and release,
Be with those who are ill,
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord
Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his name, now and for ever

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord, God heavenly King
almighty God and Father
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One
you alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

Collect for Purity (APB 105)

**Almighty God
to whom all hearts are open
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily magnify your holy Name;
through Christ our Lord**

Penitence (APB: Pg.106)

Jesus said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. 'You

shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Let us confess our sins (firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all creation).

(Silence may be kept)

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
in penitence we confess
that we have sinned against you
through our own fault
in thought, word, and deed
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life to the glory of your Name.**

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect: Season of Creation: Week 5

Jesus, who raised the dead to life Help us to find ways to renew what we have broken, damaged and destroyed in our common home. Give hope to those working for a greener future. For you live and reign in the unity of the blessed Trinity one God now and forever. Amen

Our Parish Prayer

Lord our God, thank you for calling St Augustine's to be your church in our city. Help us to welcome you in all people, to praise you in prayer and worship, to love you, through serving this parish and the community, to travel and grow in faith together, to be a community of love and service in our world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10

Psalm: Psalm 26

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Hymn/Song: SOF 664 Beauty for Brokenness

Beauty for brokenness
Hope for despair
Lord, in the suffering
This is our prayer
Bread for the children
Justice, joy, peace
Sunrise to sunset
Your kingdom increase!

Shelter for fragile lives
Cures for their ills
Work for the craftsman
Trade for their skills
Land for the dispossessed
Rights for the weak
Voices to plead the cause
Of those who can't speak

***God of the poor
Friend of the weak
Give us compassion we pray
Melt our cold hearts
Let tears fall like rain
Come, change our love
From a spark to a flame***

Refuge from cruel wars
Havens from fear
Cities for sanctuary
Freedoms to share
Peace to the killing-fields
Scorched earth to green
Christ for the bitterness
His cross for the pain

Rest for the ravaged earth
Oceans and streams
Plundered and poisoned
Our future, our dreams
Lord, end our madness
Carelessness, greed
Make us content with
The things that we need

Lighten our darkness
Breathe on this flame
Until your justice
Burns brightly again
Until the nations
Learn of your ways

Seek your salvation
And bring you their praise

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Gospel: Mark 10: 2-16

Sermon

An Environmentalist's Creed

I believe in God, the Creator of the universe and all that it contains.

I believe that God is love and that God's love is evident in all created things.

I believe that everything exists for a purpose.

I believe that we can learn of this purpose only after we acknowledge the cosmic harmony of the universe.

I believe that in God's son, Jesus, is revealed the ultimate purpose of humanity's existence – to experience God's love to the fullest and to share that love with all of Creation.

I believe that all of my efforts to love are tied mystically to all of Creation. That when any created thing is reduced from being all that it can be, it reduces my capacity to become all that I might become.

I believe that I have been called in a special way to care for my planet.

I believe that God's Spirit can be experienced in all of Creation.

I believe that the Church is called to be a steward not just of souls but of every created thing.

I believe that Jesus' resurrection points to the transformation of Creation itself.

I believe that, with God's love, the effects of sin can be overcome in my life and in the life of the world. I look forward to the renewal of every created thing at the end of time. Amen

(Operation Noah Prayer)

Prayers of the People

Let us pray:

With Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of ecologists, let us bring before the Lord our requests for all of us gathered here, for the Church and for the whole world:

We pray for the Church: that she may be a beacon of hope throughout the world, reminding us all of our responsibility to care for and protect God's precious gift of creation.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for the world, our common home: that through God's grace we may hear its cry for the damage done and be moved to protect it for future generations to enjoy.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for all people who are facing droughts, floods and storms: that God may grant them strength and hope for the future as they work to adapt to the changing climate.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray for our parish and our local community: that through the grace of God we may hear the urgent cry of the earth and of the poor and be inspired to respond at this crucial time.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Let us bring before the Lord the prayers that lie in each of our hearts as we listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. [Pause]

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

God, source of all goodness, we call you Creator; you have made our wonderful world out of nothing and constantly keep it alive. Help us to be full of care and grateful for our home received from you as a gift. May we work to keep this, our common home, filled with peace and justice through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

(Climate Sunday, CAFOD)

The Peace (APB p 115)

“Both the one who makes men and women holy and those who are made holy are of the same family.” Let us share the peace as those who are made family by our Lord Jesus Christ. (Keith Griffiths: Word and Worship)

May the peace of the Lord be always with you

Peace be with you.

The Presentation of Gifts (APB p116) Use Your Home-Made Collection Boxes.

Lord we thank you for all you give to us. Out of your provision we bring this offering today, praying that you will bless it and guide us to use it well to build up your Kingdom and serve the people of this community.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Auld Lang Syne)

Said

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**As we forgive each one of those
Who sin against us:**

Thy Kingdom come,

And lead us not to the time of trial

Thy will be done

But deliver us from evil

On earth as in heav'n.

For thine is the kingdom

Give us this day our daily bread

The power and the glory.

And forgive us our sins

Let all the people say “a-men” in every tribe and tongue;

Let ev'ry heart's desire be joined to see

The kingdom come.

**Let every hope and every dream be born in love again:
Let all the world sing with one voice;
Let the people say,
“Amen.”**

Invitation to Communion

Creator God, meet us in this bread and wine and be with us on the journey which is the future that we and all creation may make anew the story of Life and that all may live to praise and magnify your name forever. People of God draw near in faith and travel far in grace.

Spiritual Communion prayer (APB p 516)

One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to them in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.

**Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.
May your body and blood be my food and drink.
May your passion and death be my strength and life.
Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.
May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.
Let me not run from the love which you offer
But hold me safe from the forces of evil.
On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.
Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.**

Conclusion (APB p 129)

Give thanks to God for God is gracious
God's mercy endures for ever.

God has restored us by the cross of Christ and renewed us with His word and sacrament. Let us go forth into the world to renew and restore all that is broken, lost and hurting. **Amen**

Sending Out

Prayer for our Earth

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

(Pope Francis, Laudato Si)

Prayer for Africa

God, bless Africa
protect our children
transform our leaders
heal our communities
restore our dignity
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

Blessing

God of love and mercy, as we lay our broken world and lives in sorrow at your feet, fill our hearts with your love, grant us grace and hope to rise above our human weakness and keep us faithful to you and one another; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and all whom you love and pray for today and always.

(Adapted from the hymn "We lay our broken world" by Anna Briggs and New Sunday and Holy Day Liturgies by Flor MacCarthy)

Amen

Dismissal (APB 129)

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