

Gospel

Mtt. 11:25-30

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

The Gospel of the Lord

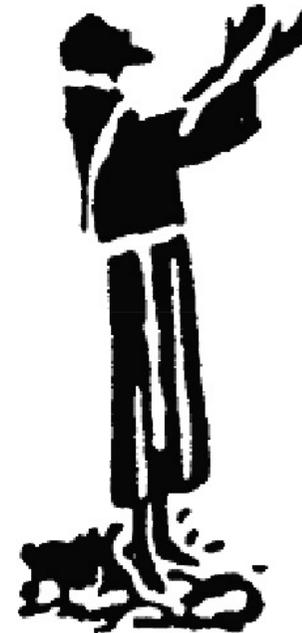
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

After Communion

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5.3

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI



Most High Almighty Good Lord,
Yours are praise, glory, honour
and all blessings; To You alone!
Most High, do they belong, and no
man is worthy of speaking Your
Name!

Be praised, Lord, with all Your
creatures, and above all our
Brother Sun, who gives us the day
by which You light our way, and
who is beautiful, radiant and with
his great splendour is a symbol to
us of You, O Most High!

And be praised, Lord, for our Sister
Moon and the Stars. You created
them in the heavens bright,
precious and beautiful!

And be praised, Lord, for our
Brother the Wind and for the air
and the clouds and for fair weather
and for all other through which You
sustain Your creatures.

*Canticle of St Francis
(extract)*

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Sentence

Francis, a man of God, left his home and gave away his wealth to become poor and in need. But the Lord cared for him.

Prayer of the day

Father,
 you helped Saint Francis to
 reflect the image of Christ
 through a life of poverty and humility.
 May we follow your Son
 by walking in the footsteps of
 Francis of Assisi,
 and by imitating his joyful love.
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading**Lev. 19:1-2, 17-18****A reading from the book of Leviticus**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.
 Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Psalm 111 — A.P.B.A. Page 343**

- 1 O praise the Lord. I will praise the Lord
 with my whole heart:
 in the company of the upright
 and among the congregation.
- 2 The works of the Lord are great:
 and studied by all who take delight in them.
- 3 His deeds are majestic and glorious:
 and his righteousness stands for ever.

- 4 His marvellous acts have won him a name
 to be remembered:
 the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- 5 He gives food to those that fear him:
 he remembers his covenant for ever.
- 6 He showed his people the power of his acts:
 in giving them the heritage of the heathen.
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just:
 and all his commandments are sure;
- 8 They stand firm for ever and ever:
 they are done in faithfulness and in truth.
- 9 He sent redemption to his people,
 he ordained his covenant for ever:
 holy is his name and worthy to be feared.
- 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
 and of good understanding are those
 that keep his commandments:
 his praise shall endure for ever.

Second Reading**Gal. 6:14-18****A reading from the letter to the Galatians**

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. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters.
 Amen.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.**Gospel Acclamation****Alleluia, alleluia!**

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
 because by your cross you have redeemed the world.

Alleluia!