

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
 2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
 3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
 4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
 5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
 6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of



light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
 storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
 crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
 sun to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
 made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
 loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - to your throne.
 blow where they please To please the Lord.
 mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
 spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
 help us to know The heart of love.
 pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

Closing Song: Canticle of the Sun

Thank you for being with us tonight. Please join us again on November 3 at 7:00 p.m. central time in person or virtually.



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St. Francis: Fool for Christ, Lover of all of God's Creation

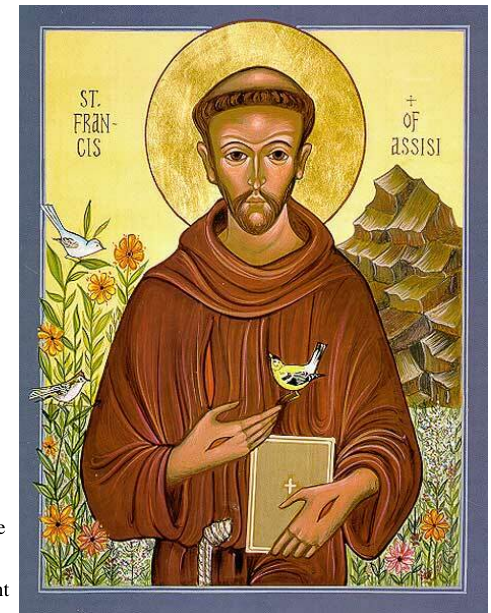
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Welcome and Introduction

October is the month of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis was an enthusiastic, charismatic, and worldly young man, born in 1181 to a wealthy cloth merchant of Assisi. When he reached his early 20s, Francis underwent a series of experiences that caused him to reject his father's wealth and position, become a hermit, an itinerant preacher, and founder of three religious orders.

In 1205, Francis was praying before the crucifix in the old, deteriorating church of San Damiano when he heard Christ speak to him from the cross saying, "repair My house." At first, Francis thought this meant to rebuild the buildings, but he eventually came to realize that Christ's command was to bring the People of God back to the faith.

Francis had a deep love for nature and for God's creatures, especially birds. It is said that he could speak to birds and command their obedience. He also had a deep love for Christ. Late in his life, Francis received the Stigmata, the imprint of the wounds of Christ on his own body.



Chant 5x

Ubi caritas, et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love, live in charity; God will dwell with you.

There are different opinions on St. Francis of Assisi. Some regard him as a madman or a fool. Others as one of the greatest examples of how to live the Christian ideal since Christ himself.

When St. Paul speaks of the "foolishness of God" he is not implying that God is foolish. He is saying that since God's way of reason is in accord with things of the Spirit, it confounds the reasoning of this world. It is wiser than human reasoning, because spiritual things are wiser than carnal ones.

Ubi Caritas

Refrain



Text: 1 Corinthians 13:2-4: Where charity and love are, God is there; Taizé Community, 1978
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A reading from 1 Corinthians 1:25-31

For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

Chant 5x

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, alleluia!*

A reading from "Come Holy Spirit"

O God, we thank you for this earth, our home; for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hills and the never-resting winds, for trees and the common grass underfoot.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of the birds, and see the splendor of the summer fields, and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of the snow, and smell the breath of the spring.

Grant us a heart wide open to all this beauty; and save our souls from being so blind that we pass unseeing when even the common thornbush is aflame with your glory, O God our creator, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Now we sit in silence for a few minutes

Chant 2x

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer; When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer; O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayers of Petition

We now join the worldwide Taizé Community with our own spontaneous prayers.

During the sung response after your petition light your votive candle from the Easter Candle and place it on the table with the other lit candles.

Confitemini Domino / Come and Fill

Ostinato Refrain

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

quo - ni - am bo - nus. Con - fi - te - mi - ni
You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly. Come and fill our hearts

Do - mi - no, Al - le - lu - ia!
with your peace, Al - le - lu

Text: Psalm 137. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good. Taizé Community, 1982

O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER

Jacques Berthier

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer:
Alt. text: The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise:
when I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song, the
Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

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1. For leaders of nations, that they will govern with a just and fair treatment of all people, we pray:
2. For the faithful use of time, talents, and treasures, and for the wisdom to discern words and actions that reflect the image of God, we pray:
3. For the sick, those who are battling chronic illnesses and the covid, for those without proper care, and for those who will soon see God face to face, we pray:
4. That nations will work together to address climate change issues; we pray:
5. That we will grow in our care of our common home; we pray:
6. For elderly people who suffer in poorly run nursing homes and institutions; we pray:
7. Add your own petition

Pray together: The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

+Amen.

Closing Prayer

O Lord, Beloved Source of All That Is, we bow before You as we come to the end of our day. The sun has journeyed across the sky and has disappeared beneath the horizon. This day is now complete, and we greet the darkness of night with a prayer of gratitude.

We thank You for all the sun-touched gifts of this day.

Of Lord and God,

You who are the Cosmic
Creator of both the sun and
moon, we praise and adore
You.

In Divine Wisdom, You have
balanced all of creation, day
and night, male and female,
summer and winter, light and
dark. We embrace that
balance and in this day that is
closing, have attempted to
balance the needs of body
and spirit, the demands of
the inner person and the
public person.

Lord of Day and Night, of
Life and Death, we place
ourselves into Your Holy
Hands. Amen.

Canticle of the Sun

Refrain

The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.