

# ST JOHN

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### **The Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi**

8.30am 12th October, 2014



**Welcome!** We are glad you are with us! Before the service, speak to the Lord in prayer. During the service, let the Lord speak to you. After the service, speak to one another.

**Please take this pew sheet and the notice sheet home with you for your prayers in the week.**

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**SENTENCE FOR TODAY:**

You, Lord, are all that I have; I have promised to keep your word. I have sought your favour with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise.

Psalm 119.57-58

**INTROIT HYMN:**

**Morning Has Broken**

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

**OPENING AND WELCOME: BISHOP RON WILLIAJMS**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God's Kingdom now and forever.**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **Prayer of Preparation**

[Let us pray]

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
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. **Amen.**

## **Gloria** (sung)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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 sins 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 THE DAY:**

O God, whose blessed Son became poor  
so that we through his poverty might become rich:  
deliver us from an inordinate love of this world,  
so that, inspired by the devotion of your servant Francis,  
we may serve you with singleness of heart,  
and attain to the riches of the age to come;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **FIRST READING: MICAH 6.6-8**

'With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old?  
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers  
of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of  
my soul?'  
He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Receive the word of the Lord

## **THANKS BE TO GOD**

**PSALM 100** (verses said alternately with the reader and congregation)

1. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
- 2. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**
3. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**
5. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

## **SECOND READING: GALATIANS 6.14-18**

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.

Receive the word of the Lord

## **THANKS BE TO GOD**

## **Processional Hymn: On Eagle's Wings**

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

### ***Chorus***

And he will raise you up, on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
and famine will bring you no fear:  
under his wings your refuge, his faithfulness your shield.

### ***Chorus***

3. You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by  
day; though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

### ***Chorus***

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 12.22-34**

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

## **Gospel:** (continued)

For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **Sermon: Daniel Hobbs**

### **Creed**

[Let us together affirm the faith of the Church:]

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.  
We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

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

Let us pray for the world and for the Church.

Intercessions –

**Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.  
Grant that what we have asked in faith  
we may by your grace receive,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Prayer of Approach – Sentence**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6.35

## **Invitation to Confession**

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

*Silence*

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bringing our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Absolution**

Almighty God,  
Who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
Pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
Strengthen you in all goodness  
And keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please stand:*

## **The Greeting of Peace**

Peace to you from God who is our Father.  
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

*Let us offer one another a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Hymn:**

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.

### **Chorus:**

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console,

To be understood as to understand,

To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

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.

### **Chorus:**

Make me a channel of your peace.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

In giving of ourselves that we receive,

And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

### **Chorus:**

### **Eucharistic Prayer**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.

Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory

and for the service of your kingdom.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

[The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.]**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And now we give you thanks  
because you raised up our holy father Francis  
to burn as a shining light in your church;  
that, inflamed with the love for God and all creation  
and bearing in his body the marks of your Son's passion  
he might bring to glory  
many sons and daughters.  
We particularly praise you,  
for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus  
to restore the whole of creation back to you.

For his life which informs our living,  
for his clear speaking,  
which contradicts our harmless generalities  
for his disturbing presence,  
his innocent suffering,  
his fearless dying,  
his rising to life breathing forgiveness,  
we praise you and worship him.  
Therefore we gladly join our voices  
to the song of the church  
on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Yes, Lord, it is indeed right  
for you are truly holy  
and the source of all holiness.

So we ask you;  
send now, in kindness,  
your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine  
so that they may become for us,  
the body and blood of your much-loved Son,  
Jesus the Christ,  
in whom we have become sons and daughters.

When he gathered around the table with his disciples,  
Jesus took the bread  
and gave you thanks and praise.  
he broke the bread,  
gave it to his disciples,  
and said:  
take this, all of you, and eat it  
this is my body  
which will be given up for you.  
**Jesus has given his life for us.**

Later, at the end of the meal,  
he took a cup of wine  
and handing it to his friends he said:  
take this, all of you, and drink from it;  
this is the cup of my blood,  
of the new and everlasting relationship with God.  
It will be shed for you and for many  
so that sins may be forgiven.  
Do this in memory of me.  
**Jesus has given his life for us.**

**He whom the universe could not contain,  
is present to us in this bread of life.  
He who redeemed us and called us by name  
now meets us in this cup of eternal blessing.**

And now we offer them back to you,  
God, ever faithful and true  
as the memorial of Christ's life-giving death.  
**Jesus has given his life for us.**

Lord, we ask that the Holy Spirit will now rest on us,  
converting, renewing and unifying us  
from the patterns of this passing world,  
until we grow and mature into the likeness of Christ  
whose living food we now share.  
**We praise you, we bless you, we give you thanks.**

Through God, with God, in God  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father eternal,  
in songs of never-ending praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory  
and power are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

As our Saviour Christ taught, we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in the one bread.**

[The gifts of God for the people of God.]

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*(Reflective music during Communion)*

### **Prayer After Communion**

Lord God,  
you made your church rich  
through the poverty of blessed Francis:  
help us like him not to trust in earthly things  
but to seek your heavenly gifts;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father,

**We offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your spirit  
To live and work to your praise and glory.**

## **Hymn**

### **All Creatures Of Our God and King**

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam,  
and silver moon with softer gleam,

#### ***Chorus:***

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Swift rushing winds that are so strong,  
and clouds that sail in Heaven along,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Fresh rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
and lights of evening, find a voice:

#### ***Chorus:***

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for your Lord to hear,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
O fire so masterful and bright,  
Providing us with warmth and light.

#### ***Chorus:***

And everyone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part,  
O praise him! Alleluia!  
All who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care!

#### ***Chorus:***

## **Explanation of the Banners made by the Children from Children's Church.**

### **FINAL BLESSING:**

God give you grace to follow Francis and all the saints in faith and hope and love;

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 the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Recessional Hymn:**

#### **You shall go out with joy**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth in peace,  
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth in singing.  
There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field shall clap,  
Shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And the trees of the field shall clap their hands,  
And you'll go out with joy.

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## **12 October 2014 News & Coming Events for your Diary**

If you are new to the parish or visiting **Welcome**. Please accept this invitation to stay and join in with us for fellowship and a chat outside after the service, where tea and coffee will be served.

- ◇ Tuesday 14 October: 8.50am—Guild Meeting –Maheno Room
- ◇ Tuesday 14 October: 10.00am—Hoy/morning tea—Maheno Room—\$5
- ◇ Thursday 16 October: 9.30am - Mahjong with Barbara—Church
- ◇ Friday 17 October: 10.00am—Eucharist
- ◇ Saturday 18 October: 9.00am—McCaul/Senaweera Wedding
- ◇ Sunday 19 October: 7.30am—Sung Eucharist (Guest speaker from Gideons International)
- ◇ Sunday 19 October: 9.00am—Family Eucharist
- ◇ Sunday 2 November: 8.30am—The welcoming of Bishop Alison to bless the restored organ, new font, and Pascal Candle stand.

### ***Cake and Book Stall: (A major fundraiser for the Parish).***

Our next Cake and book stall is on Sunday 26th October. If you are unable to bake we are happy to have donations of flour, lemons, sugar etc delivered to the church! Thanks.

### ***Samaritan's Purse: (operation Christmas Child)***

Shoe Boxes are now being sorted to send to children in underprivileged countries.

Please see notice at back of Church for suitable contents or contact Nita Cochrane or Cynthia Bellamy. ( NO sweets or toothpaste is allowed now)

### ***St. John's Guild:***

St. John's Guild meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Maheno Room. The meeting starts at 8.50am and discusses events, functions the guild have been asked to cater, and organising raffles. The monies raised from these activities are then distributed to various charities, decided by the guild.

After their meeting at 10.00am they run a Hoy Morning for many of the shut ins in the area, and anyone else who would like to join. Hoy is a card game, similar to bingo, and you are provided with cards and instructions on how to play. Prizes are given to the winners & losers, and a lovely morning tea is also provided. Cost is only \$5.

Due to ill health and the death of some of the members, there is a need to increase the number of guild members. If you would like to join this band of Christian ladies, please contact the Church office 33991508, or Peg Gladstone 3217 9589.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST JOHN'S?**

### **1. Children's Church**

Children's Church happens each Sunday in term-time, during the 9:00 service. If you are visiting or here for the first time, your children are very welcome to join us. We meet in two groups:

Children's Church – for children in Year One to Year Seven

Little Children's Church – for children aged 3-years to Prep, younger children also welcome to attend with a parent.

### **2. Knitting Circle**

The knitting circle meets once a month in the Maheno room, knitting squares that are then joined and made into rugs. They are also at present knitting Poppies, which will combine with other organisations to have 5000 Poppies which will go to the project. Between 2014 and 2018 Australia will commemorate the Anzac Centenary, marking 100 years since Australia's involvement in the First World War. And in 2015, there will be a large number of activities commemorating 100 years since the Anzac Gallipoli landing, and the 5000 Poppies project is one of these. Anyone wishing to join this lovely group of ladies and do some knitting or anyone wanting to learn to knit, contact the parish office on (07) 3399 1508.

### **3. Cake and book Stall**

A monthly cake stall is held in the parish, serving as a major fundraiser for our ongoing ministry. Keep an eye out for notices advertising the next stall. A great many yummy treats are on offer, serving as a delicious morning tea after Sunday breakfast at one of Oxford Street's many great cafés. There are also a lot of pre loved books at very reasonable prices.

### **4. Feel God is calling?**

St John's parish hosts regular gatherings for those who feel they may be called to ordained ministry. Fr. John, our parish priest, also holds the role of Director of Ordinands for the Brisbane Diocese so don't hesitate to drop in for a chat if this is of interest to you. Feel free to contact the parish office on (07) 3399 1508 if you wish to speak personally with Fr. John.

### **5. Father John on Holidays:**

Father John is on holidays until October 23rd. If you require a Priest during this time please contact Reverend Ceri Wynne on 0412 397 475 or Reverend Martyn Hope on 0418 177 785. Reverend Dianne will be officiating at the services.

## **NEXT WEEKS READINGS**

### **Nineteenth Sunday after the Pentecost Sunday 19 October 2013**

Exodus 33.12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1.1-10

Matthew 22.15-33

#### **ROSTERED DUTIES**

**7.30AM**

**9.00AM**

#### **L.A.'s**

ROBERT BLAND  
VANESSA HANLON

HOWARD GREAVER  
SARAH DAVIES

#### **READERS**

ANN WINFIELD  
MAGARET SALTER

LINDA MITCHELL  
MICHAEL SMIT

#### **INTERCESSOR**

MICHAEL O'KEARNEY

#### **DOOR**

LIONEL ROWE  
SUSAN ROWE

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ROY FAMILY

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MICHAEL O'KEARNEY

SARAH DAVIES

#### **COUNTER**

MARGARET O'KEARNEY

ALLAN THOMSON

#### **CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

SANDRA/ LYN

#### **LITTLE CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

DOROTHY/KYLIE

#### **FLOWERS**

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