

# MISSION SUNDAY

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

YEAR C

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

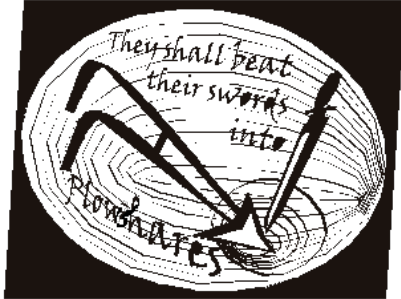
#### Entrance Antiphon

**May God bless us in his mercy; may he make his face shine on us, that we might know his ways on earth and his saving power among all nations.**

#### Entrance Hymn

*All the earth proclaim the Lord,  
sing your praise to God.*

1. Serve you the Lord,  
heart filled with gladness.  
Come into his presence  
singing with joy.
2. Know that the Lord  
is our creator.  
Yes, he is our Father,  
we are his sons.
3. We are the sheep  
of his green pasture,  
for we are his people,  
he is our God.
4. Enter his gates  
bringing thanksgiving.  
O enter his courts  
while singing his praise.



#### Greeting

**C:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** AMEN

**C:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

#### Penitential Rite

**C:** My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries, let us call to mind our sins.

*Pause for silent reflection. After a brief silence all say:*

**All:** I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned through my own fault in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; and I ask blessed Mary, ever virgin, all the angels and saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord, our God.

**C:** May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**P:** AMEN

#### The Kyrie

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

**C:** Christ, have mercy.

**P:** Christ, have mercy.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**P:** Lord, have mercy.

#### The Gloria

**All:** 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.

#### Opening Prayer

God our Father,  
you will all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of your truth.  
Send workers into your great harvest that the gospel may be preached to  
every creature, and your people, gathered together by the word of life and  
strengthened by the power of the sacraments, may advance in the way of  
salvation and love.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

2:1-5

#### A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*The Lord gathers all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom.*

**T**he vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the

Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem."

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord. This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67

**R** Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

1. O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

3. The earth has yielded its fruit  
for God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**



#### Second Reading

3:2-12

#### A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

*The mystery of Christ has now been revealed and the same promise has been made to the pagans.*

**Y**ou have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery, as I have just described it very shortly. If you read my words, you will have some idea of the depths that I see in the mystery of Christ. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit of his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel. I have been made the servant of that gospel by a gift of grace from God who gave it to me by his own power. I, who am less than the least of all the saints, have been entrusted with this special grace, not only of proclaiming to the pagans the infinite treasure of Christ but also of explaining how the mystery is to be dispensed. Through all the ages, this has been kept hidden in God, the creator of everything. Why? So that the Sovereignities and Powers should learn only now, through the Church, how comprehensive God's wisdom really is, exactly according to the plan which he had had from all eternity in Christ Jesus our Lord. This is why we are bold enough to approach God in complete confidence, through our faith in him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Mk 16:15

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Go out to the whole world, says the Lord, proclaim the Good News to all creation.

**Alleluia!**

#### Gospel

16:15-20

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

**C:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

*Jesus commissions the disciples.*

**J**esus said to his disciples: "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it. Amen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



## Nicene Creed

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven: (*all bow*) by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### Offertory Hymn

*Take our bread, we ask you,  
take our hearts, we love you,  
take our lives, O Father, we are yours,  
we are yours.*

1. Yours as we stand at the table you set,  
yours as we eat the bread our hearts can't forget.  
We are the sign of your life with us yet;  
we are yours, we are yours!
2. Your holy people standing washed in your blood,  
spirit-filled yet hungry we await your food.  
We are poor, but we've brought ourselves  
the best we could;  
we are yours, we are yours.

### The Offering

*(If no song is sung, then the people may make the responses to the prayer of offering given here.)*

**C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

**P:** Blessed be God for ever.

**C:** Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink.

**P:** Blessed be God for ever.

**C:** Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**P:** May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

### Prayer over the gifts

Lord,  
accept the prayers and gifts we offer in faith and love. May this eucharist bring us to your glory.

### Eucharistic Prayer

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**C:** Lift up your hearts.

**P:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**C:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**P:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

### The Acclamation

**All:** 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.

### Memorial Acclamation

**C:** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**P:** Christ has died,  
Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.

### Communion Rite

**C:** Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Saviour gave us:

**All:** Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**C:** Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All:** For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

### Breaking of the Bread

**All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

**C:** This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**All:** Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

### Communion Antiphon

**Teach all the nations to carry out everything I have commanded you. I am with you always, until the end of the world.**

### Communion Hymn

*Whatsoever you do  
to the least of my brothers,  
that you do unto me.*

1. When I was hungry you gave me to eat,  
when I was thirsty you gave me to drink  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
2. When I was homeless you opened your door,  
when I was naked you gave me your coat.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
3. When I was weary you helped me find rest,  
when I was anxious you calmed all my fears.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.
4. When in a prison you came to my cell,  
when on a sick bed you cared for my needs.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.

1. O Lord, all the world belongs to you,  
and you are always making all things new.  
What is wrong you forgive,  
and the new life you give  
is what's turning the world upside down.

2. The world's only loving to its friends,  
but you have brought us love  
that never ends.

Loving enemies, too, and this loving with you  
is what's turning the world upside down.

3. This world lives divided and apart,  
you draw all men together and we start  
in your body to see that in fellowship we  
can be turning the world upside down.

### Prayer After Communion

Lord,  
you renew our life with this gift of redemption. Through this help to eternal salvation may the true faith continue to grow throughout the world.

### Concluding Rite

**C:** The Lord be with you.

**P:** And also with you.

**C:** May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**P:** Amen.

**C:** The Mass is ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**P:** Thanks be to God.

### Recessional Hymn

1. God's spirit is in my heart;  
he has called me and set me apart.  
This is what I have to do,  
what I have to do.

*He sent me to give the Good News to the poor,  
tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
tell blind people that they can see,  
and set the downtrodden free.*

*And go tell ev'ryone  
the news that the Kingdom of God has come;  
and go tell ev'ryone  
the news that God's kingdom has come.*

2. Just as the Father sent me,  
so I'm sending you out to be  
my witnesses throughout the world,  
the whole of the world.

