

# FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH—JEBEL ALI

Ps 16

### INTRODUCTORY RITE

#### Entrance Hymn

*Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.  
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.  
This is the day the Lord has made.  
Let all the earth rejoice.*

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord.  
You have answered my plea.  
You have saved my soul from death.  
You are my strength and my song.
2. This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us be glad and rejoice.  
He has turned all death to life.  
Sing of the glory of God.

#### 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. AMEN

#### Opening Prayer

All praise be yours, O God, through our Brother, Saint Francis, who embraced the gospel and was transformed into a living image of Christ. Guide us by your Spirit's power, that we might be faithful to the gospel, and become Christ to all we meet. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our saving Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### First Reading

50:1.3–4.6–7

**A reading from the book of Sirach**

*The word of God is splendor, happiness, celebration and praise.*

The leader of his brothers and the pride of his people was the high priest, Simon son of Onias, who in his life repaired the house, and in his time fortified the temple. In his days a water cistern was dug, a reservoir like the sea in circumference. He considered how to save his people from ruin, and fortified the city against siege. Like the morning star among the clouds, like full moon at the festal season; like the sun shining on the temple of the most High, like the rainbow gleaming in the splendid clouds.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

#### Responsorial Psalm

℟ **God walks at my side.**

1. Take care of me, God,  
I rely on you for safety.  
You are my deliverer,  
without you, I am nothing.  
You are my destiny,  
my life is in your hands. ℟
2. I praise God, my guide.  
Even in my sleep,  
God whispers to my heart.  
Always before me, at my side,  
God is my constant companion,  
and I cannot get lost. ℟
3. You will direct my steps,  
and in your presence  
I will find fulfillment,  
eternal happiness at your side. ℟

#### Second Reading

**A reading from Galatians**

6:14. 18

*Through Christ the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.*

As for me, the only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All:**

#### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

To the sound of celestial music, the poor and humble Francis enters heaven rich in virtue.

**Alleluia!**

#### Gospel

11:25–30

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

**All:** And also with you.

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

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

*You have hidden these things from the clever, and have revealed them to mere children.*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me; all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

#### Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



Happy Feast

# LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Offertory Hymn

1. I give my hands to do your work,  
and Jesus Lord, I give them willingly;  
I give my feet to go your way,  
and every step I shall take cheerfully.  
*Oh, the joy of the Lord is my strength, my strength,  
Oh, the joy of the Lord is my help, my help.  
For the power of His Spirit is in my heart,  
and the joy of the Lord is my strength.*
2. I give my eyes to see the world  
and everyone in just the way you do;  
I give my tongue to speak your words,  
to spread your name and freedom-giving truth.

## 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

O God, Creator of all that is, accept our gifts and our praise. Transform us by your grace so that, like Saint Francis, we might serve you faithfully and sing your praises both now and for ever.

## 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:** Dying you destroyed our death  
Rising you restored our life  
Lord Jesus, Lord Jesus, Come in glory

## Peace

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, Brothers all are we;  
let me walk with my brother, in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
to take each moment and live each moment  
in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.



## 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 Hymn

1. 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.
  2. 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.
  3. 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.
  4. Make me a channel of your peace.  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
in giving to all men that we receive,  
and in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
*Make me a servant, humble and meek.  
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.  
And may the prayer of my heart always be:  
Make me a servant (3x)  
today.*
1. Even though you were in the form of God  
you took the form of a slave.  
You accepted death even on a cross,  
so God exalted your name.
  2. Ere you formed me in my mother's womb,  
you called me by my name.  
And you touched my mouth and appointed me  
a prophet to the world.
  3. May I heal the sick and the crippled bind,  
bring back the sheep that stray.  
May I seek the lost and the weak make strong,  
with justice feed the poor.

## Prayer After Communion

O God, our Hope and Salvation, inspired by these sacred mysteries and the example of Saint Francis, may we seek first our own conversion and become living witnesses to others of the transforming power of your grace. We ask this through Christ, our saving Lord.

## 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. Oh, Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;  
how great Thou art, How great Thou art (2x)*
2. And when I think that God His Son not sparing  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the cross, my burdens gladly bearing,  
He bled and died, to take away my sin.
3. When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;  
then I shall bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art."