

The Morning Psalm

October 2 –100 *Jubilate Deo*

Refrain: Give Thanks To The Lord

By Lacey Brown / Poor Clare Music

Give thanks to the Lord
For God is good
Give thanks to the Lord
For God's mercy endures

- ¹ Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
² Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture.
³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
⁴ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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October 4 (St. Francis Day) - 148:7–14 *Laudate Dominum*

From "Psalms for Praying: An Invitation to Wholeness" by Nan C. Merrill.

Refrain: For The Beauty of The Earth

Words: Folliot Sandford Pierpont, 1835-1917. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

For the beauty of the Earth
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.

Lord of all, to you we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

Give praise to the Beloved,
all the earth,
all that swim in the deep,
And all the winged ones in the air!

**Give praise all mountains and hills,
all trees and all minerals!
Give praise all legged creatures
and all that creep on the ground!**

Leaders of the nations and all peoples,
young and old,
Give praise! Unite together in all
your diversity,
that peace and harmony might
flourish on earth!

**Let all people praise the Beloved,
who is exalted in heaven and
on earth;
whose glory is above heaven
and earth.**

For all are called to be friends,
companions to the true Friend,
giving their lives joyfully as
co-creators and people
of peace!

**Praise be to the Blessed One,
the very Breath of our breath,
the very Heart of our heart!**

Refrain: For The Beauty Of The Earth

For your Church, that evermore
Lifts their holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.

Lord of all, to you we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

The Gospel

Intro & Conclusion from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, Wild Goose Publications.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke/Matthew.

Listen now in the reading of scripture for the word and wisdom of God.

October 2 – Luke 5:12-26

Once, when he was in one of the cities, there was a man covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he bowed with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, if you choose, you can make me clean." Then Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do choose. Be made clean." Immediately the leprosy left him. And he ordered him to tell no one. "Go," he said, "and show yourself to the priest, and, as Moses commanded, make an offering for your cleansing, for a testimony to them." But now more than ever the word about Jesus spread abroad; many crowds would gather to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. But he would withdraw to deserted places and pray. One day, while he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting near by (they had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem); and the power of the Lord was with him to heal. Just then some men came, carrying a paralyzed man on a bed. They were trying to bring him in and lay him before Jesus; but finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus. When he saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven you." Then the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, "Who is this who is speaking blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" When Jesus perceived their questionings, he answered them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Stand up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-- he said to the one who was paralyzed-- "I say to you, stand up and take your bed and go to your home." Immediately he stood up before them, took what he had been lying on, and went to his home, glorifying God. Amazement seized all of them, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen strange things today."

October 4 (St. Francis Day) - Matthew 11:25-30

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.”

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us,
thanks be to God.

Silence & Stillness

A bell is rung. A period of silence is kept for reflection.

SONG (part 1): Come, Heavy-Laden

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Come heavy-laden
All who are burdened
Come to me and I will give you rest (*repeat*)

For my yoke is easy
And my burden's light (*repeat*)

Alleluia
Alleluia
Alleluia
We come
We come (*repeat*)

The Prayers

Adapted from “Daily Prayer for all Seasons” (Ordinary Time: Creation, Wisdom, p. 124.)

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us 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.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

O God, in peace, you have prepared our path for today.

Help us to trace it in peace.

If we speak,

Remove lies from our lips.

If we are hungry,

Rid us of complaint.

If we have plenty,

Flatten the pride within us.

And now, O God, we offer these prayers of our hearts to your wise guidance:

open intercessions and thanksgivings are offered.

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world, the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *A New Zealand Prayer Book, p. 569*

Holy One, in love you created us and called it good: Grant us the deep wisdom of your love that, wherever this day leads, our lives may remain rooted in your goodness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.** *Daily Prayer for all Seasons (Ordinary Time: Creation, Wisdom, p. 124.)*

SONG (part 2): Come, Heavy-Laden

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Come all you lonely
All who are grieving
Come to me and I will give you rest (*repeat*)

For my yoke is easy
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Closing Poem: The Beginning of Wisdom by Denise Levertov

You have brought me so far.

I know so much. Names, verbs, images. My mind
overflows, a drawer that can't close

Unscathed among the tortured. Ignorant parchment
uninscribed, light strokes only, where a scribe
tried out a pen.

I am so small, a speck of dust
moving across the huge world. The world
a speck of dust in the universe.

Are you holding
the universe? You hold
only my smallness. How do you grasp it,
how does it not
slip away?

I know so little.

You have brought me so far.

Closing Song: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1844.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Blessing & Dismissal

<https://jesusscribbles.wordpress.com/2012/09/19/wisdom-call-to-worship-prayers/>

May the holy wisdom of God
Guard your ways and guide your paths
May the living truth of God
Enlighten your hearts and open your minds
And may the living Spirit of God
Give you life, and life to the full!

Amen.

Let all who desire wisdom

walk in love.

"Daily Prayer for all Seasons" (Ordinary Time: Creation, Wisdom, p. 124.)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.