

Sept 1, 2024 – online Creation – St Francis

Pre-service music

Springtime of the Year (audio only)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qxTpvA-pUG0&t=57s>

Morning Has Broken – StF 136

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h5D3LEjGF8A&t=4s> -- start at .06 to 2.47

==ORDER OF SERVICE ==

Call to worship – Psalm 148 **GMT20240820 – 130853 from start to 2.20**

All creatures of our God and king – StF 99 (v1, 7) Psalm 148

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0d3gO6qDLNA&t=9s> – start at .20 to 3.45

Canticle of the Sun (St Francis) **GMT20240820-- 130853 – 11.28 to 14.32**

Intro to Lucy's work and #2 – God's eye – caring for the earth –

GMT20240820 – 130853 – 14.33 to 16.29; 16.29 to 22.48

AUDIO 4999 from 4.40 to 5.36 -- with slide 4

#3 – destroying the earth – **AUDIO 4999 from 3.23 to 4.30 -- with slide 5**

#4 – Rivers clap hands – **GMT20240820—135247 – from 3.31 to 3.54**

Video 4999 – from 6.40 to 7.21

#5 – Hildegard – God's eye/green energy – **GMT20240820—135247 – from 4.02 to 4.26**

Video 4996 from start to 1.30

#6 – Sun as engine of life – **GMT20240820—135247 – from 4.32 to 4.46**

Video 4999 – from 5.44 to 6.33

#7 – Tree of compassion – **GMT20240820—135247 – from 4.52 to 5.08**

video 4999 from 7.29-9.35

Intro -- **GMT20240820—135247 – from 5.14 to 5.31**

All things Bright and beautiful – StF 100

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cXFCZQDqIQ8>

#8 – Moses and #9 – Tree of curses and blessings –

GMT20240820—135247 – from 5.42 to 6.18

Video 4998 – from start to 1.50

#11 – Climate change witnesses – **GMT20240820—135247 – from 6.34 to 8.07**

AUDIO 4999 from start to 3.21 – with slide 11

#1 – Eco-Angel – **GMT20240820—135247 – from 8.14 to 8.48**

Video 4999 10.00 to 11.18

Luke 12:22-31—birds of the field – **GMT 20240820-135247 – from 8.54 to 14.52**

Prayers/Lord's Prayer

Make Me a Channel of your Peace – StF 707

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IkgDdlpB4EA&t=1s>

Psalm 148

¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

²Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

³Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

⁵Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

⁷Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

⁸fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹²Young men and women alike, old and young together!

¹³Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!

The Canticle of the Sun (1225, St Francis)

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessings.
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no man is worthy to mention Your name.

Praised be You, my Lord, with all your creatures;
especially Brother Sun, who is the day, and through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
and bears a likeness to You, Most High One.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;
in heaven You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,
and through the air, cloudy and serene,
and every kind of weather through which You give sustenance to Your creatures.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
which is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night;
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Mother Earth,
who sustains us and governs us and who produces
varied fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through those who give pardon for Your love,
and bear infirmity and tribulation.

Blessed are those who endure in peace
for by You, Most High, they shall be crowned.

Praised be You, my Lord,
through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no living man can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will,
for the second death shall do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord,
and give Him thanks,
and serve Him with great humility.
Amen.

(first poem in vernacular Italian. Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical "Laudato Si" takes its name and inspiration from Saint Francis' work. The title means "Praise Be to You" in medieval Italian, a phrase that is repeated throughout the Canticle.)

God's creation

(#2 – God's eye – caring for the earth – 4999 4.40 to 5.36)

Deut 11:13-15 – If you shall faithfully obey my commandments...
I will give your land rain in season, autumn rain and spring,
so that you may harvest your corn, your wine, your oil.
I shall provide grass in the field for your cattle,
and you will eat and have all you want.

#3 – destroying the earth – 4999 3.27 to 4.30

Laudato Si – humans are destroying creation –
Aylan -- 3 yo Syrian boy drowned – we are all responsible

#4 – Rivers clap hands – 4999 – 6.40 to 7.21

Psalm 98 – Let the sea roar and all that lives in it;
The earth and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers rush with joy.

The rivers can clap their hands in joy – but not when they are clogged and polluted

#5 – Hildegard – God's eye/green energy -- 4996 start to 1.30

Ecclesiasticus 16:29 – The Lord looked at the earth and filled it with good things.

#6 – Sun as engine of life – 4999 – 5.44 6.33

God has provided for our needs – how we use what's provided is important

(#7 – Tree of compassion – 4999 7.29-9.35)

Lucy re Laudate Si –

Tree doesn't grow apples for itself – 4999 8.55 to 9.35

Our response and responsibility

(#10 – Francis and Clara – 4999 -- 9.39)

(#12 – River of Life – 5001 ??

Women responsible for water)

“Out of the heart of the holy person springs the river

And in her presence everything thrives.

Along the river, on either bank,

Twenty-four trees bring forth all kinds of fruits all year through

And their leaves serve for medicine” (Ezekiel 47:1-12, Rev 22:1-2)

The fishing nets are a sign that fish will be ‘plentiful’ (v 10)

#8 – Moses – 4998 – start to 1.00

Moses viewing the Promised Land from afar – a land of milk and honey –

How do we care for it?

#9 – Tree of curses and blessings – 4998 – 1.01 to 1.50

“If only you obey the voice of Yahweh your God...

Blessed with be the produce of your soil.” (Deut 28: 2,4)

“Then there will be water and blue sky,

Wine, oil, and bread to strengthen us and to delight our hearts.

But if we do not listen to the voice of God and the signs of the times,

“the earth will become a desert by reason of its inhabitants,

In return for what they have done.” (Micah 7:13 Jeremiah 9:11-13)

#11 – Climate change witnesses – (upside down; use audio) 4999 start to 3.21

We’re not the first to witness climate change –

From Noah to Abraham to Moses to Joseph –

Do we have the wisdom to respond carefully and creatively?

#1 – Eco-Angel – 4999 10.00 to 11.18

Luke 12:22-31—birds of the field

22 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.

²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴Consider 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!

²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?*

²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider 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.

²⁸But 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!

²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying.

³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

³¹Instead, strive for his* kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.