

# FEAST DAY OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISSI

October 4, 2015

## **Collect**

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **Galatians 6:14-18** (CEB)

But as for me, God forbid that I should boast about anything except for the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. The world has been crucified to me through him, and I have been crucified to the world. Being circumcised or not being circumcised doesn't mean anything. What matters is a new creation. May peace and mercy be on whoever follows this rule and on God's Israel.

From now on, no one should bother me because I bear the marks of Jesus on my body.

Brothers and sisters, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Amen.*

## **Psalms 148:7-14** BCP 806

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;  
10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;  
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.  
13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

**OR Psalm 121**

**Psalm 121** BCP 779

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?  
2 My help comes from the LORD, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.  
4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;  
5 The LORD himself watches over you; \*  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,  
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.  
7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.  
8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

**Matthew 11:25-30** (CEB)

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

"My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."