

# **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the Season of Creation**

## **Saint Francis of Assisi**

4<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 7.00pm  
Churn Valley Benefice  
Cirencester Deanery

**Reflections and Prayers**

**Online Worship**



# SEASON OF CREATION

SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4



“...water seeds already  
planted, knowing that  
they hold future promise.”

Archbishop Oscar Romero

## PRAY AND TAKE ACTION FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Blessed are you, Lord God,  
Creator of heaven and earth.  
Your Word calls all things into being,  
And the light of dawn awakens us to life.  
May your wisdom guide us  
that we may cherish and care for your good creation,  
and offer to you the sacrifice of our lips,  
praising you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**All - Blessed be God forever.**



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***This opening prayer may be said***

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

***Silence is kept.***

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.

***All - Amen.***



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# Luke 12: 22-24

## *Do Not Worry*

<sup>22</sup> Then Jesus 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. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup> Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup> Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>? <sup>26</sup> Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?



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<sup>27</sup> “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup> And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup> For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup> But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.



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<sup>32</sup> “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.<sup>33</sup> Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the word of the Lord

**All – Thanks be to God**



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# **HYMN** - All creatures of our God and king

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, Alleluia



Thou burning Sun with golden beam  
Thou silver Moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, Alleluia



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Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest us both warmth and light  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son  
and Praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



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# Short reflection



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# Prayers

*Please join in at the end of each brief prayer*

Lord, in your mercy,  
***All - Hear our Prayer.***

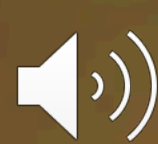


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**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name,  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven,  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever,  
Amen**



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