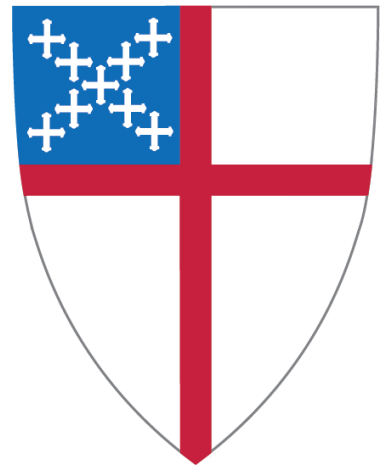


**The Lessons Appointed for Use on the**

# **St. Francis of Assisi**

**Year C, RCL**

**October 5, 2025**



*(The Old Testament Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

**And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

**And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.**

**And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them.**

**But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.**

*Leader:*           **The Word of the Lord.**

*(People:*           *Thanks be to God.)*



(Psalm)

## **Psalm 121**

**Let's say it responsively by half verse.**

**I lift up my eyes to the hills; \***

*from where is my help to come?*

**My help comes from the LORD, \***

*the maker of heaven and earth.*

**He will not let your foot be moved \***

*and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.*

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \***

*shall neither slumber nor sleep;*

**The LORD himself watches over you; \***

*the LORD is your shade at your right hand,*

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \***

*nor the moon by night.*

**The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; \***

*it is he who shall keep you safe.*

**The LORD shall watch over your going out and your  
coming in, \***

*from this time forth for evermore.*

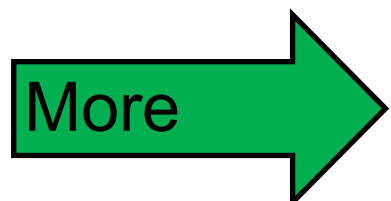


*(The Epistle Reading)*

## **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.**

**But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.**



**After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, “Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price.” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.” Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.**

**Leader: The Word of the Lord.**

*(People: Thanks be to God.)*







## *Prayers of the People*

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as able for the prayers.*

*Celebrant:            God created us and placed us on this earth to be the  
                             stewards of all living things and so to proclaim the glory of their  
                             Creator. Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts  
                             so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of  
                             your creation, in earth and sky and sea;*

*All:                    We thank you, Lord.*

**Intercessor:    For the richness of the mountains, plains  
                             and rivers;**

*All:                    We thank you, Lord.*

**Intercessor:    For all that is gracious in the lives of men  
                             and women;**

*All:                    We thank you, Lord.*

Intercessor: **For all creatures that breathe, and move,  
and have life;**

*All: We thank you, Lord.*

Intercessor: **For the songs of birds and the loveliness  
of flowers and trees;**

*All: We thank you, Lord.*

Intercessor: **For the trust you have shown in giving  
into our care these, our pets;**

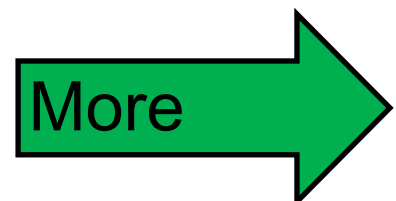
*All: We thank you, Lord.*

Intercessor: **That each pet here may be treasured  
with care;**

*All: We thank you, Lord.*

Intercessor: **That we may love and honor all your  
works, O God;**

*All: We thank you, Lord.*



Intercessor: **We remember before God all who are in  
any need and who cry out for the presence of  
God**

*(Please add your own intercessions or thanksgivings out loud or in the  
silence of your heart.)*

Intercessor: **That we may continue to grow in our  
grateful enjoyment of your abundant  
creation;**

*All: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray  
to you, Lord.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers*



