

St Francis Leprosy Guild

Thanksgiving Mass in celebration of

125th Anniversary

30th October 2021

St George's Cathedral, Southwark
Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7HY



The St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG) was founded on 23 October 1895 for “the relief of people with leprosy all over the world” and is a UK-based, Catholic charity. However, the Guild has never made any distinction regarding the creed or denomination of its beneficiaries, nor of race, colour, gender or age. We care for people who have been marginalised by leprosy and whose disabilities have robbed them of their livelihoods.

We believe that a leprosy-free world is finally within sight if not today, then soon. We are determined to build on our 125-year legacy, working to alleviate the suffering caused by leprosy.

Principal Celebrant: The Most Reverend John Wilson
Archbishop of Southwark Diocese

ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING HYMN:

Be still, for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
Come, bow before Him now,
with reverence and fear.
In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place,
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace.
No work too hard for Him,
in faith receive from Him;
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

ENTRANCE HYMN: All people that on earth do dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto,
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good:
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from us and from the angel-host
be praise and glory evermore.

W. Kethe (d 1594), from 'Day's Psalter' (1560-61)



PENITENTIAL RITE

GLORIA : Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x 2)
Lourdes

FIRST READING : Romans 11:1-2, 11-12, 25-29
[Michael Forbes Smith
Chair, St Francis Leprosy Guild]

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Those who are sowing in tears,
will sing when they reap

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2
[Sheila Pereira
Administrator, St Francis Leprosy Guild]

ACCLAMATION : Alleluia

GOSPEL : Mark 1: 40-45

HOMILY : Archbishop John Wilson

BLESSING OF THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

Archbishop John Wilson



INTERCESSIONS : [Clare McIntosh
CEO, St Francis Leprosy Guild]

OFFERTORY HYMN:

In bread we bring you

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirits' grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
But stand united now, one in belief.
Oh, we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirits' food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken;
make it your gift to us your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil, plants in our heart's poor soil
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

Kevin Nicholls

HOLY HOLY:

[Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.]

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:

[We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.]

AMEN:

Lourdes

LAMB OF GOD:

[Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.]

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord.
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Sebastian Temple (1928-97)
from the 'Prayer of St Francis'*

COMMUNION HYMN: Give thanks with a grateful heart

1. Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

2. Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son.

3. And now let the weak say,
"I am strong"
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord
has done for us.

4. And now let the weak say,
"I am strong",
Let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord
has done for us.

Give thanks ... (repeat)

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Brief statement from the Chair

RECESSIONAL: The Kingdom of God

The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy,
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
the captives are freed the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

Bryan Rees (1911-83)

A retiring collection will be taken for the work of the St Francis Leprosy Guild

The St Francis Leprosy Guild continually receives many messages of appreciation from the centres that it supports. The following is from Sr Tsege Abrha DC (Congregation of Daughters of Charity), Project Coordinator of Jimma Daughters of Charity, Social-Development Work for Leprosy:

“We wrote proposals to different donors to support our leprosy community but didn’t get any encouraging responses from them but thanks to God St Francis Leprosy Guild accepted our proposal and reached in the time of our difficulties in short period of time. To tell you the truth I



don’t have words to express my opinion to the Guild the only word that I have is that thank you and God bless you. Really, the Guild reached out to us while we were running out of budget in this uncertain time of COVID -19.”



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Thank you for being present at this Thanksgiving Mass. All are welcome for refreshments in the adjoining Amigo Hall.

St Francis Leprosy Guild gratefully acknowledges the hard work and efforts of all those involved in organising today’s events and for making them a success.