

**The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity  
Celebrating the feast of St Francis**

**01.10.17**

**Collects**

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN**

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord  
**AMEN**

O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly  
of heart: grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis,  
we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness  
and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **AMEN**

O God, who through the preaching of Saint Francis  
won many peoples to yourself,  
grant that the hearts of the faithful may burn with the same zeal  
for the faith and that Holy Church may everywhere rejoice in an  
abundance of offspring.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

**A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 9 : 16-19, 22-23**

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an  
obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel!  
For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I  
am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in  
my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make  
full use of my rights in the gospel.

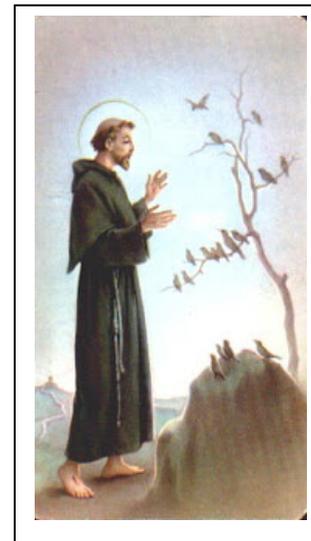
For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all,  
so that I might win more of them.

To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become  
all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. I do it all  
for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 16 .15-20**

*And he said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to  
the whole creation. The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but  
the one who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will  
accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out  
demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their  
hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay  
their hands on the sick, and they will recover.'*

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into  
heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went out and  
proclaimed the good news everywhere, while the Lord worked with them  
and confirmed the message by the signs that accompanied it



*All the darkness in the world cannot  
extinguish the light of a single candle*

*Start by doing what is necessary, then  
what is possible, and suddenly you are  
doing the impossible*

*Lord, make me an instrument of your  
peace.....*

*For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to  
eternal life*