

The Canticle of the Sun
(also known as The Canticle of the Creatures)

Attributed to St Francis of Assisi (1181-1226)

Praised be you, my Lord, with all your creatures, especially **Brother Sun**, who is the day and through whom you give us light.

And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; and bears a likeness of you, **Most High**.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Sister Moon** and the stars, in heaven you formed them clear and precious and beautiful.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Brother Wind**, and through **Brother Air**, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather through whom you give sustenance to your creatures.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Sister Water**, who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.

Praised be you, my Lord, through **Brother Fire**, through whom you light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.

Praise be to you, my Lord, through our **Sister, Mother Earth**, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs.

Amen.