

ABUNDANCE AND GENEROSITY @ ST FRANCIS JUNE 2022

Psalm 65: 9-13 (The Message)

*Oh, visit the earth,
ask her to join the dance!
Deck her out in spring showers,
fill the God-River with living water.
Paint the wheat fields golden.
Creation was made for this!
Drench the ploughed fields,
soak the dirt clods
With rainfall as harrow and rake
bring her to blossom and fruit.
Snow-crown the peaks with splendour,
scatter rose petals down your paths,
All through the wild meadows, rose
petals.
Set the hills to dancing,
Dress the canyon walls with live sheep,
a drape of flax across the valleys.
Let them shout, and shout, and shout!
Oh, oh, let them sing!*



Jesus said, *"I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."* (John 10:10b)

We are called by God to live generous and abundant lives. God gives this to us, longs for us to realise this and is always offering more and more if we will only open ourselves up to receive. It is an interesting *more*. At this time when we are conscious of the gift of the Holy Spirit so, I hope, we know this *more* to hold infinite possibility. We are encouraged to know our gifts more completely, offer the fruit of these gifts more generously and see with eyes that rest in hope even when there seems so much despair and suffering. We are a resurrection people. From the worst came the best, from death came new life, from the Ascension came the living spirit of God to accompany us with as much intimacy as our very breath. It is from this place that we offer our talents, resources, skills and presence. Not because we must but because we cannot not. The abundance God calls us to is a generosity of being that embodies our community and what we offer each other, our neighbourhood and our world. *Diana - 14 June 2022*

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