



ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 2, 2022

People and animals will gather on the lawn and plaza. Those with animals who need more time or care in settling in are invited to enter the church and find your suitable seat/place. At the appointed time, all outside will prepare to proceed into the church.

Prelude "Berceuse "

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Processional

All dogs and cats, large and small:

Praise the Lord!

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:

Praise the Lord!

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

Praise the Lord!

All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

Praise the Lord!

All raccoons, squirrels, and deer:

Praise the Lord!

All horses, cows, and sheep:

Praise the Lord!

All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

Praise the Lord!

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

Praise the Lord!

Once everyone is settled in their place,



Priest: Blessed be God, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

People: *All creation sings your praises.*

Hymn of Praise 405 “All things bright and beautiful” (Blue 1982 Hymnal)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you*

Celebrant Together let us pray.

O God of all Creation, grant us the grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with boundless joy. Gracious God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these animals who bring us such joy. As you care of us, help us to care for those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 1:20-25

God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 148:1-5, 7-13

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; *
praise God in the heights.

- 2 Praise the Lord all you angels; *
sing praises, all you heavenly host.
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon; *
sing praises, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens, *
sing praises, you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; *
who gave the command and they were created,
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;
- 11 Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and young women, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted,
whose splendor is over earth and heaven.
Hallelujah!

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Gospel: Matthew 6:25-29

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord
People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Homily

The Rev. Mark Kozielec

The Prayers

Leader Let us give thanks to God for the gifts so freely bestowed upon us:
for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

All ***We thank you, O God.***

Leader For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

All ***We thank you, O God.***

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of humankind;

All ***We thank you, O God.***

Leader For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

All ***We thank you, O God.***

Leader For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

All ***We thank you, O God.***

Leader For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these creatures;

All ***We thank you, O God.***

Leader That each creature here may be treasured with care;

All ***We pray to you, O God.***

Leader That those creatures who have died find their rest in your loving
embrace;

All ***We pray to you, O God.***

Leader That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

All ***We pray to you, O God.***

Leader 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, O
God.***

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant all animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis.

People ***Amen.***

Blessing of Animals

You are invited to bring your pet forward for an individual blessing.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you!

People ***And also with you.***

*The Congregation greets one another with the peace of Christ.
Announcements, Birthday and Anniversary Prayers*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "Canticle of the Sun" David Clark Isele (1946-2016)

O Lord, Most High, Almighty God!

Praise be my Lord for our brother the Sun, who brings us day and light.

Praised be my Lord for sister Moon, and for all stars set in heaven.

Praised be my Lord for brother wind, and for our sister water clear.

Praised be my Lord for brother fire, who gives us light in darkness.

Praised be my Lord for mother earth, who sustains us all and keeps us.

O Lord, Most High, Almighty God!

Blessing, glory, and wisdom, and thanks to the Lord.

Praise the Lord forever! Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanks!

Alleluia. Amen.

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The Great Thanksgiving

The Celebrant faces them and says

The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

We give you thanks, O God, through your beloved servant Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit Christ was born of Mary, and shared our human nature. With loving arms out-stretched upon the cross for us, Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction. By the resurrection your will was fulfilled and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, as we say:

Holy, Holy, Holy
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
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.

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for all; whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith,
Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. May we praise you and give you glory through your Firstborn, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, all glory and honor are yours, our loving Creator, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our

trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, we break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: *We who are many are one body for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia.*

Communion Hymn 383 "Fairest Lord Jesus" *St. Elizabeth (Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 400 (v. 1,4,5,7) **"All creatures of our God and king"** *(Blue 1982 Hymnal)*

Dismissal:

Deacon Go in peace! Serving Christ and loving all creatures!

People ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude "Psalm 18"

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

ASSISTING IN OUR WORSHIP

Lector: Amanda Cashen

Usher: Matthew Cashen

Greeter: Marti Robards

Livestream: Carter Cashen

Altar Guild: Ellen Jeffery

Godly Play: Borowiak

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We Pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Deon our Bishop, for Mark our Rector, for Jerre our Deacon, for Teresa our Priest Associate, and for all the holy People of God;

In the Diocesan Cycle, we pray for the people and ministry of St. Francis Episcopal Church in Eureka;

In the Anglican Cycle, we pray for the Anglican Church of Canada;

In our companion Diocese of Puerto Rico, we pray for Chapel Santa Clara de Asis in Toa Altal;

In the local ecumenical cycle, we pray for our sisters and brothers at House of Prayer;
We pray for our ministry outreach partner Doorways Interfaith Housing, its clients, staff, volunteers and supporters;

We pray for those who are ill, in trouble or distress of any kind, especially Sophia Ackerman, Stephanie Anderson, Fred Appleby, Vickie B., Lynn Kiamie Bianchini, Becky Burley, Marianne & Steve Chamberlin, Janet and George Chance, Marsha and Keith Cornell, Janice Craft, John and Carol Dequire and Sophia, Candace Farmer, Mary Feldmeier, Barbara Frish, Mary Gabrisch, David Goen and his wife, Carlos Gomez, Megan, Peggy and Ron Graul, Stephanie Henline, Yaz Hernandez and family, Carol Hohenberger and her mission team, Peggy Holmes, Billy Hughes, Margaret Hvatum, Sharon H., Dayna Jewson, Ellen, Kelly, Barbra Macke and Beth, Charlene Mayfield, Jaxon Menner, Katie Merek, Crystal Mersch, Tim Miller, Jenny Mullikin, Gary & Kathy Makely, Robin Mendica, Cathy Menendez, Nina Olmsted, Sandra Olmstead, Jen Peavy, Maureen Polasek, Angelo Powell, Bailee Ratteree, Devon Rauch and family, Chris Reeves and family, Tim Reeves and family, Ed Rich and family, Shannon Robinson, Susan Rowe and family, Emma Elizabeth Roland, Scott Schmidt, Becky Schroeder, Pam Sellers, Tom Sellers, Vickie Stegmann and family, Ethan VanEnglenhoven, Ann Vannier, Toby Vaughn, John Watts, Lindsay Watts, Margie Weaver, Marilyn & David Wiethop, Robyn and Gene Wilberg, Justin Williams, Susan Winfrey, Cheryl Wyatt, Eric, Elizabeth, Sam, Paige, Leo.

We give thanks on his birthday with Dennis Belieu.

We pray for those serving in the armed forces, especially Jon Foy, Robert McCarthy, Brandon George, Jon Moore, Paul Malabar, Chris Weinrich, and Matthew.

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