



The Holy Eucharist

October 1, 2023

*The Fifth Sunday of Creation:
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi*

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God’s redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

Ezekiel 18 is a helpful reflection on the “sour grapes” tendency of generations to blame each other: does your church reach out to young people in despair about the damage undeniably done by those who have been in charge of human societies in our lifetimes? Psalm 25 and Philippians 2 deal with the place of humility in our change of course, whereas Matthew 21:23-32 shows us the unlovely and even tragically familiar spectacle of religious leaders who know they’ve lost the argument, digging in in the hope of delay by means of procedure. Have no patience with such tactics: Jesus’ crafty response is exemplary.

Francis of Assisi was poor only that he might be Christ-like. He recognized creation as another manifestation of the beauty of God and is considered the patron saint of ecology. He did great penance—apologizing to “Brother Body” later in life—that he might be totally disciplined for the will of God. Francis’ poverty had a sister, Humility, by which he meant total dependence on the good God. But all this was, as it were, preliminary to the heart of his spirituality: living the gospel life summed up in the charity of Jesus.

A bell tolls.

THE GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your minds and hearts as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

Oh My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful

Georg Bohm

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN (9:30)*

All Creatures of our God and King H-400

1.All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
2.Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
3.Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to

sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn-ing sun with gold-en
loft, O___ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with praise re -
hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in - tense and fierce-ly

beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams, O___ praise him, O___
joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
bright, you give to us both warmth and light,

praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the One who creates all things.

The Holy One's love is new every morning.

This is the day the Creator has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE KYRIE (7:45)

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE HYMN OF PRAISE (9:30)*

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all. 1. Each
4. He
lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings, he
gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how
made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well. Repeat Refrain

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...O God, you show your glory throughout your Creation, calling it very good: Grant us the fullness of your blessing, that we, stewarding your garden, may become partakers in your joy; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following in the way of blessed Francis of Assisi, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES *Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of the prophet Ezekiel.

The word of YHWH came to me: "What do you mean by repeating this proverb about the land of Israel: 'Parents eat sour grapes and their children's teeth are set on edge'?"

“As I live, says Sovereign YHWH, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For every living soul belongs to me—the parents as well as the child; both alike belong to me. It is only the person who sins who will die.

“Yet you say, ‘The way of YHWH is not just.’ Listen, you Israelites! Am I unjust? It is your ways that are unjust. If the just turn from their integrity, take to evil ways, and die, it is because of their evil ways that they die. If sinners give up their evil ways and do what is just and right, they preserve their life. They acknowledged their sins and turned their backs on all their wrongdoing, and they will live. ‘YHWH is not just,’ say the Israelites. No, it is you, Israel, who is unjust, not I!

“Therefore, House of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to your ways,” says Sovereign YHWH. Repent! Turn from your evil. Otherwise, your corruption will be your ruin. Rid yourself of your offenses, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you Israelites die? For I take no pleasure in anyone’s death, says Sovereign YHWH.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1–8 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

The psalm is prayed in unison.

**To you, O God, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O God, *
and teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**Remember, O God, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.**

**Gracious and upright are you; *
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**

**You guide the humble in doing right *
and teach your way to the lowly.**

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *Philippians 2:1–13*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from Paul’s letter to the Philippians.

If our life in Christ means anything to you—if love, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness or sympathy can persuade you at all—then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing that would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit, but everybody is to be humble: value others over yourselves, each of you thinking of the interests of others before your own. Your attitude must be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

Christ, though in the image of God, didn’t deem equality with God something to be clung to—

but instead became completely empty and took on the image of oppressed humankind:
born into the human condition, found in the likeness of a human being.

Jesus was thus humbled—obediently accepting death, even death on a cross!

Because of this, God highly exalted Christ and gave to Jesus the name above every other name,

so that at the name of Jesus every knee must bend in the heavens, on the earth and under the earth,
and every tongue proclaim to the glory of God: Jesus Christ reigns supreme!

Therefore, my dear friends, you who are always obedient to my urging, work out your salvation with fear and trembling, not only when I happen to be with you, but all the more now that I’m absent. It is God at work in you that creates the desire to do God’s will.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (9:30)*

Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Cantor: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God’s mercies never come to an end.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 21:23–32*

The Holy Gospel is announced.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus entered the Temple precincts and began teaching. The chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, “By what authority are you doing what you do? Who gave you this authority?”

“And I,” replied Jesus, “will ask you a single question; if you give me the answer, I will tell you my authority for these actions. What was the origin of John’s right to baptize? Was it divine or was it human?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say ‘divine,’ he will respond, ‘Then why did you refuse to believe him?’ But if we say ‘human,’ we have the people to fear, for they regard John as a prophet.” So they replied to Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Jesus said in reply, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

Jesus continued, “What do you think? There was a landowner who had two children. The landowner approached the elder and said, ‘My child, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ This first child replied, ‘No, I won’t,’ but afterwards regretted it and went. The landowner then came to the second child and said the same thing. The second child said in reply, ‘I’m on my way,’ but never went. Which of the two did what was wanted?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “The truth is, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the realm of God before you. When John came walking on the road of justice, you didn’t believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you didn’t repent and believe.”

A brief silence, then:

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY Fr. Jeffrey Nelson

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us confess our faith.

Silence for reflection.

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
who loves and cares for this world
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
who came to reconcile and renew this world
and everything in it.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
who moves with God
and who moves among and with us today.**

We believe in everlasting life in God.

**And we believe in the hope that one day
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The refrain is sung once.*

Lord, listen to your children praying

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

We come before you, Faithful God, during this Season of Creation, bringing our concerns for creation care and environmental justice as we offer these prayers.

Silence for reflection.

For the Universal Church as it responds to its mission: for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the Anglican Communion; Michael, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; and Kym, Bishop of Colorado. Constant Guardian, guide us as we seek to do your will. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For Jeffrey, Patti, and our lay leaders as they encourage our creativity in discovering and doing our work. Empowering Presence, help us to fulfill our commission. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For our nation and its leaders: President Joe Biden, the Congress and the Supreme Court; our Governor Jared Polis; and Mayor Michael Johnston that they may help us rediscover government of the people, by the people, and for the people. Abiding Wisdom, sustain our vision. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For this glorious creation, Earth, our island home, that together we may discern how to heal the damage done and to secure the bounty of creation for those who come after us. Cosmic Creator, help us to be co-creators with you. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For our community within these walls and beyond, that we may choose to produce and share what creation needs to grow and flourish. Source of Abundance, encourage us in this challenge. *(Pause)* We pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For all who suffer or are in any distress or grief, that they may be sustained by your abiding presence and comforted by our care, especially Madie, Iris, Susan, Tom, Larry, Joe, Janet, Eva, John, the Trautman family, Jessica, the people of Maui, the people of Libya, the people of Morocco, and those we name aloud or in silence. *(Pause)* Abiding Comforter, we trust in you and pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

For those we love who have entered into larger life, especially Dale, Xhevat, Katie, Teri, Gabriella, Joyce and those we name in silence or aloud *(pause)*, and for those who grieve. Gentle Receiver of all who pass into larger life, we hold this hope and pray:

Let justice and peace flow.

We bring all these prayers to you, Abba God, Ground of our being and Source of our vision. **Amen.**

The refrain is sung once more.

Lord, listen to your children praying

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray - ing, — send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess to God our sins against the creation.

Silence for reflection.

We confess that we have not paid attention to the whole of creation. In our concern for our own species, we have trampled others. We have not understood how our actions influence the lives of bugs, birds, and fish. We have elevated our existence over that of bears, whales, and dragonflies. We have ignored our scientists and pushed aside the concerns of our children. We beg forgiveness from future peoples. We beg forgiveness from our sibling species with whom we share this planet. God of creation, have mercy on us and help us. Turn us, change us, and heal us, that we might be good siblings and generous partners with creation. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, +forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Peace with yourself.

Peace with Creation.

Peace with one another.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

All share a greeting of peace.

The Liturgy of the Meal

THE OFFERTORY

The Offertory Sentence

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

Please sit.

The Presentation of the Bread and Wine

The Choir Anthem

Nature's Hymn of Praise

Eugene Butler; Harleigh Lotspeich, flute

Please stand in body or spirit.

The Presentation of the Gifts (7:45)

All things come of thee, O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.

The Offertory Hymn (9:30)*

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow H-380

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a -bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Preface and Proper Preface

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, O God, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we were reconciled. By Christ's wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus (7:45)

**Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Sanctus (9:30)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

And so, Abba God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now Christ's work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, as we await the day of Christ's coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors: God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaac and Rebekah, and God of Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in Christ's name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Holy One, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (7:45)

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

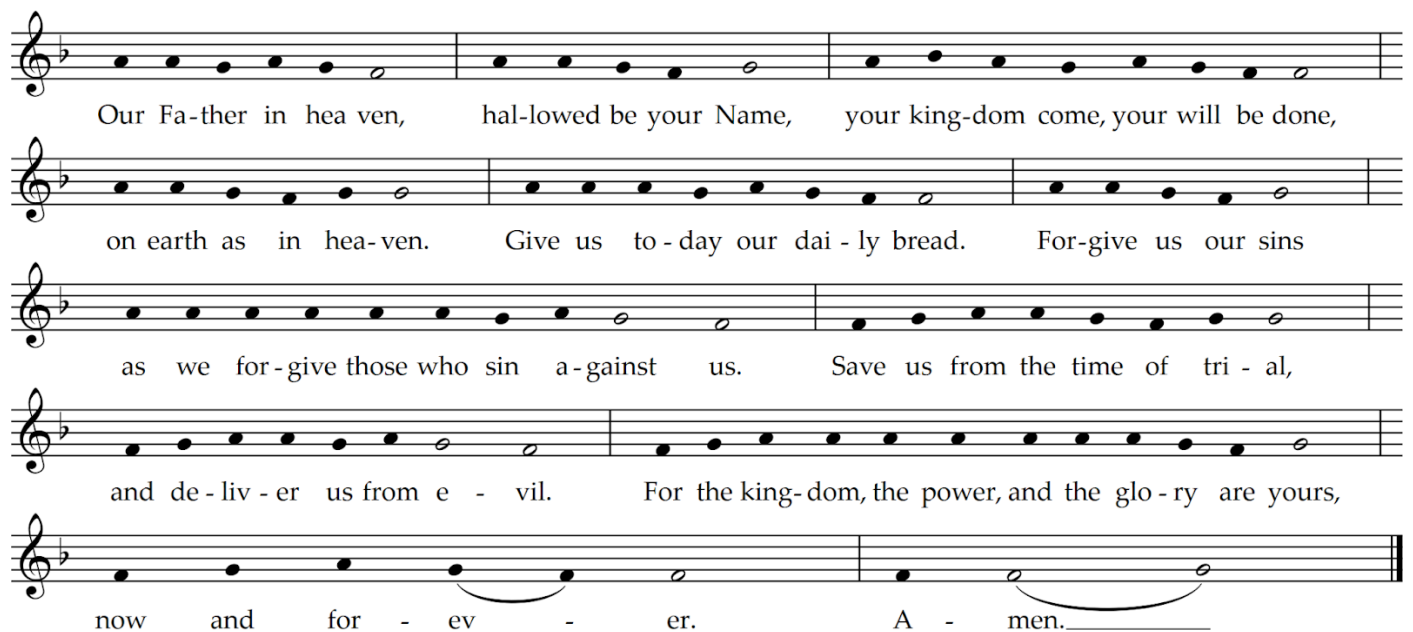
As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

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The musical notation consists of five staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes, with lyrics written below the staves. The lyrics are: "Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-losed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al, and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men." The music is simple and melodic, with a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (7:45)

This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.

All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.

The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem (9:30)*

Alleluia S-155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Invitation to Communion**

Jesus invites you to this Table. Come, eat and live.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

The Hymn During Communion

Beyond the Beauty and the Awe SANC-31



Be - yond the beau - ty and the awe, be - yond the fear and dread, we
Our lives feel torn be - tween the world whose needs are grim - ly real and
Oh, teach us how to hear your voice de - spite the traf - fic's din; to
In sound or si - lence, sight or smell, may we some to - ken find that
Then help us live as Je - sus taught, as light and salt and yeast, that
long, O God, to hear your word, to taste your trans - formed bread.
emp - ty talk of peace and joy with dis - tant, vague ap - peal.
keep the blasts of ran - cour out and let your Spir - it in.
makes your liv - ing pres - ence known to bod - y, soul, and mind.
oth - ers may be brought to share your prom - ise and your feast.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...O God,

create in us a new heart and a new vision, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

The Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in the creation and the pulsing of Christ within; and the blessing of +the most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity, one God, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving creation. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE SENDING HYMN (9:30)*

While singing the sending hymn, the congregation processes to the West Terrace for the Blessing of the Animals.

All Creatures of our God and King H-400



4. Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -
way, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you
part, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row
ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the
grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show: O___ praise him, O___
bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:
praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

All form a circle on the terrace.

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

The ministers go around the circle and bless each animal. If a person has brought a photograph of the animal rather than the animal itself, the owner will be blessed and should pass on this blessing to their pet when they return home.

N., you were created and are loved by God. May you and your human family experience joy and companionship together and continue to be a blessing to each other. **Amen.**

Let us pray...God of all creation, we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation and grant that companionship with household pets will deepen our care for animals everywhere. Help us to balance our needs with theirs, and lead us in ways of life together that will be sustainable for all; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

REMEMBERING OUR PET COMPANIONS WHO HAVE DIED

Those who have pets know that our pets are not only our companions but our family. When we lose a pet, as when we lose a loved one, we grieve and cherish their memory. So today, as we have joyfully received the blessing of the pets that grace our lives with love, so we hold before God those whom we have loved but have died. I invite you to name aloud or in silence your pet companions who have died.

Here, the people may name their pet companions. During the following prayer, the people are invited to light a candle at the table in memory of beloved pets.

Let us pray...Almighty God, your Beloved One, Jesus, taught us that though five sparrows could be bought for two pennies, they are not forgotten before you. We thank you for the companionship of our pets. We thank you for all the pets who share our homes and our lives. We ask for comfort and hope as we grieve the loss of beloved pets knowing that you grieve with us, for you care for all of your creation as you care for us. May we live more peacefully because of today, and come at last, in the fellowship of all your people, to the haven where we long to be; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

May Christ the Good Shepherd enfold us with love, fill us with peace, and lead us in hope this day and all our days. **Amen.**

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