



HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost:
The Propers for St. Francis' Feast Day
October 2, 2022: 10:00 a.m.
St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Welcome. We are delighted you've joined us for worship and hope this bulletin is helpful in facilitating your participation. Everything you need for this service is found here. Children of all ages are welcome to worship with us at St. Andrew's. Restrooms are downstairs in the undercroft of the church. We invite you to ask one of our ushers for a welcome card, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher or the priest. This will enable us to greet you more fully. May you know God's presence in this place as we worship together.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn

All creatures of our God and King

Hymn #400, verses 1-4

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.



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
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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The Collect for Purity

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant 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.**

Hymn of Praise

Glory to God

Wonder, Love, and Praise #821

Sung by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the Son;

Glo - ry to God; Praise to the

Love to the Spi - rit; Three and yet One.

Son; Love to the Three and yet One.

The Collect

The Collect for St. Francis

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people 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 perfectness of joy. O 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 pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Abbreviated text from *Genesis 1:1-34*

NRSV

Please sit.

Reader From The Creation Story.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Prayer of St. Francis

Please stand as you are able.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace, where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love; 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. **Amen.**

Sequence Hymn

I've got peace like a river

Lift Every Voice and Sing II #201

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

1. I've got peace like a riv - er, I've got peace like a
2. I've got joy like a foun - tain, I've got joy like a
3. I've got love like an o - cean, I've got love like an

1.
1. riv - er, I've got peace like a riv - er in my
2. foun - tain, I've got joy like a foun - tain in my
3. o - cean, I've got love like an o - cean in my

2.
1. soul; _____ I've got riv - er in my soul. _____
2. soul; _____ I've got foun - tain in my soul. _____
3. soul; _____ I've got o - cean in my soul. _____

The Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

NRSV

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Creator; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Denise Bennett

Please sit.

Said by all. Please stand as you are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Please stand as you are able.

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

All **We thank you, Lord.**

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

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

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

All **We thank you, Lord.**

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

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor That each pet here may be treasured with care;

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

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

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

Intercessor 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, Lord. Amen.**

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

The Confession

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Blessing of the Animals

Please be seated. Those with animals or photos of animals to be blessed may stand with them as they are able when the celebrant approaches them.

N. (name of animal), may you be blessed in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May you and (the name of the owner) enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory Anthem

Please sit.

Presentation Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

Hymn #416, verses 1-3

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,

Refrain
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, p. 367

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

The Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Wonder, Love, and Praise #858

Please remain standing as you are able.

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. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and 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 of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Andrew and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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Said by all. Please remain standing as you are able.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Welcome to the Lord's Table. The ushers assist people in approaching the altar for Holy Communion. We will be offering communion in both kinds. We will offer two chalices: one for those who wish to sip from the cup, and one for those who wish to dip their communion wafer in the wine. Those who do not receive the Eucharist but would like a blessing may come forward and simply cross their hands over their chests. You may offer silent prayers in your chair both before and after communion. In order to share the Body of Christ with those who have dietary limitations, we also consecrate rice-flour wafers. When you approach the altar, simply tell the Celebrant that you are wheat- or gluten-free.

Communion Anthem

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor, and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.**

The Blessing

Please remain standing as you are able.

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord show his face to you and have compassion on you! May God turn his face to you and give you peace! And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

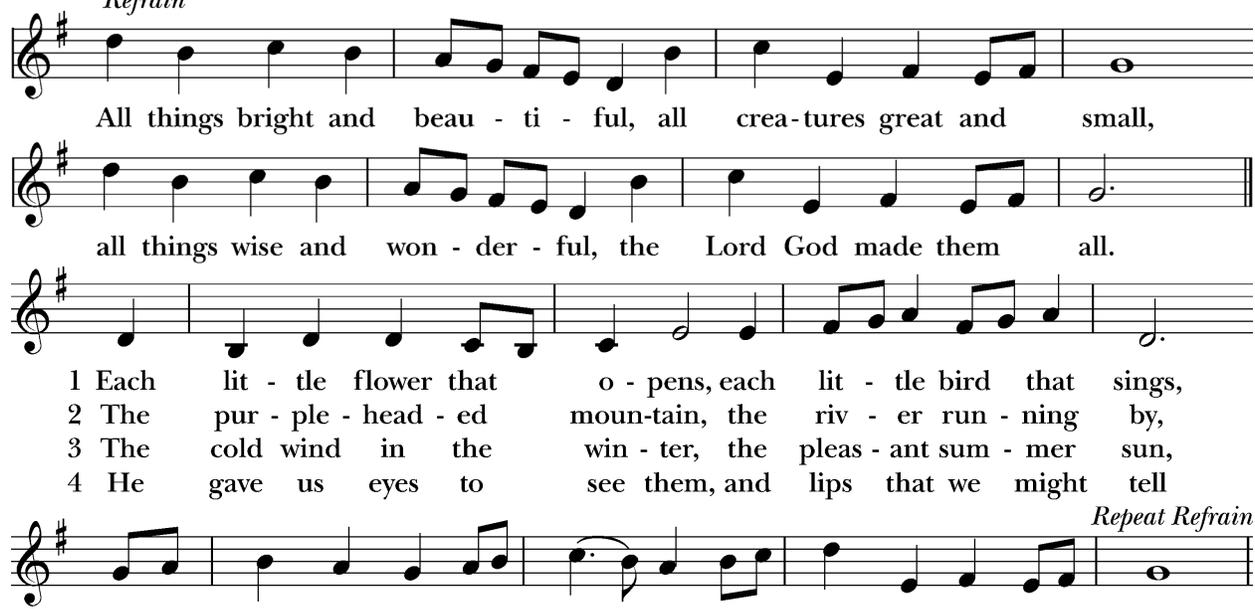
Closing Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

Hymn #405

Sung by all. Please stand as you are able.

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 lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow - ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Dismissal

Please remain standing as you are able.

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Worship Participants

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Denise Bennett *Organist & Choirmaster:* Demas Boudreaux
Guitarist: Hank Selby *Crucifer:* Chuck Baur
Reader: Katie Eskridge *Intercessor:* Sue Barrett
Altar Guild: Paula Harper *Lead Usher:* Wayne Clark

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