



ST. MATTHEW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Holy Eucharist

Sunday October 9, 2022

10:00 am

St. Francis Day Blessing of the Beasts



Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Opening Hymn

People stand as able.

All Creatures of our God and King

Hymnal 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
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
*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



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
5 part, O___ sing now: Al - le lu - ia! All you that
6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le lu - ia! You lead back
7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le lu - ia! Praise God the



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:
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

Collect of the Day

Presider Blessed be the God of all creation.

People **And blessed be God's holy Name for ever and ever.**

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Presider 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 perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people are seated

Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle and to the birds of the air and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

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- 1 Alleluia! Praise God from the heavens; *
sing praise in the heights.
- 2 Praise God, all you angels; *
sing praise, all the heavenly host.
- 3 Praise God, sun and moon; *
sing praise, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise God, heaven of heavens *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of God, *
by whose command they were created.
- 6 God made them stand fast for ever and ever, *
and gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise God 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 winged birds;
- 11 Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
leaders and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise your Name, O God, *
for your Name only is exalted;
your splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 You have raised up strength for your people
and praise for all your loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near you. Alleluia!

The Saint Helena Psalter Translation

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them,
singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-29

Remain standing

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

“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 which of you by worrying can 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.

Priest The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Kelly Kirby

Seated

Litany of Thanks

Remain standing

- Presider* Let us name with thanksgiving those animals for whom we care: (pause) _____.
Let us name with thanksgiving those animals who have been our companions over the years and
are no longer with us: (pause) _____.
And let us remember the unnamed, unknown animals whose lives have benefited our own. **Amen.**
- Intercessor* Let us give thanks to God our Father for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us, for the beauty and
wonder of your creation, in earth, sky and sea.
For the richness of mountains, plains and rivers.
- Intercessor* For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life.
- Intercessor* For all the songs of birds, and the loveliness of the seasons.
For the trust you have shown us in giving into our care these, our pets.
- Intercessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
- Intercessor* That each pet here may be treasured with care;
That we may love and honor all your works, O God.
- Intercessor* We lift up our prayers for anyone we now name: _____. And we pray for those entrusted to our
prayers: Carol, Audrey, Lisa, Joyce, Dave, Shirley, Larry, Crawford, Karl, Brandon, Alison, Kathy,
and Ann.
That they may be delivered from their distress.
- Intercessor* We pray for those we now name who have died _____, and for Mr. and Mrs. George Ogilvie, Jr.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.
- Presider* Holy God: No sparrow falls without your attention; nothing dies that is lost to you; nothing comes
into being without your love. Give us just and compassionate hearts, that we may serve the earth
and all its creatures, holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which all will live with you
eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

- Presider* It is the priestly work of all God's people to give thanks for God's blessings, to ask for and lend
assistance to all in need, and to stretch our hands to heal and cherish the creatures of God; this is
our work of blessing. Recognizing God's love for these creatures, I invite you to bring forward the
animals entrusted to your care, one by one, and to join me in the laying on of hands in prayer.

The animals are blessed individually by name by the Priests.

- Presider* Let us pray.
- People* **God of manifold blessings, source of all that is good and true and holy: Raise us up to see
the world through your eyes, so that with the eyes of our hearts enlightened, we may
treasure each creature touched by your creative hand. May your bountiful blessing be upon
us all, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, now and for ever. Amen.**

Peace

The people stand as able

- Presider* The peace of the Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements and Celebrations

Seated

Birthday Collect

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Holy Communion

*During the offertory, please consider the gifts God has given you, and give generously. Your gift will help us continue vital ministries. Our online giving works well, as does our text to give option. Please use this link for online giving.
<https://secure.subsplash.com/ui/access/5QFR9K/>*

Offertory

Prayer of St. Francis

Sebastian Temple

Verses 1, 2, 4

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-

1. let me bring your love. Where there is in - ju -
2. life, let me bring hope. Where there is dark-ness -
4. ing that we are par-doned, In giv - ing of our -

1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
2. on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're

1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2 (Fine) | 2 to Verse 3

1. faith in you.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.
2. joy.

Verse 3

3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con -

3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der -

3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

The people remain standing.

Presider God be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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 rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, 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 your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By Christ's blood, we are 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:

Sanctus

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Mathias

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 People stand or kneel.

The Presider continues

And so, Almighty God, we who have been redeemed by him, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Lord God of our holy and righteous fore-bearers; God and Father 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 his name. **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, 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 Presider then continues

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

People and Presider

**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

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

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Near

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

Presider

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Let us pray.

Those praying from home are invited to say this prayer.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Communion Hymn

All the Ends of the Earth

Bob Dufford, SJ

Refrain:

All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of the sea, lift up your
eyes to the won - ders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the
mas-ter of the sea, has come with jus-tice for the world.

Verse 1:

1. Break in - to song at the deeds of the Lord,
1. the won - ders God has done in ev - 'ry age.

to Refrain

Verse 2:

2. Heav - en and earth shall re - joice in his might;
2. ev - 'ry heart ev - 'ry na - tion call him Lord.

to Refrain

Verse 3:

3. The Lord has made sal - va - tion known, faith-ful to the prom -
3. - is-es of old. Let the ends of the earth, let the
3. sea and all it holds make mu-sic be - fore our King!

to Refrain

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Eucharistic Visitors may be commissioned

Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People say the prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we 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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

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.

Verses

1. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each
2. The pur - ple head - ed moun - tain, The
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And

lit - tle bird that sings, God made their glow - ing
riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set, and the
pleas-ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
lips that we might tell How great is God Al -

D.C.

col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky.
gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
might - y, Who has made all things well.

Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.
Tune: ROYAL OAK, 7 6 7 6 with refrain; English Melody; adapted by Martin Shaw, 1875-1958

Dismissal

The Priest says the dismissal, and then the people say:

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude