

A Blessing of Animals
On the Feast of St. Francis
October 2, 2011
5:00 p.m.



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Officiants

Rev. Brian L. Rebholtz
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Order of Service

Greetings and Announcements

Hymn 405 (vss. 1 – 3) “All things bright and beautiful” C. F. Alexander

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

Refrain

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.

Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.

Refrain

Collect for St. Francis (in unison)

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



A Reading from the Book of Genesis 2:19, 20

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 there was not found a helper as his partner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle: Song of Creation (*in unison*)

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord
Praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
And all that grows upon the earth,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and herds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Prayers (*in unison*)

A 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.*

Blessing of the Animals

Hymn: 405 (vss. 3 & 4)

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.

Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

Refrain

Blessing and Dismissal

*Donations to assist animals are welcome.
Checks may be made to St. Andrew's,
Memo: Animal Relief.*

