



Holy Eucharist, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 4, 2020

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

The Blessing of the Animals

Greeting and Announcements

*While the pandemic may prevent the congregation from singing aloud, we hope that you will be
"making melody in your heart to the Lord" - Ephesians 5:19*

Hymn: *Hymn to Joy*, "Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Gloria in excelsis S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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.*

Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 1:24-31

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. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148:7-14 *Laudate Dominum*

Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
Fire and hail, snow and fog,
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars;
Wild beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and winged birds;
Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the world;
Young men and maidens,
old and young together.
Let them praise the Name of the LORD,
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven;
He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

Epistle Lesson: Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Dix, "For the beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,

Refrain God of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light, *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine to us all so freely given,
graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven. *Refrain*

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; 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 him. 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."

Preacher The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayers of the People, Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

Other Prayers

Concluding Collect

A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Celebrant and People

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.

Peace

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Anthem: O Praise the Lord, who made all beauty

Hal Hopson

O praise the Lord who made all beauty;
Whose gift of the senses we enjoy.
O may we live each day in constant wonder;
To see all of life in simple pleasure.
O praise the Lord who made all beauty.
Sing "Laude-, Laudeamus te."

Praise him who makes each day an adventure,
Praise him for eager eyes to see the world.
Praise him for budding flower, praise him for stars and moonbeam.
Sing "Laudeamus, Laudeamus, Laude-, Laudeamus te."

Praise him for sound of voice and of music,
Praise him for touch that loved ones share,
Praise him for fragrant springtime, praise him for winter's bleakness
Sing "Laudeamus, Laudeamus, Laude-, Laudeamus te." *Verse 1*

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B

Sursum corda

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 him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Celebrant
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:

Celebrant and People
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.

Memorial Acclamations

Celebrant Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and People

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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

At this time the People take Communion.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the Animals

Celebrant

Lift up all animals to the Lord our God.

Bless, O Lord, these creatures,
and fill our hearts with thanksgiving for their being.

Celebrant and People

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.

Final Blessing

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.

Hymn: *Royal Oak*, "All things bright and beautiful"

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 mountain, 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*

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*

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

Pet Necrology

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis we honor the memory of the animals with whom we have shared our lives and who continue to bless our memories. The pets listed below have died this past year.

Bandit Strickler	Paddington "Paddy" Hawa
Harley Beckley	Pixie Young Mitchell
Izzy Williams	Platte Farmer
Lottie Lantz	Precious Rose
Maggie McGetrick	Talley Holland
Maggie Moore	

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Herbert Worth Jackson III*

Service Participants

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Reader at 10:00 a.m.: Christy Lantz

Musicians

Singers: Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane, Jeanne Lapierre

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Mary Lee Allen, The family of Eleanor Angle, Bill Angus, Cheri Harrell Anthony, Susan Bain, Susan Bloor, Butch and Tedi Butler, Priscilla Cabell, Susan Campbell, Matt Curtis, Buddy Derrick, Cameron Flippin, Susan Goff, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Virginia Hopper, Bernadette Howard, Chuckie Jackson, Palmer Johnson, Roy Lambertson, Katy and Ben Lawson, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Kay Meyer, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Harry Moore, Jim Morano, Darlene Ogden, Linda Owen, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Josalyn Riveria, Jay Roberts, Derrick Satter, Barry Scott, George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Alex Slaughter, Jaime Stefan, Anne Sweets, Willsey Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Amy, Eric, Kelly, Paul, and Woody

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Chris Abplanalp, Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams and Judith Zerkle

For the recently married: especially Julia Taylor Green and Donnell Middleton Smith

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Dylan Callaghan, Wright Coleman, Scott Hetzer, Jr., Will Livingston, and Betty Payne who celebrate their birthdays today

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Today at 8:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

O praise the Lord who made all beauty was written by the American composer Hal Hopson. St. Francis loved animals, so this a perfect day to think about the plight of animals on our planet. The 2020 global Living Planet Index shows an average 68% fall in vertebrate species populations between 1970 and 2016. This is a shocking revelation, but we can still save many species. Go to <https://livingplanet.panda.org/en-US/reversing-nature-loss> to learn what you can do.

Tonight at 5:30 p.m. - Jazz Mass

Music by the Alan Parker trio and Cantor Liz Nance singing a jazz version of the Irish tune *Be thou my vision*.

Next Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mezzo-soprano Heather Jones will sing two psalm settings by the Czech composer Antonin *Dvořák*.

In case you missed **St. James's Virtual Choir**, here are links:

[Sicut cervus](#)

[Lord, for thy tender mercies' sake](#)

[If ye love me](#)

When will St. James's amazing choirs be back? At the very moment that our Bishop says it is safe. Virginia and I are so ready.