



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

October 4, 2020 | Online Service  
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
The Blessing of the Animals

### Greeting and Announcements

**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.

### Opening Sentences

*Book of Common Prayer, page 78*

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

### Venite S35

Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### 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!

### **The Lessons**

#### **First 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.

#### **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*

**Second 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.

**Third Lesson:** Matthew 11:25-30

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."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

**Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing as able.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the Virgin Mary,  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Prayers**

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*BCP 97*

*People:* And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

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.

## **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let the people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain in us with your Holy Spirit.

## **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.*

## **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.

## **Other Collects**

### **Prayers for the Parish**

#### **Prayer for Mission**

*BCP 101*

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

**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."

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."  
Sing "Laudeamus, Laudeamus te."

### **Blessing of the Animals**

*Officiant*

Lift up all animals to the Lord our God.

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

*Officiant 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.

### **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our  
common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that  
when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:  
Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this  
world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Versicle and Response**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Closing Sentences**

**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*

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*

## **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	

*This Sunday we remember Herbert Worth Jackson III*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. Mark Cooper

*Officiant:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

*Musicians:*

*Singers:* Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane, Jeanne Lapierre

*Organist:* Virginia Ewing Whitmire

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark 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 Flippen, 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.