



Blessing of the Animals Service

MISSION STATEMENT

A Worshipping Community serving as a beacon of God's love by exemplifying the two great commandments; love God with our whole heart and love our neighbors as ourselves

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022

Holy Eucharist:

Rite II Prayer A

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The Word of God

Prelude: Prelude in C Major

by J.S Bach

The Congregation stands, as you are able

ENTRANCE HYMN – VS 1,4 AND 7

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
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
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
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
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,
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

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

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Congregation and Priest Pray Together:

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.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant unto thy people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of thee delight in thy whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

GENESIS 1: 1, 20-25

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth And God said, ‘Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.’ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²²God blessed them, saying, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.’ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. 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.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:6-7

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time 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.’

Priest: The Gospel of our Savior.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon- The Rev. Tim Black

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed God, Creator of the Universe, maker of all things, from your sacred breath came forth birds and beasts, fish and fowl, creatures of such variety and beauty that we are continuously amazed at your divine imagination. You blessed these creatures with simplicity, beauty and purpose. Our forebearer, Adam, gifted each with its known name in Eden. Our forebearer Noah protected them. Your Son, Jesus, our Lord, blessed the animals by being born in their company. May we, in this holy pattern, now bless these animals. May we, like blessed Francis of Assisi, speak to these creatures of yours with kindness and affection, reverencing their lives and purposes in your creation. May we never treat our animal companions harshly or unkindly but rather let us seek to be students of the secrets they know. May your abundant blessing rest upon these creatures who are companions in the journey of life. We ask this in the Name of Him Through Whom all Things Were Made, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

The Blessing of the Animals

The celebrant will come to you to offer a blessing for you and your animal friend(s). Let him know if your pet does not want to be touched.

THE PEACE

All stand.

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

The Congregation remains seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: *God of the Sparrow- MHSO*

1 God of the spar - row
 3 God of the rain - bow
 4 God of the hun - gry
 6 God of the a - ges

God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
 God of the cross God of the emp - ty
 God of the sick God of the prod - i -
 God near at hand God of the lov - ing

stars _____ How does the crea - ture say
 grave _____ How does the crea - ture say
 gal _____ How does the crea - ture say
 heart _____ How do your chil - dren say

Awe _____ How does the crea - ture say Praise. _____
 Grace _____ How does the crea - ture say Thanks. _____
 Care _____ How does the crea - ture say Life. _____
 Joy _____ How do your chil - dren say Home. _____

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The People remain standing.

Celebrant God 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 our thanks and praise.*

PROPER PREFACE

The Celebrant continues: 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

SANCTUS: 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.

Celebrant:

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, 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 sing:

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)*
(Plainsong/Douglas) (BCP p. 336)

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to sing,



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey, you are welcome at God's table.

DISTRIBUTION

We will be sharing communion in both kinds. We will bring communion to you today. If you want bread, hold out one hand, if bread and wine, hold out two hands. The server will intinct (dip) the bread for you and place it in your hands.

COMMUNION HYMN – Lord make us Servants of your Peace



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, 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

Life is short. And we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So: be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit is with you and will be with you now and always. Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL 405- ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Descant

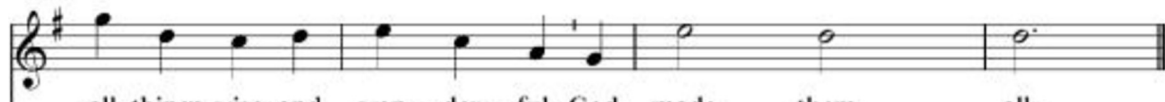


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



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



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.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

PARISH NOTES

Make Prayer Requests Online: <https://forms.gle/UTa6iMfrukhfurgD8>

Wednesday Night Bible Study Continues- Wednesdays at 7 PM. We are reading the Gospel of John together. Come join us, especially if you have never come before, and learn more about the “fourth” gospel. John’s gospel is unique in structure, character, language and so many other ways. Join us on zoom. Zoom ID: 716 256 9754 Passcode: 12345

Morning Prayer on Zoom Tuesday and Thursday- 10 AM

One of the vastly underutilized gifts of the Episcopal Church is morning prayer. Start your day off with prayer with our online community each week on Tuesday and Thursday. Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 869 7767 5734 Password: 752305

Compline (Night Prayer) Online Thursdays at 7 PM

End your day on a peaceful note and pray Compline with St. John’s each Thursday evening. Meeting ID: 843 7684 4017 Password: 848486

Give by Texting- You can use your phone’s text messaging capabilities to give to St. Johns. **Just text 73256 and enter our code 3480 as the message.** You will be taken to the giving page where you can make your selections. You can also set up online giving through a link in our weekly email. To subscribe to the weekly email, please contact our administrator at info@stjohnscollegepark.org


Assisting with the service today

- Organist Toku Kawata
- Readers Mike Spring and Betsy Daniell
- Prayers of the People Andrew Hales
- Verger Val Valverde
- Church Administrator Terry Glover
- Vestry Members: The Rev. Tim Black, Priest in Charge
- Paul Brady, Communications
- Linda Cage, Outreach
- Sherran Davis, Clerk
- Richard Pfleger, Treasurer
- Archie Polk, Evangelism
- Michael Proscia, Jr. Warden
- Pat Roberts, Sr. Warden

At 10:00am on Sunday morning: Join us via Zoom October 9, 2022
 10:00am You may be prompted to enter the following: Meeting ID: 890 4465
 2335 Password: 704817. If you do not have a camera-enabled device, but want to
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 meeting ID and password as above.

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 weekly news). To sign up, please email us at info@stjohnscollegepark.org

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 below to pledge online or fill out this pledge form and turn it in to the offering
 plate. Your pledges help us to plan for St John’s mission and ministry. We rely on
 pledges in order to be able to be proactive about our programming and outreach.
 If you have never pledged, but give, please consider pledging. Giving to God’s
 work in The Church is a spiritual discipline we are all called to follow. We are
 grateful in advance for your generosity and prayerful support.*

	<h3>Currency of Money Pledge</h3>	Name _____
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