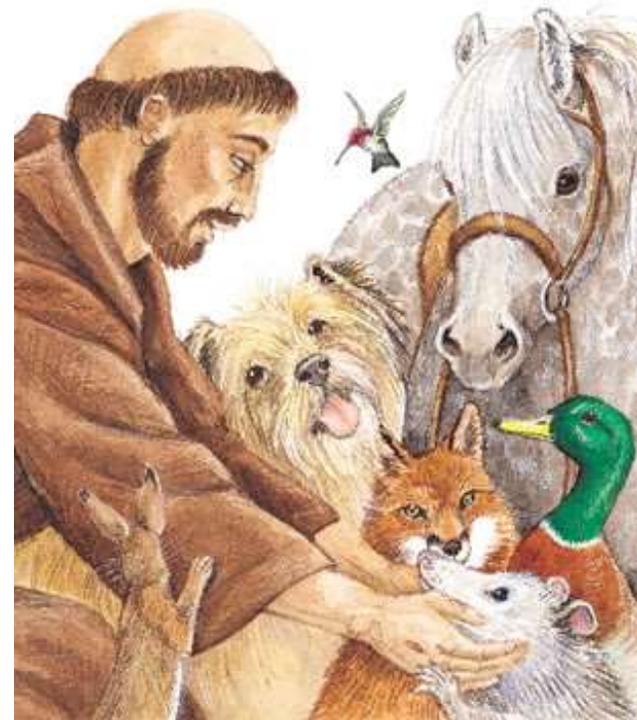


Welcome to

St. Paul's Anglican Church

The Right Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa

The Rev. Pat Martin, Rector



A Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 3, 2017 10:30am

Greeter:

Reader: Sarah More

Chalice Bearer:

We ask that members please refrain from wearing perfumes or colognes

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

C: The earth belongs to God

All: **The earth and all its creatures.**

C: How good and lovely it is

All: **to live together in unity.**

C: Love and faith come together

All: **justice and peace join hands.**

C: Lord, open our lips

All: **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

OPENING SONG: *Sing for God's Glory*

**Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight, succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.**

**Sing for God's power that shatters
the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
touching our shame, with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.**

**Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.**

**Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey
before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see - the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.**

Music: Praxis Pietatis Melica; arranged John Bell: Words: Kathryn Galloway

Closing song: *The Trees of the Field.*

**You shall go out with joy
And be led forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy, and the trees of the field
Shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the field will clap their hands,
And the trees of the field will clap their hands,
And the trees of the field will clap their hands,
And you'll go out with joy.**

Repeat

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Prayer after Communion:

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing:

May God the Creator bless you,
May Christ the redeemer take care of you,
May the Holy spirit, the Giver of Life,
Enlighten you all the days of your life.

**The Lord be our defender and keeper of body and soul,
Both now and for ever, to the ages of ages. Amen.**

Announcements

Closing Song: over

The Collect of the Day:

O God who made all the earth and every creature that dwells therein: help us, we pray, to treat with compassion all living creatures entrusted to our care, tht they may not suffer from neglect nor become the victims of cruelty, and grant that in caring for them we may find a deeper understanding of your love for all creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-15*

Gradual: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me down to lie.
In pastures green, he leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through death's dark veil,
Yet will I feel no ill,
For thou art with me and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint
And my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;**

**And in God's house for evermore
My dwelling-place shall be.**

Alleluia, Alleluia x3, Alleluia, Amen.

Gospel: Matthew 6:25 – 34

Prayers of the People:

L: Creator God, through your Word, you have made all that is. In all creation, your Word echoes, so that even the stones proclaim you as God. The whales and all that move in the water, the birds of the air, the beasts of the wild, you call all of us to praise and worship you. But our human lips are often silent – our praise unspoken, and our thankfulness forgotten.

All: Holy Spirit, renew us.

L: You made the earth a home for all creatures, and made it holy by your presence among us, teaching us to learn your compassion by loving and caring for earth's creatures. But we often pass by those creatures weaker and poorer than ourselves, and from those we fear.

All: Holy Spirit, renew us.

L: In you all creatures find the well spring of life and you give us earth's water to sustain us. You give many of your creatures eyes to see and ears to hear, but we often refuse to see and hear the pain of the earth and her creatures because of our indifference, greed, and carelessness.

All: Holy Spirit, renew us.

L: We pray for all the animals and creatures, their habitats and environments, their health and well-being that they may continue to teach us of your wisdom and grace.

All: God of steadfast love, hear us.

L: We pray for animal companions everywhere, for those who support and care for the animal and for a growing awareness

of our own responsibility for the care and nurture of all life. And we pray for those animals who have died. Comfort all who mourn the loss of a beloved pet.

All: God of steadfast love, hear us.

C: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body for we all share in then one bread.

C: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Communion Song: Be Still for The Presence

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.**

**Come, bow before him now,
With reverence and fear.**

**In him no sin is found,
We stand on holy ground.**

**Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One is here.**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around.**

**He burns with Holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.**

**How awesome is the sight,
our radiant king of light!**

**Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
is shining all around.**

**Be still, for the power if the Lord
is moving in this place.**

**He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace,**

No work too hard for him,

**in faith receive from him,
Be still for the power of the Lord,
is moving in this place.**

David J. Evans

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C: He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and 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 you thanks, and said, "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

C: Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you; this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, creator of all, and we bless your holy name forever.

All: Amen.

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in
heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial. And deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE PETS

C: God of all creation, at the beginning of time you gave us all the creatures of the earth to be our helpers, and like all good things from you, they became more than that. They became our companions and friends. We ask you then to bless these, our animal friends, that they may have long and joyful lives. Keep them safe when we cannot be with them, protect them from sickness and harm, and heal their wounds. When the end of their lives come, grant them a peaceful death, free from pain and suffering.

And bless us too, their human companions, with your Holy Spirit, that we may care for them well and be wise and gentle stewards of your creation. May our relationship with them mirror your love as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ and your servant Francis. **Amen.**

Blessing: (name), may you be blessed in the name of God who created you, and may you and (owner) enjoy life together with God.

Song during blessing: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (CP 415)

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

**Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.** *Chorus*

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

The rocky mountain splendor, the loon's wild haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies; the forest in the fall. *Chorus*

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

The Peace

Offertory: A Song for St. Paul's

By the river we are growing,
where our forbears built so fair.
Let us join them, sing your praises,
Oh we come to meet you there.

All are welcome by the river –
smiles to greet and show we care
Jesus loves, we're his children,
Come and meet our Saviour there.

*Dearest Jesus, you have promised
when we gather you are there.
Be among us, guide our footsteps;
love and peace for all to share.*

By your spirit we are strengthened
doing more than we can dream.
In your hand, protected, sheltered,
help us join the heavenly stream. *Chorus*

Glory to you, from all ages – rising from this water side
Grant – toward you we are growing
with your Spirit to abide. *Chorus*

Words: George Nightingale;

Music: *To the River*

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Prayer Over Gifts:

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day.

Give us grace to love one another that your love may be
made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

SUPPLEMENTARY EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

C: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

C: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

C: Holy God, Lover of Creation,
we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your
steadfast love, you bear us and place the song of your
spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you
do not abandon us. Your spirit speaks through Huldah
and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every
age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your
new creation. Joining the song of the universe, we
proclaim your glory saying:

**All: 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.**

C: Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the
Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life,
death, and resurrection you open the path from

brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by the world that could not bear the gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.