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A diverse and vibrant community that glorifies God and welcomes all people

WELCOME

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FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI (tr)

October 2nd, 2022

10.30 am Choral Eucharist (BAS)

St. Aidan and St. Bride Settings – The Iona Community

The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Betty McLeod Miller.

October 4th is the Feast Day of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Patron Saint of animals. Francis preached to people and animals, saying that it is the natural duty of all living things to give praise to the Creator – and that it is the particular duty of human beings to cherish and protect nature, as stewards of creation and because we, too, are creatures.

An old legend says that as Francis lay dying, he looked upon his donkey and thanked him for carrying him and accompanying him for so many miles. And so, welcome to this liturgy that honours the place of animals in the grand sweep of God's creation. To bless animals is to acknowledge them as fellow creatures of God, and to express our thanks for the service, comfort and companionship they provide to us.

There are many images and symbols of animals in the windows, walls, carvings and hangings in the Cathedral, and today may you and the animals present in this service fully enjoy the space, colour and sounds of this sacred space – make sure to look for them! And may the abundant blessing of God who made and holds every living thing in the pulse of God's creative power be upon you today and always.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Voluntary in G – John Stanley

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Hymn 425

Joyful, joyful we adore thee

Greeting

Dear friends, we gather this day on traditional Anishinaabe Algonquin territory.

May we always dwell on this land with respect and peace.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Opening Sentences

Blessed be the God of all creation.

And blessed be God's holy Name forever.

Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

Praise and exalt our Creator forever.

Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

Praise and exalt our Creator forever.

Bless your Creator, all children of God.

With all of creation, we praise your name.

Collect of the Day

O God, the source of all grace, whose glory shines in your saints: Grant that as your servant Francis was given a heart of love for you and for all your creatures, so your people may ever adore you in your works of creation, and serve you in faith and charity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

Genesis 1:20-25

A reading from the book of Genesis.

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. God 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.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Fairest Lord Jesus – arr. Martin How

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation, Jesus, of God and Mary the Son; Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour, O thou my soul's delight and crown. Fair are the meadows, Fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring. Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing. All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly, wondrously, Jesus, is found in thee; none can be nearer, fairer, or dearer than thou, my Saviour, art to me.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. 'So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

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 the 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.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray.

Remembering Saint Francis and the ways he enhanced our appreciation for creation and all creatures, let us pray, saying: Creator of all, hear our prayer.

We give thanks, gracious God, for the wonders of creation: for the sun, which reminds us of your constancy, for its brightness which energizes our world, for all the creatures who awake with the dawn and move through the day in light.

Creator of all,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the moon and the stars, and for nocturnal creatures. We give thanks and praise for the cycles of life and death, rest and work, planting and harvest, which form our days.

Creator of all,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the variety and beauty of the animals you have placed in the world. We marvel at their diversity and give thanks that you are mindful of us and have made us a part of that diversity and asked us to help care for them.

Creator of all,
hear our prayer.

We pray for animals who are wild and tame, for those whose beauty opens our eyes more fully to your presence, and for those whose power causes us to tremble, giving us a fuller understanding of your power and care for us.

Creator of all,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the gift of the animals who are our companions, whose presence add purpose to our days, and whose affection we cherish. We pray that you will help us to care for your creation well, and in our caring for them, know that we are sharing in your love for all that you have created.

Creator of all,
hear our prayer.

We ask you to forgive us when we waste and pollute, abuse and mistreat your creation. Strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded and help us to look with compassion on the earth and its inhabitants, showing us the dignity in your creation.

Creator of all,
hear our prayer.

Gracious God, no sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

The Blessing of Animals

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

Those who have brought animals are invited at this time to bring them to one of the priests for a blessing at the Chancel steps.

Motet

For the beauty of the earth – setting by David Evans

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of 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, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise. For thy church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

After all the animals present have been blessed, a prayer is offered for those at home, and for us all:

God of all creation, we give you thanks and praise. Bless all our animals for the enrichment of your Kingdom, and for the joy of their human companions. God our Redeemer, open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation and pour out your bountiful blessing upon us all, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory Hymn 415

All things bright and beautiful



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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Prayer Over the Gifts

Gracious God, receive all we offer you this day. Make us caring servants who follow in the pattern of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: *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.*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he 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 for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Communion

If you wish prayers for healing before receiving Communion, please carry an Order of Service with you; to receive a blessing, cross your hands over your chest; for a gluten-free wafer, hold out one hand; for a regular wafer, hold out two hands. Please note that intinction (dipping the wafer in the wine) is prohibited.

Motet

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus – Matthew Larkin

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The bread which we break, Alleluia, in the communion of the body of Christ. One body are we, Alleluia, though we are many, we share one bread.

THE SENDING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prayer after Communion

Lord God, you made your church rich through the poverty of blessed Francis; help us, like him, not to trust in earthly things but to seek your heavenly gifts; through Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the grace of God free you, the Word of God uphold you, the needs of God's creation inspire you, and the blessing of God, Creator, Son and Spirit, be with you this day and every day. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 403

Let all things now living

Postlude

Sonata in C – Justin Heinrich Knecht

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Preacher
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Sung by
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READINGS NEXT SUNDAY

October 9th – Harvest Thanksgiving

Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

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