



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2020
 THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI
 BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
 ST. JOHN'S LIVE

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 EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 JACKSON HOLE

OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1, 3, 5, The Hymnal 400

1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your

1 sing; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that

1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

See the Revelations e-Newsletter for more information on what is happening around the parish or sign up on our website.

MOMENT OF QUIET

Our service begins with the ringing of a bell and moment of intentional quiet.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Clergy Leader
 People

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

God of Love, you know our inner-most thoughts and the deepest secrets of our hearts. Holy Spirit, move into our lives with your mercy and forgiveness, cleanse us and make us whole, so that we are ready to serve you and your creation with love. **Amen.**

Clergy Leader Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Clergy Leader Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Clergy Leader The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Clergy Leader Let us pray. O God, you made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

GENESIS 1:1-25

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day. And God said, "Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water." So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. God called the vault "sky." And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. And God said, "Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear." And it was so. God called the dry ground "land," and the gathered waters he called "seas." And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds." And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth." And it was so. God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky." So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth." And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. And God said, "Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good.

Clergy The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 148:7-14

Typically, we read the Psalms responsively. Online, we will read the Psalms in unison as a symbol of our enduring connection.

- 7 **Praise the Lord from the earth, ***
 you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 **Fire and hail, snow and fog, ***
 tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 **Mountains and all hills, ***
 fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 **Wild beasts and all cattle, ***
 creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 **Kings of the earth and all peoples, ***
 princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 **Young men and maidens, ***
 old and young together.
- 13 **Let them praise the Name of the Lord, ***
 for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 **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 HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 11:25-30

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Abruptly Jesus broke into prayer: “Thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. You’ve concealed your ways from sophisticates and know-it-alls, but spelled them out clearly to ordinary people. Yes, Father, that’s the way you like to work.” Jesus resumed talking to the people, but now tenderly. “The Father has given me all these things to do and say. This is a unique Father-Son operation, coming out of Father and Son intimacies and knowledge. No one knows the Son the way the Father does, nor the Father the way the Son does. But I’m not keeping it to myself; I’m ready to go over it line by line with anyone willing to listen. “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Mary Erickson, Brian Nystrom, Jimmy Bartz

During our time of worship over the web, our sermons will be a conversation among the clergy.

MAKE YOUR OWN EXPRESSION OF LOVE

An opportunity to apply what the story teaches us to creatively embody the faith in real time.

MUSIC

“What a Wonderful World”

Kirsten Farney, vocalist, Andrew Todd, piano

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PARTNER PARISHES
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Holly Buell
Stan Burch
Meghan Davis
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Anne Marie Letko
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Olsen Family
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Kelly Sales
Sue Salzman
Susie Sheffield
DeeDee Sorsby
Mary Talisman
Thomas
Nikki Thompson
Kim Tsamoutales
Tim Turner
Jay Varley
Jean Webber
Cindy Windfield

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Theodore Assad
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Jeff Deming
John Fox
Marti Halverson
Kathie Harrington
Anya Hilpert
Aleathia Hoster
Kaya Kandolin
John Oaks
Maggie Overdyke
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Kathryn Singer
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CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES
John & Sheri Bickner
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Tim & Jean Day
Michael & Heather DeVine
John & Annette Eastman
Cody & Chilton Mueller
John & Susan Jackson
Larry Viet & JoAnn West

PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Let us pray.

Lord, make us an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O God, grant that we 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Clergy Leader and People pray responsively

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

We thank you, Lord.

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

We thank you, Lord.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

We thank you, Lord.

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

We thank you, Lord.

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

We thank you, Lord.

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

We thank you, Lord.

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

We thank you, Lord.

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.

THE PEACE

Clergy Leader

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The People say together

Let us pray. **O God, we thank you for all the creatures you have made, so perfect in their kind - great animals like the elephant and the rhinoceros, humorous animals like the camel and the monkey, friendly ones like the dog and the cat, working ones like the horse and the ox, timid ones like the squirrel and the rabbit, majestic ones like the lion and the tiger, for birds with their songs. O Lord, give us such love for your creation, that love may cast out fear, and all your creatures may see in humanity their caretaker and friend, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WILD ANIMAL BLESSING

Almighty God, we give you thanks for the wild animals of our valley—raptors and ungulates, ursus and canis lupus—we thank you for every flying, creeping, wagging, slithering and galloping creature. In them, we see your creativity. In them, we see your love. Guard and protect them. Help them flourish and multiply. We bless them as you bless us. **Amen.**

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

May our hearts feel the song of the meadowlark, our minds the clearness of the mountain air, and our souls the freedom of the soaring eagle. May our faith be renewed as the creek in spring, may we celebrate the saving redemption of the Cross in all its mysteries, may we always feel the love of the community of Christ. And may the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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call us at 307-733-2603.

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