



ST. JOHN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
JACKSON HOLE

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025
THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI
10:00 A.M. SERVICE
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

“Spirit Blowing through Creation” Marty Haugen

OPENING HYMN

“All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1, 4, 7, The Hymnal 400

The People stand as able for the Hymn and opening

1. All crea - tures of our God and King, lift
4. Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un -
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and

up your voic - es, let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
fold your bless - ings on our way, O____ praise him, Al - le -
wor - ship him in hum - ble - ness, O____ praise him, Al - le -

lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beams, pale
lu - ia! All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let
lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the Son, and

sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
them his glo - ry al - so show: O____ praise him, O____
praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Most loving God, help us to follow the way of Francis, feeling appreciation, gratitude, and love for your whole creation. God, you have made all living things, and we thank you for giving us these animals—our pets and companions—who bring us great joy. Give us willing hearts and gentle hands to care for the animals who trust us to look after them. By doing so, we share in your love for all creation. We ask this in the name Jesus Christ our beloved, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

GENESIS 1:1-34

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to

be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON

Brian Nystrom

The People may be seated

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The People stand saying together

Officiant Let us pray.

O God, we thank you for all the creatures you have made, so perfect in their kind, great animals like the bison and the bear, humorous animals like the otter and the marmot, friendly ones like the dog and the cat, working ones like the horse and the mule, timid ones like the squirrel and the rabbit, majestic ones like the elk and the deer, 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.**

The People bring their animals forward for a blessing

THE PEACE

The People stand as able

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The People sit. The Revelations Newsletter is available for more information on what is happening.

OFFERTORY

“God and Dog” Wendy Francisco

I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog.
Simple spelling G O D, same word backwards, D O G.
They would stay with me all day. I'm the one who walks away.
But both of them just wait for me, and dance at my return with glee.

Both love me no matter what - divine God and canine mutt.
I take it hard each time I fail, but God forgives, dog wags his tail.
God thought up and made the dog, dog reflects a part of God.
I've seen love from both sides now, it's everywhere, amen, bow wow.

I look up and I see God, I look down and see my dog.
And in my human frailty...I can't match their love for me.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” v. 3, The Hymnal 380

The People stand as able

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

The People kneel or stand as able

Officiant

Let us pray.

Officiant & People

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.

BLESSING OF THE PEOPLE


The Priest blesses the people

CLOSING HYMN

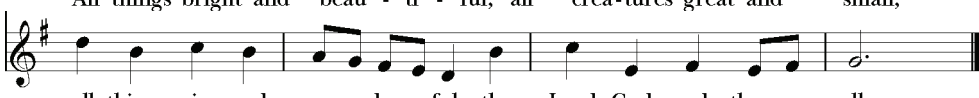
“Each Little Flower That Opens” vs.

1, 2, 4, The Hymnal 405

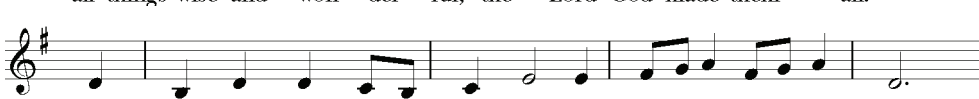
Refrain



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




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

Repeat Refrain



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.

THE DISMISSAL

As the procession passes down the aisle, you are invited to face the doors for the Dismissal

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Canticle of the Turning”

Irish traditional; arr. Rory Cooney

We invite you to join us for Biscuit Hour in Hansen Hall after the service and the Jackson Indigenous Art Market.

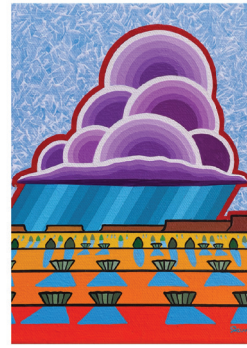
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