

SERVICE OF ANIMAL BLESSING
Saturday October 5, 2024
3:00PM

The Gathering of the Community

Leader: Let us bless our God,
creator and giver of all.

People: **Blessed be God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Canticle – A Song of Creation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let the earth glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hill,
and all that grows upon the earth,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams,
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild,
and all you flocks and birds.
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord,
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us glorify the Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
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praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Reading – John 10:2-5

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Leader We thank you, God, for the gift of life: for the
beauty and wonder of creation, and for our own
life which comes from you.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Leader Wethank you for the riches of animal life: for
fish and birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Leader Wethank you for the animals who give us
faithful companionship, joy when we are happy
and comfort when we are sad.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Leader Wethank you for calling us to care for these
animals. May we learn love and respect for all
living things.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

The minister says the prayer of blessing,
Blessed are you, living, loving God.
All creation praises you, yet you have
given the earth into our hands.
You made animals as our companions,
that in caring for them we might learn to
love and care for all your creatures, and
find in them a sign of your grace. As we
fulfil this calling may we draw close to
you, the giver of life through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Water

Blessing of individual animals.

The minister may dismiss the congregation.

Go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**