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

People  Blessed be God, now and forever.  
Amen.

A Reading from the Gospel of John

Jesus said, “The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.”

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  We thank 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.

Leader  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 all life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  

Amen.

Leader  We thank you for the richness of animal life: for fish and birds, insects, reptiles, and mammals.

People  Glory to you for ever and ever.

Leader  We thank 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.

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Amen.

A blessing is offered for each animal.

The service ends with blessed chaos.
Blessing of the Animals