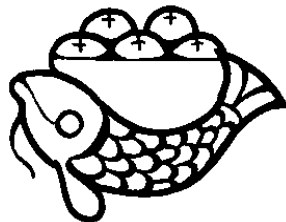


**Sunday October 2,
A.D. 2011**



A Celebration of Creation honoring Saint Francis of Assisi, friar

A "Fountain of Youth Service" that seeks to introduce more playful elements into the liturgical life of our parish; and, give our children more prominent roles in worship.



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A SERVICE OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

According to the rites of the Episcopal Church, using propers recommended by the Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals

The Clergy and People, accompanied by their pets, gather in the Lord's Name

♪ Gathering Music: #107 from *Voices Found*

The musical score is written for a voice and piano ensemble. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 His law he en - for - ces, the stars in their cours - es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, who fash - ioned and
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine; the hills and the

made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the deeps of the

on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us, his
o - cean pro - claim him di - vine. We too should be voic - ing our

light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the
love and re - joic - ing; with glad a - dor - a - tion a song let us

night, till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is
raise till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks -

ban - ished, as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
giv - ing: "to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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♪ Gathering Music: #118 from *My Heart Sings Out*

1 We sing of the saints filled with Spir - it and grace, blest
 2 (Optional verse for saint's day)
 3 We, too, have been cho - sen to fol - low the way of
 wom - en and men through all time, from each place. God
 good - ness and truth in our stud - y and play, we
 chose them, the ho - ly, the hum - ble, the wise to
 raise up our song, liv - ing saints here be - low, with
 spread the Good News of sal - va - tion in Christ,
 heav - en - ly saints, as our praise ev - er flows.

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 Music: *Zie Ginds komt de Stoomboot*, Traditional Dutch Melody, acc. Karl A. Pöim-Faudré.
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Words for Verse #2

Saint Francis was born a rich, noble young man,
 but God had in mind a much different plan;
 so Francis left status and money behind,
 to help many people God's true will to find.

🔔 *The Sanctus Bell rings three times calling us to worship.*

♪ Processional Hymn #390 *The Hymnal 1982*
 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation"

The procession will include the six participants who carry the various creation signs. As they reach the front of the nave, they will arrange themselves around the altar pace in a semi-circle facing the congregation.

- THE OPENING CEREMONY¹

Leader Let us celebrate the presence of God in creation. Let us celebrate sun, moon and stars, wind and air, water, fire, earth, and call them our brothers and sisters, as Francis did in living a life of praise to God.

Voice 1 All praise be yours, Lord, through all that you have made. Through Brother Sun, who brings the day.

All He shows your beauty.

*Here the "sun sign" is elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis.
One or more tambourines are also shaken to highlight and complement this action.*

Voice 2 All praise be yours, Lord,
through Sister Moon and Stars.

**All In the heavens you have made them
bright and fair.**

*Here the "moon & stars sign" is elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis.
One or more glockenspiels are played to highlight and complement this action.*

Voice 3 All praise be yours, Lord,
through Brother Wind and Air.

**All In stormy or fair weather,
we cherish all that you have made.**

*Here the "wind & air sign" is elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis.
One or more soprano recorders are played to highlight and compliment this action.*

Voice 4 All praise be yours, Lord, through Sister Water.

All She is useful, humble, precious and pure.

*Here the "water sign" is elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis.
An aboriginal (Australian) rain stick is played to highlight and complement this action.*

¹ Adapted from "Canticle of the Sun" attributed to St. Francis by Gaynell Bordes Cronin

Voice 5 All praise be yours, Lord, through Brother Fire.
**All Through him, you brighten the sky
with his beauty, power, and strength.**

*Here the "fire sign" is elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis.
A small box with a wad of cellophane is crinkled to simulate the sound of burning fire.*

Voice 6 All praise be yours, Lord,
through Sister Earth, our mother.
**All Through her you give us various fruits,
colored flowers, and herbs.**

*Here the "earth sign" is elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis.
One or more hand drums are also played to highlight and complement this action.*

Leader Together we proclaim your glory:
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Here all the signs are elevated and moved from side to side for emphasis. Every complementary instrument is also played; but they stop, when the organ begins the introduction to the following hymn. During the singing the sign bearers and instrumentalists are seated.

♪ Hymn of Praise #400, verses: 1-4 & 7 only *The Hymnal 1982*
"All creatures of our God and King"

Celebrant Let us pray.

We give you thanks, most gracious God, for the beauty of land, sea, and sky; for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers. We praise you for this good earth, and pray that we may keep it safe for our children; and, for the children of *their* children. Help us grow in understanding and gratitude for your remarkable creation; and may our care for all your creatures here below, honor and glorify your Name, now and for ever.
Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

- SCRIPTURE, STORY, AND SONG

 The Lesson: Genesis 1:1-3, 24-31a [Good News Bible]

1st Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis.

- ¹ In the beginning, when God created the universe,² the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water.³ Then God commanded, “Let there be light;” and light appeared.
- ²⁴ Then God commanded, “Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small” – and it was done.²⁵ So God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw.
- ²⁶ Then God said, “And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small.” ²⁷ So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female,²⁸ blessed them, and said, “Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals.²⁹ I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat;³⁰ but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food” – and it was done.³¹ God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.*

People Thanks be to God.

 The Psalm 104:1-4, 10-15, 24a [Good News Bible]

1st Reader We will read the psalm responsively.
Your part is in **BOLD**.

- ¹O Lord, my God, how great you are!
**You are clothed with majesty and glory;
you cover yourself with light.**
- ²You have spread out the heavens like a tent*
and built your home on the waters above.
- ³You use the clouds as your chariot*
and ride on the wings of the wind.
- ⁴You use the winds as your messengers*
and flashes of lightning as your servants.
- ¹⁰You make springs flow in the valleys,*
and rivers run between the hills.
- ¹¹They provide water for the wild animals;*
there the wild donkeys quench their thirst.
- ¹²In the trees near by,*
the birds make their nests and sing.
- ¹³From the sky you send rain on the hills,*
and the earth is filled with your blessings.
- ¹⁴You make grass grow for the cattle*
and plants for us to use,
so that we can grow our crops*
- ¹⁵**and produce wine to make us happy,**
olive oil to make us cheerful,*
and bread to give us strength.
- ²⁴Lord, you have made so many things!
How wisely you made them all!

📖 The Epistle: Romans 8:18-23 [The Message]

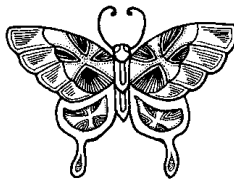
2nd Reader *A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

¹⁸⁻²¹ I don't think there's any comparison between the present hard times and the coming good times. The created world itself can hardly wait for what's coming next. Everything in creation is being more or less held back. God reins it in until both creation and all the creatures are ready and can be released at the same moment into the glorious times ahead. Meanwhile, the joyful anticipation deepens.

²²⁻²⁵ All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's within us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs. These sterile and barren bodies of ours are yearning for full deliverance. That is why waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother. We are enlarged in the waiting. We, of course, don't see what is enlarging us. But the longer we wait, the larger we become, and the more joyful our expectancy. *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*

People Thanks be to God.

♪ Sequence Hymn #656 *The Hymnal 1982*
"Blest are the pure in heart"



📖 A Reading from the Franciscan Rule of 1223, [3-6]

3rd Reader *A reading from the Rule of St. Francis.*

“The brothers shall have nothing of their own, neither house, nor land, nor anything, but as pilgrims and strangers in this world, serving the Lord in poverty and humility, let them confidently go asking alms. Nor let them be ashamed of this, for the Lord made himself poor for us in this world. This is the highest degree of poverty which has made you, my dearest brothers, heirs and kings of the kingdom of heaven, which has made you poor in goods, and exalted you in virtues. Let this be your portion, which leads into the land of the living. Cling wholly to this, my most beloved brothers, and you shall wish to have in this world nothing else than the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.” *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.*

People Thanks be to God.

- IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. FRANCIS

Stories & Pictures from the 2011 Adult Work Trip to Nicaragua

🎵 ‘TIS THE GIFT TO BE SIMPLE

The religious group known as the Shakers is famous for the song "Simple Gifts," which celebrates St. Francis' commitment to living a life of simplicity. Children from our Sunday School will perform expressive movements to interpret this song.



- BLESSING OF THE WATER

Water is poured into a container and, traditionally, a little salt is added to it.

Priest Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure;

***People* Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

Priest Almighty God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into new life, and by the power of your life-giving Spirit ever cleanses and sanctifies your creation: ✕ Bless, we pray you, this water for the service of your holy Church; and grant that it may be a sign of the cleansing and refreshment of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***People* Amen. Cleanse me from my sin, and I shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS & EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE

Priest Lord, bless these creatures of your creation. May their faithfulness and affection towards us never go unnoticed. Surround and comfort them with your love and care; and, let gentle touch always be upon them.

***People* Amen**

All present will be sprinkled with the Holy Water

Celebrant Peace of the Lord be always with you.

***People* And also with you.**

During the Exchange of the Peace, those who wish to present their pets for an individual blessing may approach the priest with their animals.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the sacrament

Offertory Anthem..... “The Prayer of St. Francis” by Temple
Sung by the Sunday School Children and Choir Women

Presentation Hymn #380 (verse 3).....*The Hymnal 1982*

Eucharistic Prayer A Prayer Book p. 361

Sanctus #S-125, “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord”*The Hymnal 1982*

Lord’s Prayer..... Prayer Book p. 364

Communion Hymn(s) #764..... *Wonder, Love and Praise*

Post Communion Prayer Prayer Book p. 365 or 366

Final Blessing..... Fr. Boyer

Closing Hymn: Canticle of the Sun Marty Haugen
“The heavens are telling the glory of God”

The new St. Philip’s dismissal based on our core purpose statement.

Celebrant Let us go forth to: nourish open minds,
 feed hungry bodies, and raise joyful spirits

***People* as a vibrant community of God’s love.**

Postlude “Jubilee!” by Martin

ALTAR FLOWERS & SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATION



The Sanctuary Lamp for the month of October is sponsored in thanksgiving by Nancy Mires.

Please sign the clipboard on the information wall to sponsor the flowers or the Sanctuary Lamp. The cost for flowers is \$43 for a Sunday and the lamp is \$25 for the month. Make sure to mention your dedication so that it can be noted in this space in the bulletin on your chosen day or month.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

Coffee Host Snowden

Shepherd Linda Babin

Ushers

8:00am J. Clements
10:00am Jim Lauder &
Dick Pratt

Healing Team

8:00 am Susan Rios-Doria
10:00 am Susan Boyer

Acolytes

Tellers Wayne Porter
& Rene Kinwen

Lectors

8:00am R8: Garner
C8: Smith/Lawson
10:00am Fountain of Youth (See Announcements)

Security Rob Halbach

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