



“...following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you,
delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy...”
(From the Collect of the Day)

The Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00 A.M
Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi:
Blessing of the Animals
October 8, 2023



St. Paul's Episcopal Church,
Richmond, Indiana:
*A welcoming inclusive community
seeking to serve God
and all God's creation.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Worthy of Worship

Arr. Mark Hayes

Gathering Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Hymnal # 405

Descant



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

Refrain



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



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



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.

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A welcome to those joining the service through Facebook Live.

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Gloria

Hymnal S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. The Hymnal 1982; Copyright 1985 by The Church Pension Fund.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect Of The Day:

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have 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 First Reading Genesis 1:1-34

Reader: A reading from the book of Genesis.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Prayer of St. Francis – Read in Unison

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

**O, God, grant that I 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.**

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Creator; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Prayers of Blessings

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.

We thank you for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week especially Douglas Wilson, Julie Faucett, and Bobbie Winchester and we invite anyone with a birthday or anniversary to come forward for a blessing.

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.

Concluding Collect

Almighty and eternal God, creator of all creatures here below: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Absolution

May the God of creation have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

Please wait for your pew to be released to bring your pet/pet's picture up to receive a blessing.

May you be blessed in the Name God, the Creator, Redeemer and of the Sustainer. May you and your animals enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements - Vestry Person of the Day – Jean Weigle

Offertory

And Now O Father

Hymnal #337

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our Creator thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn

Sanctus

Hymnal S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are
 full, _____ full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes _____
 _____ in the name of the Lord. _____ Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and of our Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, and Jacob and Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world and honor all of God's creation in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.

Receiving of Communion – Communion will be distributed at the stairs.

Communion Hymn

I Am The Bread Of Life

Hymnal #335

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Post Communion Prayer

Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord show his face to you and have compassion on you! May God turn his face to you and give you peace! And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**



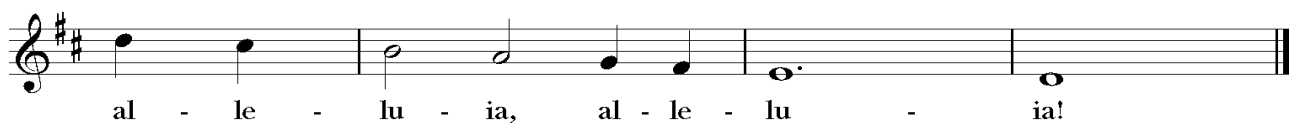
- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 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
 6 breath, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O___ praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 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:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, caring for all of God's creation, loving all of God's creatures as we love ourselves, sharing the love and peace of Jesus with all.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Christ is Made The Sure Foundation

Hymnal #518

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October Birthdays:

3rd - Pam Miller 4th - Toby Swafford 8th - Douglas Wilson
13th - Julie Faucett 14th - Bobbie Winchester 18th - Dana Weigle
19th - Skylinn Davis 22nd - Mindy Wilson 25th – Eli Felsman
26th – Matthew Huber 29th - Katherine Cass

October Anniversary:

2nd Douglas and Shelly Wilson

Service Ministers for October 8th:

Preacher/Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher
Altar Guild:	Jane Moss
Greeters:	Louise Ronald and Emily Parks
Vestry Member:	Jean Weigle
Crucifer:	Kelley McDermott
Acolyte:	Lucas Cameron Benaiah Cameron
Eucharistic Minister:	Kelley McDermott
Lectors:	Jane Moss
Coffee Hour:	Lisa Felsman
Counters:	George Eastman and Dwight Cass

Service Ministers for October 15th:

Preacher/Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Barbara Anne Fisher
Altar Guild:	Barbara Hameetman
Greeters:	Jean and Dana Weigle
Vestry Member:	George Eastman
Crucifer:	Dwight Cass
Acolyte:	Charlyann Russell Hosanna Cameron
Eucharistic Minister:	Dwight Cass
Lectors:	Jean Weigle George Eastman
Coffee Hour:	Deb Johns and Mindy Wilson
Counters:	George Eastman and Dwight Cass

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 8th – 19th Sunday After Pentecost

This Here Flesh Book Study, Simmons' Room – 9:00 to 9:55 am

Sunday Service at 10:00 am

Annual Pet Blessing

October 15th – 20th Sunday After Pentecost

This Here Flesh Book Study, Simmons' Room – 9:00 to 9:55 am

Sunday Service at 10:00 am

October 22nd – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

This Here Flesh Book Study, Simmons' Room – 9:00 to 9:55 am

Sunday Service at 10:00 am

Vestry Meeting @ 11:15 am in Library

October 23rd – Gleaners Food Give Away

First Christian Church – 100 S. 10th St 9:30 – 11 am

October 28th – Silent Movie Showing – Reid Center

Phantom of the Opera with Jonathan Hampton on the organ!

Cost is \$5.00

October 29th – 21st Sunday After Pentecost

This Here Flesh Book Study, Simmons' Room – 9:00 to 9:55 am

Sunday Service at 10:00 am

October 29th – 2nd Annual St. Paul's Chili Cook-Off

Simmons' Room – Gather at 5:00, Dinner at 5:30

Dust off those chili recipes!!

Making room at the table

The Story of the Philadelphia 11

Watch the compelling new documentary film about the first women to become Episcopal priests. Carter Heyward and Nancy Wittig, two of the Philadelphia 11, will be present. They will offer a time of reflection and answer questions about their journeys after the viewing.

WHEN: Saturday, November 4, 2023

1:00 – 3:00 pm (Doors open at 12:30 pm)

WHERE: Bethany Theological Seminary – Nicarry Chapel

615 National Road, Richmond, Indiana



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

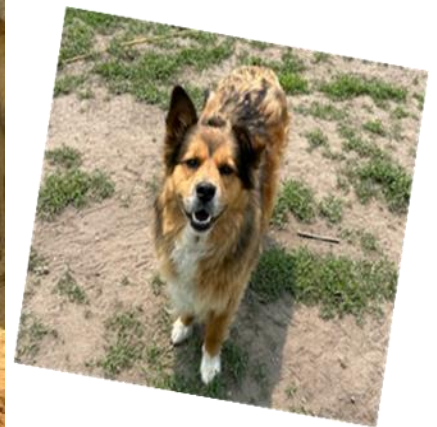
5:00 GATHERING, 5:30 DINNER

CAN YOU BEAT LAST YEAR'S WINNERS AND WIN THIS
YEAR'S GOLDEN LADLE??

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Welcome to our Furry Friends!!
Please stay after and join us for Coffee Hour!



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