



St. Francis In-The-Fields  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH • ZIONSVILLE, IN

## The Blessing of Animals

Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### The Opening Hymn

Royal Oak

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*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 ri - ver run - ning by,  
3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The plea - sant sum - mer sun,  
4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*

God made their glo - wing co - lours, God 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, God made them ev - ery one.  
How great is God Al - migh - ty, Who has made all things well.

*Presider:* Blessed be the God of all creation.

*People:* **And blessed be God's holy Name for ever.**

*Presider:* God be with you.

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

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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 perfect joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Reading

Luke 12:22-32

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Prayers

*Leader:* 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;

*All:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

*All:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For all that is gracious in the lives of all humanity;

*All:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

*All:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

*All:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* For the trust you have shown in giving into our care animal companions;

*All:* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That each animal companion here may be treasured with care;  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That we may love and honor all your works, O God;  
*All:* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Leader:* That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;  
*All:* **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.**

*The people may add their own prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

*Presider:* Holy Immortal One: No sparrow falls without your knowing it; nothing dies but is remembered by you; nothing comes into being that you do not see. Give us courage and resolve to build up the common good, holding fast to the hope of a new creation in which all shall dwell eternally, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. **Amen.**

## **The Thanksgiving over the Water**

*Presider:* God be with you.  
*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* We thank you Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing of All Assembled**

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis's love for all God's creatures, we present the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them. **Amen.**

## **The Individual Blessing of the Animals**

*The Presiders will pass through the gathering and bless each animal individually. Please remain in your location.*

## **Pet Blessing Closing Prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for bringing these beloved people and pets gathered here, bless them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **The Exchange of the Peace**

*All standing*

*Presider:* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*We invite you to share with others signs of Christ's Peace. We welcome you to St. Francis In-The-Fields and bid you peace! We especially welcome the congregation of ZUM*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Pumpkin Place**

A St. Francis-in-the-Fields tradition, the Pumpkin Place runs seasonally in September and October selling pumpkins with a purpose: to raise funds to support the parish's outreach ministries. All proceeds go to outreach! Contact us at [info@stfrancisziionsville.org](mailto:info@stfrancisziionsville.org) to volunteer.

### **Coat Drive for The Caring Center**

Drop off a new or gently used coat in the Caring Center box in our narthex by October 15th.

### **NAMI Parent Support Group Begins October 18th**

St. Francis In-The-Fields and the National Alliance on Mental Illness are teaming up to provide a monthly support group every third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm, beginning October 18<sup>th</sup>. The NAMI Parent Support Group is a free, confidential, and safe group for parents, caregivers, and guardians of minor children living with behavioral difficulties and mental health challenges.

### **Trunk or Treat**

St. Francis is hosting its fourth annual Trunk-or-Treat on Sunday, October 29th from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. This is a community-wide event and are inviting you to decorate your trunk and handout treats, or just join us for the celebration. All are welcome!

### **Theology on Tap**

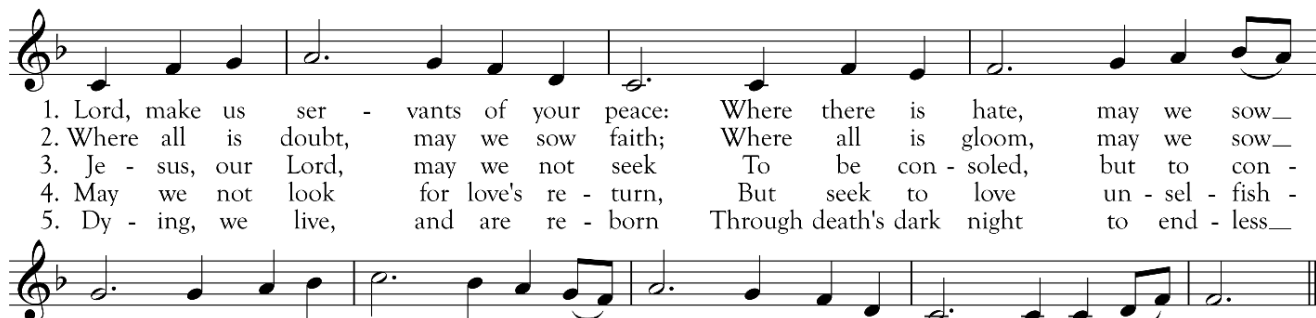
What do you believe about evil? Join us for a Halloween-season Theology on Tap as we gather for good food and good company to discuss evil. Bring your questions! Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at North High Brewing, 75 North Main Street at 7:00 pm. Our upcoming dates and topics are November 29: Loss, and December 13: Hope.

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### The Offertory Hymn

*O Waly Waly*

Lord Make Us Servants



1. Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow\_\_  
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow\_\_  
3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek To be con - soled, but to con -  
4. May we not look for love's re - turn, But seek to love un - sel - fish -  
5. Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born Through death's dark night to end - less\_\_

love; Where there is hurt, may we for - give; Where there is strife, may we make one.  
hope; Where all is night, may we sow\_ light; Where all is tears, may we sow\_ joy.  
sole, Nor look to un - der-stand - ding hearts, But look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
- ly, For in our gi - ving we re - ceive, And in for - gi - ving are for - given.  
day; Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace, To wake at last in hea - ven's light.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth and created fruit from the vine. In the beginning, you watered the earth that people might have food and drink. You gave to your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad. You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share. And here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us as your children.

And so with all your family, we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness as we say,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed in the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."  
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, renewing, sustaining and making us whole, so that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*The bread and wine will be distributed to the people at their seats.*

*If you prefer a Blessing instead of receiving Communion, please cross your hands over your chest.*

## A Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

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.**

## The Blessing

*Presider:* May God be a bright flame before you, a guiding star above you, and a smooth path below you, today, tomorrow and forever. **Amen.**

## The Dismissal

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**



*When The Liturgy Is Over, The Service Begins*

Thank you for joining us today, and may you and your animal companions be richly blessed in the coming year.

### Ministry Serving Team

<i>Rector</i>	The Rev. C. Davies Reed
<i>Curate</i>	The Rev. Dr. Joél Muñoz
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