



Church of the Good Shepherd

Welcome to Good Shepherd. We are blessed with your presence this morning. As we gather, please be conscious of the sacredness of this space. Throughout the service, please feel free to adopt the posture that is most comfortable for you. Again, welcome.

*The words of the service come from the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP"). The congregational responses are printed in **Bold**.*

The music is in the blue Hymnal: the "S" or service music is in the front of the Hymnal while the Hymns are in the back. The words of the service come from the red Book of Common Prayer ("BCP").

The Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost
St. Francis Blessing of the Animals
October 2, 2022

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

The Good Shepherds

OPENING HYMN

Hymn 671

“Amazing grace! How sweet the sound” *New Britain*

ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR ST FRANCIS

Celebrant 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 CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES *in unison*

**Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
All praise is Yours, all glory, honor and blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong;
no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.**

**We praise You, Lord, for all Your creatures,
especially for Brother Sun,
who is the day through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor,
of You Most High, he bears your likeness.**

**We praise You, Lord, for Sister Moon and the stars,
in the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.**

**We praise You, Lord, for Brothers Wind and Air,
fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which You cherish all that You have made.**

**We praise You, Lord, for Sister Water,
so useful, humble, precious and pure.**

**We praise You, Lord, for Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night.
He is beautiful, playful, robust, and strong.**

**We praise You, Lord, for Sister Earth,
who sustains us
with her fruits, colored flowers, and herbs.**

**We praise You, Lord, for those who pardon,
for love of You bear sickness and trial.
Blessed are those who endure in peace,
by You Most High, they will be crowned.**

**We praise You, Lord, for Sister Death,
from whom no-one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in their sins!
Blessed are those that She finds doing Your Will.
No second death can do them harm.**

**We praise and bless You, Lord, and give You thanks,
and serve You in all humility.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay.

Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalms 37:1-10

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.

8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Hymn 551

“Rise up, ye saints of God!” *Festal Song*

All stand

THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Let us pray to God our Creator for gifts freely bestowed upon us, for right use of our life and for the beauty and wonder of your creation;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader That each pet here may be treasured with care;
People **We pray to you, Lord.**

Leader For a deepening awareness of our need for you in our daily life and service;
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

Leader For a greater generosity in sharing with others what we have received in such abundance;
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

Leader For greater courage to act in counter-cultural ways and to challenge the wasteful practices of our times;
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

Leader For a greater willingness to engage in actions that bring about justice through systemic change;
People **Hear us, O Lord.**

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

Leader That we may continue to grow in our life and faith in you, O Lord.
People **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Youth will pass out St. Francis medallions as animals are blessed

THE PEACE *All stand*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

OFFERTORY MUSIC

THE DOXOLOGY

Verse 3, Hymn 380

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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 thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

THE PROPER PREFACE

BCP 377

Celebrant Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

THE SANCTUS

BCP 367; Hymn S-125

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel

Then the Celebrant continues.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER *in unison*

BCP 364

**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

BCP 364

FRACTION ANTHEM

Hymn S-155

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The people come forward, physically distanced, to receive communion, beginning with the front rows. Both a common cup and an intinction cup will be offered.

COMMUNION MUSIC

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *in unison*

O God, Jesus chooses the poor and foolish of the world in order to draw all to himself. Help us to understand our own poverty and powerlessness and turn our hearts completely toward you. We praise you for all of creation — for the birds of the air, the fish of the sea and the animals of the land. We thank you for our companion pets who need us as we need them. Through them, help us to realize our own vulnerability and our need for you who live and rule in union with Jesus and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE 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.**

CLOSING HYMN

Hymn 660

“O Master let me walk with thee” *Maryton*

The people stand

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



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