



# The Anglican Parish of Saint Barnabas

October 5, 2025

17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*It is the mission of St. Barnabas Anglican Church to use  
the gifts that God has given us in Christian service to others.*

*In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the peoples of the Treaty 7  
Territory and the Métis Nation of Alberta as we share this land.*

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*Welcome to St. Barnabas Anglican Church. The altar flowers have been  
donated by Clyde Rattan in loving memory of parents Rambaran and Bhago, sister  
Meena, brothers Mike, Hollis, Ken, and Frank, and nephew Frank.*

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## 8:30 AM: Holy Communion

*The Book of Common Prayer – Page 67*

*Collect – Page 242*

*Celebrant: The Rev. Kersi Bird ~ Lay Assistant: Arlene Parsons*

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## 10:15 AM: Blessing of the Animals

*Liturgy from Church of England Contemporary Morning Prayer*

*Hymns from Common Praise*

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**Processional Hymn 415 “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (All Things Bright)**

Children’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The spirit of God hovered over the water.

**And brought life to all creation.**

Come, Holy Spirit

**And renew the face of the earth.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: 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**

As we gather today, we give thanks for all of God’s creation; in particular we celebrate the animals, the creatures of God’s own hand. We remember St. Francis, a friend to all. We pray together:

Creator God, you have made a beautiful world filled with wonder and surprises! **We praise you.**

Creator God, who has gifted us with the blessing of animals, those in the wild, those on farms, those in our own homes, **We praise you.**

Creator God, you brought into being that which we could not imagine for ourselves, life we cannot see without the aid of microscopes, animals we can only see in pictures from remote regions of this planet earth, **We praise you.**

We thank you for the gift of our own animal companions; for the joy they bring us, for the unconditional love and forgiveness which teaches us about you; for the confidant, the listener, the stress-releaser, for the benefit they are to our health and to our spirit. **We give you thanks.**

And yet, we know that we have not always been faithful caretakers of the animals. **Forgive us when we have dirtied their environment, erased places of shelter, polluted the waters, killed off their food supplies, or neglected to feed or tend animals in our own communities. Forgive us when we have not loved them as they have loved us. Amen**

May the God of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image, to the praise and glory of God’s name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Genesis 1:24-31

Jennifer Parsons

And God said, ‘Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.’

And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.'

God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.'

And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Psalm 104:10-25

Dawn Jones

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.

**By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches. From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees. The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the conies.**

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God. When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.**

People go out to their work and to their labour until the evening. O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

**Gradual Hymn 429 “For the Beauty of the Earth”**

**(Dix)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Mary Douglas

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.

Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?”

For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**Bless the Lord you heavens: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**Bless the Lord all people on earth: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**O people of God bless the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.**

**Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Kersi Bird

*The Blessing of the Animals: the pets and their caretakers are invited to come forward one-by-one to receive this blessing:* Fellow creature, friend and companion, may God your Creator and Preserver bless, defend, and keep you this day and forever. Amen.

The Intercession

Dawn Jones

Let us talk to God and pray for all of creation. Blessed are you, eternal God,  
**to be praised and glorified for ever.**

Hear us as we pray for your church and your world. In our Diocese, we pray for our Primate, Shane, and our Bishop, Greg, and for newly appointed Archbishop of Canterbury, Sarah. In our Diocese, we pray for St. Cyprian, Piikani: St. Paul & St. Thomas, Kainai: The Ven. Jacqui Durand; Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. We pray for members of our parish family: Phil Field, Ivonne Fuechter-Field, Hannah, and Sophie; Ken Filewych, Jennifer Haffenden, Donatella, and Alessandra; Margaret Fisher

**make us one in Spirit.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,  
**that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world:  
**guide them in the ways of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community:  
**help us to share each other's joys and burdens.**

Look with kindness on our homes and families:  
**grant that your love may grow in our hearts.**

Deepen our compassion for all who suffer from sickness, grief, or trouble, and those in need of your healing gifts: Eric, Stephen, David, Jeff and family, Sharon, Don, Al, Doreen, JJ, Santana, Lynne, Jolene, Ken, Avril, Evie, Lochlan, Angela, Nicole, Elizabeth, Thomas, Paul; for those struck by war, hurricane, and earthquake;  
**in your presence may they find their strength.**

We remember those who have died; and our animal companions who are no longer with us;  
**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Make us instruments of your peace  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

Collect of the Day: Gracious One, you satisfy the need of every living creature. Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth and for the bonds of love and care

that unite all creation into one family. May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and thrive; through Jesus Christ, the Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

The Peace

**Offering Hymn “O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth”**

**(Ellacombe)**

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,  
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.  
So playful dolphins dance and swim;  
Your sheep bow down and graze.  
Your songbirds share a morning hymn  
To offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in—  
They're wondrous blessings, too.  
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins,  
They offer praise to you.  
O Lord, you call us to embrace  
These creatures in our care.  
May we show kindness, love and grace  
To all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm;  
You know the things they need.  
May they grow healthy, safe from harm,  
And safe from human greed.  
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep,  
You know their joy, their pain.  
Lord, bless the animals we keep;  
May all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land;  
They fill the sky and sea.  
O Lord, you give us your command  
To love them tenderly.  
We're called to have dominion here—  
To care for them always.  
By loving creatures you hold dear,  
We offer you our praise.

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**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. Amen**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:  
**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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, now and evermore. Amen**

Announcements

**Recessional Hymn 355 “All Creatures of Our God and King” vs. 1-4  
(Lasst uns Erfreuen)**

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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October Activities	
October 5	Sunday School, Blessing of the Animals
October 12	Harvest Thanksgiving
October 19	Stewardship Sunday, Harvest Lunch
October 26	Sunday School, Funeral Preparation Seminar

We pray for Christ's Holy Catholic Church: ACC: The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia. ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod. Together: Remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQQ1A people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence.

We pray for our Companion Diocese of the Windward Isles: Cathedral Church of St. George (Parish of St. George & St. Andrew) with Transfiguration, The Ascension and Holy Redeemer: The Very Rev. Samuel Nichols, Rector.

CCLI Licence #11392823. Readings for October 12: Deuteronomy 26:1-11; Psalm 100; Philippians 4:4-9; John 6:25-35

Today's service will not be livestreamed.

Our annual Harvest Lunch for parishioners will be held on Stewardship Sunday, October 19. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex by October 12.

Sunday school will be held today and on October 26.

We will be hosting a Funeral Preparation Seminar on Sunday, October 26th from noon to 1:30 pm. There will be a discussion about pre-planning led by a representative from Foster's Funeral Home, as well as instruction from Kersi on creating a funeral liturgy. Light refreshments will be served. Please pre-register by emailing the office at [office@stbarnabas.ca](mailto:office@stbarnabas.ca) or call (403) 283-3035.

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