

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

with the **Blessing of the Animals**

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

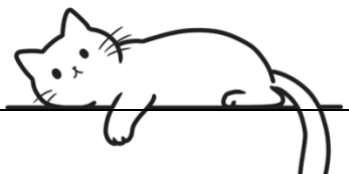
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment, reminds us of our sacred duty to care for all of God's creation, exemplifying compassion for every living creature and a deep connection with the natural world.

As stewards of the earth, we are called to be mindful of how we treat both the environment and the creatures that share it with us. Today's liturgy includes the Blessing of the Animals, celebrating St. Francis's vision and recognizing the sacred bond between humans and all living beings, while reminding us of our ongoing responsibility to care for the earth and all of its creation.

The Cathedral Church of Saint George

4 October 2026 • 10:30 a.m.



Welcome to St George's Cathedral

We are so glad you're here! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, and whether you are joining in the nave or via the livestream, you are welcome here. Please join us in the entryway for a time of fellowship after the service. Sunday School is on holiday this Sunday; however, children and a grown up may take themselves to the Library if they desire a quiet space with activities. You may follow online with the service online (www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/worship). We are gladdened that you have decided to worship with us.

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that in Kingston we are situated on traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, and Huron Wendat peoples. We seek a new relationship with the original peoples of this land, one rooted in and based upon honour and deep respect.

Memorial Flowers

The flowers on the high altar are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving and gratitude for all the pets of St. George's Parish, past and present. We especially remember our late cats Harvey, Wayne, Scotty, Artie, and Zoey, all of whom gave us much joy.

-Tom and Jennifer Carey

Leading the Service

<i>Preacher</i>	The Reverend Captain Claire Bramma
<i>Presider</i>	The Very Reverend Douglas Michael
<i>Organist</i>	Brad Barbeau

Assisting with the Service

<i>Reader</i>	Phil Rogers	<i>Livestream</i>	Derek F. & Peter M.
<i>Servers</i>	Derek Falkner & Gerald Courage	<i>Intercessor</i>	Aveleigh Kyle
<i>Lay Ministers</i>	Aveleigh Kyle & Jim Parrish	<i>Vergers</i>	Jane Kirkpatrick
<i>Sidespeople</i>	Heather Buchan & Debbie Docherty		

Eucharistic Prayer

Anglican Church in Southern Africa Eucharistic Prayer for Creation II

Service Music

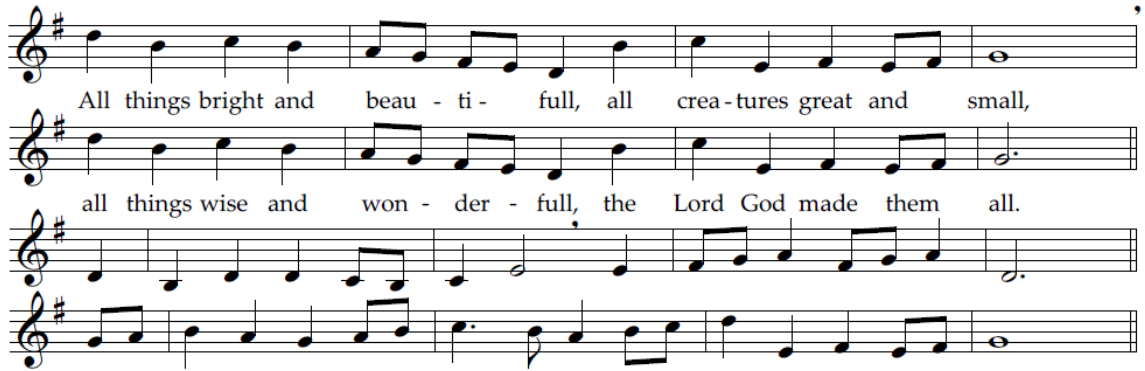
Missa de Angelis

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

The people stand as the procession enters the Cathedral.

Processional Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

4 The tall trees in the greenwood,
the meadows where we play,
the rushes by the water
we gather every day:

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

5 He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well:

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

The people remain standing for the Land Acknowledgment and are seated for the Notices.

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

The people stand as able at the invitation of the Celebrant.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Almighty God,

People

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

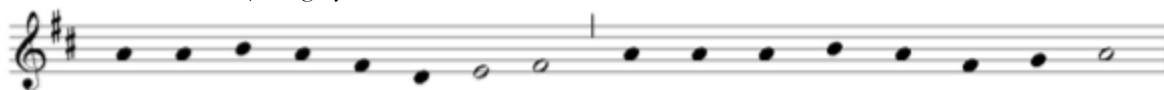
Kyrie Eleison | Sung by the choir in Greek.

Lord have mercy,

Christ have mercy,

Lord have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis | Sung by all.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-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 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God, who by your grace surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses, may we, encouraged by the example of your servant Francis, persevere and run the race you set before us, until at last, through your mercy, we share with him your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the author and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The people are seated.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Lesson | Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honour your father and your mother, so that

your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148:7-14 | Sung by the choir.

Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons, and all deeps;
8 Fire and hail, snow and vapours : wind and storm, fulfilling his word;
9 Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars;
10 Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls;
11 Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world;
12 Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13 He shall exalt the horn of his people; all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

The Second Lesson | Philippians 3:4B-14

If anyone has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able



For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

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Conrad Kocher 1786-1872

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint 1863-1917

The Holy Gospel | Matthew 21:33-46

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time." Jesus said to them,

"Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls." When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Gospeller
People

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

The Sermon The Rev. Capt. Claire Bramma

Silence may be kept. The people stand as able.

The Nicene Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

The people may adopt a posture of prayer, as they wish.

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant
People

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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

The people stand as able

The Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing for a Beloved Animal | Source: Bob Hostetler

Celebrant

Blessed are you, Lord our God, who made every living thing with which the waters teem, and every winged bird, the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, and called it all “good.” We thank you for these our pets whose lives come from you, and for the love and joy their lives share with ours. Let our care of them be a reflection of your abundant grace, poured into all of creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures!

People

Amen.

*All are invited to come forward with their pets (or a picture) to have them blessed, and to receive a certificate.
Please let the clergy person know your pet's name.*

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.

3 This is my Father's world:
O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let earth be glad!

Terra Beata
arr. Franklin L. Sheppard 1852-1930

Maltbie D. Babcock 1858-1901



*An offering is received to support the mission and ministry of the Cathedral.
All are invited to make a gift as the plate is passed, or by visiting
www.stgeorgescathedral.ca/donate.*

Prayer Over the Gifts

Celebrant

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the life of your servant Francis of Assisi. Accept our offering this day and give us grace to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of creation. In him all things, visible and invisible, were created and hold together. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation. And now we give you thanks because today you have gathered us together at this eucharistic feast, so that we may be renewed in love, joy and peace. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

Choir

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

The people are seated as the celebrant continues:

God of all creation, send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ: bread broken and wine poured, Body given and Blood shed.

On the night before he offered himself, Jesus recalled with his disciples the wonder of your creation and the covenant you made with your chosen people. Then he took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying: 'Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you.'

In the same way he took the cup and giving you thanks and praise, he gave the cup to his disciples and said: 'Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

People

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

Celebrant

As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate the goodness of the earth, our companionship in this world and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives. We share the cup of our humanity matured over the unnumbered centuries of the struggle that has gone into making this world; our living and dying, fears and hopes, futility and fidelity.

Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil, those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on, we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfillment of the Lord's command: through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever.

People

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray

People

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Celebrant

The gifts of God for the People of God.

People

Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world: grant us thy peace

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion in this Church. Please move to the rail at the direction of the ushers. You may receive the bread in open and outstretched hands, responding: "Amen." Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister. If you prefer not to receive wine from the common cup, you may simply touch the base of the chalice, again responding: "Amen." Should you wish to receive a blessing, please indicate that to the priest by crossing your arms over your chest.

The Prayer after Communion

Celebrant

God of glory, we give thanks for your likeness in your servant Francis. May we who share at this table be transformed by your love and display the joy of your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people stand as able.

Celebrant

Glory to God,

People

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who journey with us. And so make haste to love, and be swift to be kind; And may the God who travels with us, the God of pilgrimage, the God of Hope, bless, care and keep you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and always.

People

Amen.

The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn | Sung by all, standing as able.



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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.

Ellacombe

Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Würtemberg, 1784

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Postlude: *Postlude in G (Op. 105, No. 3)*, C. V. Stanford

The postlude concludes our worship service, sending us forth into the week ahead. You may choose to remain seated for the duration or depart following the closing hymn.

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