

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

OCTOBER 8, 2023 – 10:45 A.M.



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Whether you are joining us in person or from the comfort of your living room, welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

*Your spoken responses are welcomed throughout the service and can be recognized by the words in **bold print**.*

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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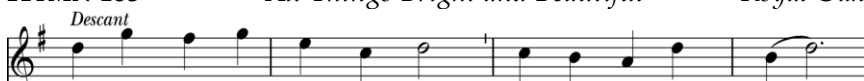
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HYMN 405

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

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.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895). Music: *Royal Oak*, melody from *The Dancing Master*, 1686; adapt. and harm. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958), desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937). Used by arrangement with G. Schirmer, Inc. Descant, Copyright © 1979, G.I.A. Publications, Inc.

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **Who brings all things into being and calls them good.**
Presider Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.
People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**
Presider Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.
People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**
Presider Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.
People **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**
Presider Bless your Creator, all children of God.
People **With all of Creation, we praise your name.**

Presider The Lord 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 LESSONS

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them. ... 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." ...God blessed them. ... God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 104:10-25

Read responsively by whole verse.

You, LORD God, send the springs into the valleys; *
they flow between the mountains.

All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, *
and the wild asses quench their thirst.

Beside them the birds of the air make their nests *
and sing among the branches.

You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; *
the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

You make grass grow for flocks and herds *
and plants to serve humankind;

That they may bring forth food from the earth, *
and wine to gladden our hearts,

Oil to make a cheerful countenance, *
and bread to strengthen the heart.

The trees of the LORD are full of sap, *
the cedars of Lebanon which God planted,

In which the birds build their nests, *
and in whose tops the stork makes a dwelling.

The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, *
and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, *
and the sun knows the time of its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night, *
in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

The lions roar after their prey *
and seek their food from God.

The sun rises, and they slip away *
and lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work *
and to their labor until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
**in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your
creatures.**

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION

THE REV. ASHLEY SIMPSON

LITANY FOR ALL CREATION

Presider Let us name before God those animals we love remembering especially..... We also name those we have loved who have departed this life.

Presider Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

People **We are grateful.**

Presider Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,

People **We are grateful.**

Presider Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People **We are grateful.**

Presider Grant that all your creatures may serve you with thanksgiving;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all your creatures;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we may see you in all your works;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Make us wise and faithful stewards of creation, caring for the earth, the waters, the air, and all that live therein;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Forgive us who waste and pollute your creation and strengthen us to restore what we have disregarded;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Look with compassion on those that are abused and mistreated, show us their dignity in your creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

Presider Remember those creatures that have died yet remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your new creation;

People **Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.**

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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider and People

God of compassion, we confess that we have squandered your creation, and mistreated those you give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

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

THE OFFERTORY

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Presider 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' love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

All animals are brought forward and are blessed by name by the Presider, using the words below. If animals are not present, the Presider joins in prayer with those who come remembering them.

Presider N., May God who created and preserves you bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. **Amen.**

Presider Let us pray.
God of all creation: we give you thanks and praise. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in all creation. May your bountiful blessing be upon us all, God our Redeemer, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The tie-dyed bandanas were made by Crosswinds, our youth group of middle and high schoolers.

THE PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO SAINT FRANCIS

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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.

SPOTLIGHT ON LITURGY

Hymn tunes can, and are often written, to be interchangeable with other texts. For instance, the upcoming “ I Sing the Almighty Power of God “ you will recognize as the Christmas Carol “ O Little Town of Bethlehem.” The Index in the back of the hymnal is listed by both tune title and by text. The tune title will actually list all hymns associated with the tune. Today can feel a bit like Christmas in ordinary time while recognizing the genius of hymnody!

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

DISMISSAL

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

*The flowers on the retable are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jack
and Hazel Gardner, Douglas and Eleze Merrell, Nancy Merrell,
and Mrs. Elizabeth Dill
by Jack and Norma Gardner.*

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UPCOMING

- Oct. 10 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal
- Oct. 11 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Lectionary Study to follow
4:45 p.m. Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Oct. 12 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Oct. 15 **The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II
3:00 p.m. Usher Training
5:00 p.m. Crosswinds & Headwinds

The noon service on Wednesday and the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday will be live streamed and available to watch on-demand following the service: St. Paul's Facebook page and St. Paul's YouTube channel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Visitors and Newcomers: Welcome! We are glad you have joined us in person and online. To learn more about membership, baptism, or confirmation, or to receive emails about upcoming St. Paul's events, visit our website www.stpaulsbeaufort.org or email the church office at church@stpaulsbeaufort.org.

Parish Emails are sent weekly to keep you informed about all matters St. Paul's. If you have provided us with your email address and are not getting these emails, please double check your spam/junk folders. If you have changed your email address, please contact the church office at church@stpaulsbeaufort.org so we can get you added to the email recipients list.

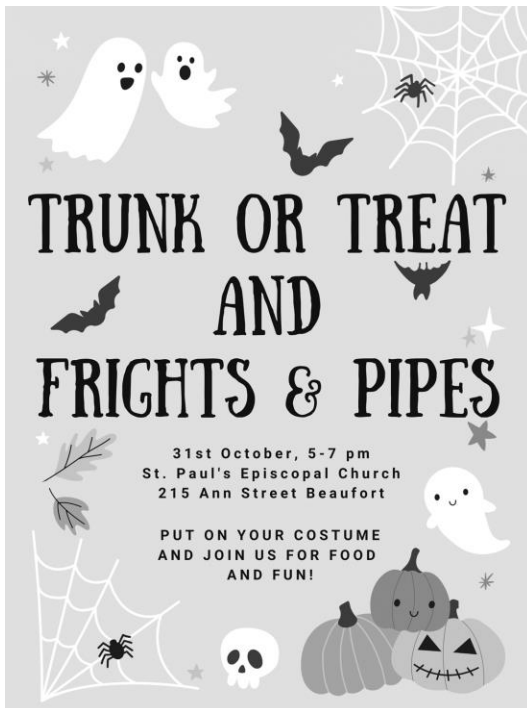
We are supporting local animal rescue, **Misplaced Mutts**, you may make a monetary donation or buy items directly from their Amazon Wish List here: <https://www.amazon.com/registry/wishlist/1GBCKYK0GQPXM>

Please join us for **EVENSONG tonight at 5:00 pm** in the church.

The next **Usher Training** for both services will be held in the church on October 15 at 3:00 pm. Attendance at either session is appreciated. Those who are assigned as ushers or who would like to usher are invited. It is expected that the meeting will last one hour or less.

Potluck Supper on Wednesday, October 25th at 5:30. The hospitality committee will provide a meat dish. Please bring a dish to share. You won't want to miss the fabulous food and warm fellowship! Volunteer help welcomed. Contact Adeline Talbot, Megan Zigler, or Allison DuBuisson.

We will be hosting **Trunk or Treat and Frights & Pipes on October 31st.** If you would like to sign up to **help with food or to decorate your trunk**, use the link below or contact Rev. Ashley. <https://tinyurl.com/tpf23>





Let's Start Shopping!

On October 7 the **Give Smart On-Line** shopping site opened for business. You may purchase **Baked Goods, Frozen Foods, Country Store items**, and a ticket for the **Sit-Down Luncheon** at <https://2023Bazaar.givesmart.com>. You can shop on-line until **October 21** when the site will be closed. Pick up your purchases the day of the Bazaar, November 4, where you can also shop at the **Second-Go-Round On-Site sale**.

If you need assistance shopping on-line, we will be available to help during both coffee hours on Oct. 15, or you can call Dianne Glasgow at (910)-622-4571 or Mary Duane Hale at (252)723-3601. Many popular items will go quickly, so make your purchases early. With the touch of your fingertip, you can shop without even leaving your home!

Outreach for October – Five Loaves Mission

Five Loaves Mission serves a hot dinner each Monday evening to anyone needing a meal and fellowship. The mission operates out of St. Paul's on Monday nights until after the new year. It is an ecumenical project run by St. Paul's Episcopal Church members and First Baptist Church members working together. This mission operates solely through the donations of space, food and volunteers from both churches. Financial support from St. Paul's has been vital to its success. If you have any questions about Five Loaves Mission, please contact our liaison, Nancy Ustach, at nustach@gmail.com or 252-728-6811.

If you would like to donate to Five Loaves, please do so through "Online Giving" on our website (www.stpaulsbeaufort.org). Alternatively, you may donate with a check payable to St. Paul's Church with "Outreach" in the memo line and indicate which program. Checks may also be mailed to the church.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

for members of the St. Paul's Family: Rachel Chaplain, Holton Eastman, Anne Eastman, Ben Green, Jack Gardner, Alicia Ragsdale, Sandy Brock, Patti Otten, Joe Ustach, William Moore Davis, Thomas "Bull" Bullock, Dyches Boddiford, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Magnolia S., Sarah Spillane, Allan Harding, Patty White, and John Cartner.

for friends: Linda Gerlock (friend, Barbara Bryan), Elinor King (friend, Barbara Bryan), Thomas Goodson (brother, Bill Goodson), Allison Merante (daughter, Dorothy Kirtley), Danny Owens (friend, 5 Loaves), Joey Smith, Randy Hondros (friend, Jim and Cindy Cash), Bob Long (friend, Wade Gardner), Becky Wilkerson (friend, William Moore Davis), Patty Fowler (friend, Harriet Lassiter), Brinn Louise Bitner (close friend of the Whitt family), Toni Phillips (daughter, Wade Gardner), Lorri Rowe (daughter, Bob Gallo), Patsy Salter (friend, Donna and Bob Ivey), Jeff Van Meter (nephew, Nancy Ustach), Jack (friend of Melina Glancy), Allison Davies Talbot (David's sister in law), Lee Worth (friend of Megan and Will Ziglar), Tammy Nash, Brent Brewer (friend, Kenneth and Ashley Henry), Althesina Krutulewski (friend, Joe Ustach), Wylie Sloan (grandson, Hamilton and Ann Sloan), Laura Waldon (niece, Annette Cruse), and Lorraine Chavez (mother, Phil Chavez).

To add your name or the name of a loved one to the prayer list, contact the St. Paul's Office at 728-3324 or email church@stpaulsbeaufort.org. Individuals will remain on the prayer list for thirty days. To keep the person on the list longer, simply contact the Office with that request at the end of the thirty days. The person to be listed must give permission for their name to be included in this public prayer request list.

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TUESDAY AT NOON.

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Parish Office Hours: Monday - Thursday - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and

Friday 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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