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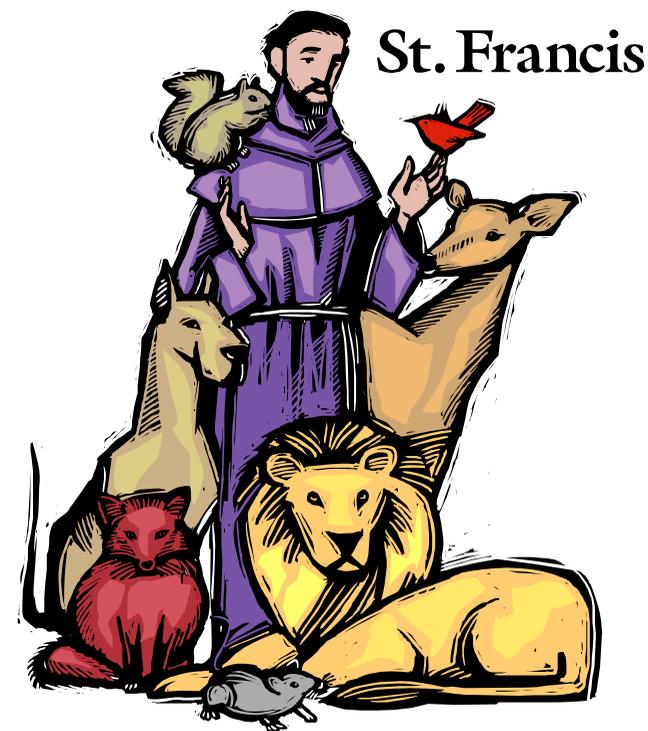
All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own we have given Thee.

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ST. CHRISTOPHER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

KILLEEN, TEXAS

OCTOBER 9, 2022



St. Francis

THE BLESSING OF OUR PETS

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PRELUDE

The Holy Eucharist

ORGANIST

Opening Music: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Hymnal 400

**1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray:

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First lesson **2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15**

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

Upcoming Events:



Saturday, October 29 - 5:30pm

Spaghetti Supper - by the Men's Prayer Breakfast Group
Adults: \$12, Children over 12: \$5

Sign up on the bulletin board or RSVP by calling the church office (254-634-7474) or email at st.chris.killeen@gmail.com



St. Christopher's will be having their Trunk R Treat after the 9:30 service on Sunday, October 30th (around 10:45am). All children are invited to participate with costumes, and we invite adults to come and decorate their trunk to give out treats. If you cannot make it, please donate candy or toy treats to give out to the children.



Why do we bless pets on this day?

St. Francis of Assisi lived in Italy in the 12th century. Francis grew up in a wealthy family, but as a young man, he renounced his wealth and worldly possessions and lived very simply.

Legend tells us that when Francis spoke, everyone listened, including the animals. He told the animals that Jesus loved them too.

There was a wolf who lived in the town of Gubbio. The wolf came into the town each evening, frightening the inhabitants or eating them. Francis went to speak to "Brother Wolf" and discovered that the wolf was hungry. Francis explained that being hungry was not reason enough to eat people and their pets, or to terrorize them. The wolf became very gentle, the people fed him and he gave the children in the town rides on his back.

In the town of Gubbio, Francis built a small outdoor stable and put people in the stable to portray Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the angels. Then he added the animals - cow, donkey, sheep, etc. When asked, Francis said, "Surely the animals praised the new Messiah just as the shepherds and angels did."

In honor of St. Francis gather today especially thankful for our animals - our pets, our service animals, police dogs and horses, zoo animals and all of God's creatures, and we give thanks for what they do for us and for what they mean to us.

Psalm 111

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Second Lesson

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus (Vs 1)

Hymnal 383

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God and man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

(Children may go to Children's Church at this time)

The Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

See Insert

At the Gospel reading:

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After the Gospel is read:

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sequence Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus (Vs 2,3)

Hymnal 383

**2 Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

**3 Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.**

Sermon

The Rev. Cameron Spoor

A Creed

I believe

In God, who creates me.

I believe

In Jesus Christ, Our Lord, who guides my life.

*I believe
In the Holy Spirit, who fills my every breath.*

*I believe
That I am safe in the love of God forever. Amen*

The Prayers

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us, 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 men and women;

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 these, our pets;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader That each pet 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 O God, we know you will not allow the love which exists between your creatures to perish; We pray for those animals who have died.

All **Comfort those who mourn, including those who have lost a beloved pet.**

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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

3 The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one. (Refrain)

4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please join us for refreshments when our service ends.

There are Goodie bags and tags for your pets as well as adult goodies.



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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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 shed for you and for many 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.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

(Communion is served. Music will be played during the receiving of Communion.)

The Blessing Of The Animals

GENERAL BLESSING OF THE PETS

"I bless you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May each of you and your families enjoy life together. May you find joy with the God who created you."