



**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Blessing of the Animals
October 6, 2024**

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living, arr. C.E. Walz

Opening Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

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The Word of God

BCP 355

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together our Collect for Purity. **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 and People:

Trisagion

Holy God,

Holy and Mighty,

Holy Immortal One,

Have Mercy upon us.

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Holy Immortal One,

Have Mercy upon us.

Collect of The Day

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 Lessons

A Reading from Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;

this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken.”

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother
and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.
The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

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1 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
your majesty is praised above the heavens.

3 You have set up a stronghold against your
adversaries,*
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your
fingers, *
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
the son of man that you should seek him out?

6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

8 All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

10 O Lord our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Epistle

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet

see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:2-16

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his

wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily

Rev. Vikki Clayton

All stand as you are able

Litany of Thanks for Animals in the Life Cycle of Earth

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals in our lives.

We thank you for cows, pigs, sheep, and goats. We thank you for fish, earthworms, ducks, chickens, and bees.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

We also thank you, Lord, for animals that give us wool and feathers to keep us warm. We thank you for animals that give us milk, cheese and eggs to help us grow and to keep us healthy. We thank you for horses, donkeys and oxen that work hard on farms around the world.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

We thank you, Lord, for all animals on earth and for their roles in the cycle of life on our planet.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

We thank you, Lord, for animals that eat plants and fertilize the soil, making it richer and more fertile for new growth and new life. We thank you, Lord, for the gift of insects, and especially bees, to pollinate fruit and vegetable plants for us to eat and flowers to give us joy.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

We thank you, Lord, for those who tend flocks and raise animals to provide food and drink. We thank you for the gift of those in the Bible who cared for animals. We thank you for Noah and his family, for Abraham and Sarah and their family, for Moses and for David. We thank you for the animals that gave sustenance to those who came before us.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

We thank you for the donkey that carried Mary to Bethlehem and for the donkey that carried Jesus to Jerusalem. We thank you for the shepherds who were the first to hear the Good News of Jesus. We thank you for the animals in the barn surrounding Jesus as a newborn baby.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

We thank you, Lord, for being our Good Shepherd, for seeking us when we are lost, for showing us water to quench our thirst, and for leading us to green pastures. Help us to share our blessings with others and to help others have clean waters and green pastures.

We thank you, Lord, for our animal companions who have crossed the “rainbow bridge”. They have joined You in your heavenly home, but are still with us in our hearts.

We thank you, Lord, for the gift of animals.

The Blessing of the Animals

Rev. Vikki will come around and bless our pets.

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

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.**

The Prayers of the People

We pray for those on the Anglican and Diocesan Cycles of Prayer and our Parish Family and Friends

We pray for: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury. Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Sean, our Presiding Bishop Elect, Mariann our Bishop, and Vikki, our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer:

The Diocese of Jebba – The Church of Nigeria
(Anglican Communion)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Pray for all Native American/Indigenous and Native
American/Indigenous congregations.

Pray for children's health (Oct 7-Child Health Day) and
for healthcare for all children

For our Parish Family and Friends:

Meredith Smith, Delbert Wemple, Lydia Brittle, Scott
Peterson, Stevie Grimes, Nancy Harding, Frank
McMurtray, Janet McMurtray

Carolann Guerette (V. Cross)

Frank and Jerry Cross (V. Cross)

Rebecca Koltun & family (J. Rutherford)

Susan Oliver (J. Shea)

Daniel Oliver (J. Shea)

Thomas Cooper and Mrs. Boyd (D. Burton)

Roseann Royle (N. Row)

Darcy Alt (S. Henderson)

Pam Jagusch (S. Grimes)

Jeff Weinberger (S. Henderson)

Meghan Bradley (N. Row)

The Dodge Family (M. Wemple)

Seth Washington (S. Grimes)

Amy Morris (D. Howard)

Helen Hamlin (N. Row)

Amanda Graham (A. Fitts)

Michele Shirron (V. Clayton & N. Row)

Gerald Holbrook (M. Wemple)

Caroline Cross (M. Wemple)

Christine Pearson (V. Cross & J. Rutherford)

Chris Fountas (J. Rutherford)

Edmund Ground (M. Smith)

Allie Ground (M. Smith)

Fred Downs (M. Wemple)
Maurice La Marque (N. Row)
Michelle La Marque (N. Row)
Andy Burns (J. Peterson)
Joe Richardson (D. Landrith)
J.J. Sandy (M. Wemple)
Keith Bellamy (J. McMurtray)
Martha Beavers (J. McMurtray)
Steve MacKison (J. McMurtray)
Garry Ground (M. Smith)
Bill Tei (M. Wemple)
Felicia Taylor Popowski (B. Taylor)
Angela McKenzie (S. Henderson)

October Birthdays

Brent Grimes	October 1
Lauren Zolkiewicz	October 1
Lydia Brittle	October 6
Grace Fitts	October 6
Graham Fitts	October 10
Justin Harding	October 13
Mark Wilner	October 14
Wyatt Fitts	October 25
Steve O'Neil	October 26
Kim Bamburak	October 27

Celebrant:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

All stand as you are able

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us as offering and sacrifice to God.

The Offertory

All are seated.

Offertory Music

Beside Still Waters, Nathan Cort

All stand as you are able.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above the Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

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.

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:

Celebrant and People **Hymn S125**
**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.

Celebrant: 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant:

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 taught us we are bold to say:

Celebrant and 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,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the bread.
(A moment of silence)

Celebrant:

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 Hymn *For the beauty of the earth* **Page 17**

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,

vs. 1, 4, 5, 7

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Lay Eucharistic Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, alleluia, alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

God the Omnipotent, arr. Phillip Keveren

The Hymnal 1982 - #405 All things bright and beautiful

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.

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FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

DIX



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry of the skies,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis - ter, par-ent, child,
4. For your Church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly hands a - bove,
5. For Your - self, O Gift Di - vine To our world so free - ly giv'n,



1. For the love which from our birth O - ver and a - round us lies:
2. Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, Sun and moon, and stars of light:
3. Friends on earth and friends a - bove; For all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
4. Of-f'ring up on ev - ery shore A pure sac - ri - fice of love:
5. For that love from which will shine, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n:



- 1-5. Lord of all, to you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: 77 77 77; *Lyra Eucharistica*, 1864; Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835-1917, alt. Music: Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872; adapt. by William H. Monk, 1823-1899.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voic - es,
2. Great rush - ing winds who are so strong, You clouds a - bove that
3. Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for your
4. Dear moth - er earth, who day by day Un - folds your bless - ings
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, For - giv - ing oth - ers,
6. And e - ven you, most gen - tle death, Wait - ing to hush our
7. Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor - ship him in



1. let us sing: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with
2. sail a - long, O _ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing morn, with
3. Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Fire so in - tense and
4. on our way, O _ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that
5. take your part, O _ sing now! Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and
6. fi - nal breath, O _ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back home the
7. hum - ble - ness, O _ praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther,



1. gold - en beams, Soft sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him!
2. praise re - joice, Stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice, O praise him!
3. fierce - ly bright, Who gives to us both warmth and light, O praise him!
4. in you grow, Let them his glo - ry al - so show: O praise him!
5. sor - row bear, Praise God, and cast on him your care: O praise him!
6. child of God, For Christ our Lord that way has trod: O praise him!
7. praise the Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One: O praise him!



- 1-7. O praise him! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: LM with additions; St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; *Laudato sia Dio mio Signore*;
tr. by William H. Draper, 1855-1933, alt. Music: *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623.

Serving Today

Lay Reader Lois Leigh

Lay Eucharist Minister Ed Dalton

Choir Director, Music Director, and Organist

Lauren Fisher

Usher John Kaufmann

Altar Guild Jamie Kaufmann, Stevie Grimes, John Kaufmann and Brent Grimes

Flower Guild Jamie Kaufmann

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Vikki Clayton

St. Bartholomew's Choir

Jeff Bergsten, Bill Fitts, Charley Hendricks, Judy O'Neil, Maggie Ramey, Jennifer Rutherford, Judith Schneider, Mary Wemple

St. Bartholomew's Vestry

Senior Warden Lois Leigh

Junior Warden Jeff Bergsten

Vestry:

Victoria Cross, Lauren Fisher, William Fitts, Charles Frederick, David Landrith, Lauren Murtiff, Robert Palmer, Judith Schneider

Coffee Hour

Coffee hour today is coffee and donuts. Next week is a birthday cake Sunday celebrating all our October babies.

There are still a few open dates to sign up for hosting a coffee hour in 2024 and 2025; the sign up book is on the counter in the undercroft.

Memorial Garden Tree Planting

We are requesting volunteers for Saturday, October 19th from 9:30 am-12:30 pm. We will be planting 17 trees donated to the church through the Interfaith Partners of the Chesapeake Program. They will supervise the planting within the Memorial Garden. There will be

four Red Oaks, four Tulip Poplars, five dogwood and four Red Bud trees. They will be in five-gallon containers and all materials and tools will be supplied. Volunteers are asked to bring gloves and wear hard-toed shoes. Please let Ann Fitts (Janice.fitts@gmail.com) know if you are able to participate or have any questions.

Bingo Night, Saturday, Oct. 26, 4pm – 6pm

Prize Donations are now being accepted for our bingo night. Gift cards, new puzzles and games, home décor, decorative plants, etc. Please contact Nancy Row for more information nancytrow@comcast.net.

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Save the Date: October 26, 2024

4 PM – 6 PM

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\$1 per Five Game Cards

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Prizes!

Altar Flowers

We encourage you to donate to the altar flower fund, which is not only for dedications or special occasions. The cost is \$65.00, but all donations are accepted. Make checks payable to St. Bartholomew's and write "flowers" in the memo line or put cash in an envelope marked flowers. Donations marked for special occasions are mentioned in the bulletin; send an email to parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org or call 301-355-7189 to let us know.

Bible Study

Bible study is on Thursday mornings at 10:30 via Zoom. We're reading *Scribes and Scriptures* and are currently studying the New Testament. Newcomers are always welcomed. Contact Richard Rutherford (richard.rutherford90@gmail.com) for more information or Victoria (parishadmin@saintbartholomews.org) for the Zoom link.

Food Giving Basket

There is a food giving basket for Olney Help in the entry way of the church with a "wish list" of items. Please bring the items in a bag. Thank you for your generosity.

On-Line Giving

There is now the option to contribute to the ministries of St. Bartholomew's by using this QR code:



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