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All Saints' Westboro



"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field . . . and brought them to the man to see what he would call them"
Photo by Helen Norman

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Blessing of the Animals October 3rd, 2021

9:30 am

**In-person service that will also
be broadcast (on Zoom) and recorded**

The Ven. Christopher Dunn
The Rev. Deacon Jarrett Carty
Music: Edith Troup
Children and Youth: Julie Newlands

Please Note: This service is being broadcast on Zoom and recorded; if you attend in-person you may appear on camera and the recording.

Officiant: Dear friends, as we gather we acknowledge with gratitude the land that has been inhabited and cared for by Indigenous peoples from the beginning, and, in particular, the traditional unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people. We also recognize the contributions that Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples have made in shaping and strengthening our communities.

All: May we walk gently together on this land, seeking renewed relationship based on honour, respect, and peace.

Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King (v.1-4,7)

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**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!**

**Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
 alleluia, alleluia . . . !**

**Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
 O sing now, alleluia!**

**Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
 alleluia, alleluia . . . !**

**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,
 alleluia, alleluia . . . !**

**Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
 O sing now, alleluia!**

**All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
 alleluia, alleluia . . . !**

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
 alleluia, alleluia . . . !**

**Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
 alleluia, alleluia . . . !**

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

All: And also with you.

Officiant: We will trust God as we leave the joys and worries of home behind us;

All: we join with this faith community; we praise God and call on God in prayer;

Officiant: we listen to scripture and hear God's words; and

All: we go from here and serve God in daily life.

Officiant: When we are celebrating, when we are challenged, and when our life is coming to an end,

All: we will trust God—eternal, all-loving God.

Officiant: Almighty God,

All: 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.

Officiant: Grant us, Almighty God,

All: after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son

and make our way to you, O God most High;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. Amen.

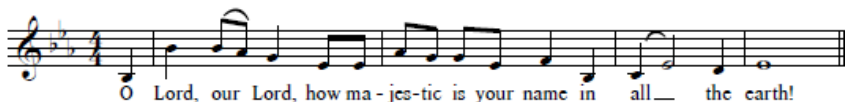
The First Reading is from Genesis (2:18-24)

Then 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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8



*O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—
you whose glory is chanted above the heavens
out of the mouths of infants and children;
you have set up a fortress against your enemies,
to silence the foe and avenger.*

Refrain

*When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have set in their courses,
what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?*

Refrain

*Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honour you crown them.
You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:
all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

Refrain

The Second Reading is from 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 honour, 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 honour 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."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: Tell Me the Stories of Jesus (v. 1-4) VU#357

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here;
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the love-light of Jesus' face.**

**Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!
And how the Master, ready and kind,
chided the billows and hushed the wind.**

**Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm-tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas! Jesus is King!**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

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

All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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 Jesus again about this matter. Jesus 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.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Officiant: Let us make an affirmation of faith, as we say,

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus the Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People

One: God, as we gather today, we give special thanks for the richness of all your creations. Most notably on this “Blessing of the Animals” Sunday, we thank you for the creatures who give us faithful companionship, joy when we are happy, and comfort when we are sad. May we all learn from their unconditional love. Lord of Creation,

All: hear our prayers.

One: The innocence of children spans race, creed, and time. Just as Jesus showed unwavering love in the youngest of his followers, grant us enthusiasm and patience to deal with our youngest stakeholders; and

guide the people and institutions that serve and protect the most innocent of our communities. Lord of Grace,

All: hear our prayers.

One: Slowly, our lives are returning to some semblance of normal. Despite the many steps in positive directions, there are still members in our communities who are restricted or are anxious to go out. Continue to assist policy makers for implementing safe, reliable, protocols; and continue to give energy to frontline workers who make this transition possible. Lord of Healing,

All: hear our prayers.

One: As always, we look to the guidance of strong characters in our greater Christian community. We pray for Linda, our Primate; Anne, our Metropolitan; Mark, our Indigenous Archbishop; Shane, our Bishop; and Chris and Jarrett, our clergy. We also pray for Brian, the pastor of First United Church, with whom we share this building. Lord of Guidance,

All: hear our prayers.

One: In our immediate church community, we pray for those who have requested our prayers:

All: Betty-Joan (Hagerman); **Cheryl** (McTeer); **Michele** (Pollesel); **Nancy** (Irvine); **Randy** (Brown); **Charlie** (Cuffari); **Barbara** (Hill); **Ernest** (Betancourt); **Tony** (Fisher); **Helen** (Miller); **William** (Blackie); **Brenda** (Fuche); **Irene** (Lowry); **Charlotte** (McWilliam); **June** (Kirch); **Angie** (Hiebert); **Pat** (Broome); **Bobbi** (Winnberg); **Nina** (Fowler); **Theresa** (Flocker-Walcott); **Lois** (Frazier-Nagel); **Loris** (Jordan)

One: and those whom we name now, silently or aloud. . . . And we pray for those who have died, especially John Oliver, husband of Susan, and those whom we name silently or aloud. . . . Lord of Mercy,

All: hear our prayers.

One: God, we thank you for St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, and all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ. May we go forth with the same love and grace to make a positive impact on the planet and the people we encounter in our daily lives. Lord of Love,

All: hear our prayers Amen.

Officiant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. God welcomes sinners and invites us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Officiant: Most merciful God,

All: 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.

Officiant: 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 Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you.

When exchanging the Peace with fellow parishioners, please remember that physical contact with those outside your bubble group is not permitted during this Yellow phase. Share a sign of peace with others around you by other means such as bowing or waving.

Offertory Hymn God of the Sparrow

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God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks
God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Officiant: Loving God,

All: join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son,
that our service may be stamped with his humility
and bear the image of his obedience; through the
same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Officiant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Officiant: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you, holy and gracious God, creator of all things, ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life, for you are the source of all goodness, rich in mercy and abounding in love; you are faithful to your people in every generation, and your word endures for ever. Therefore with angels and archangels, with the fellowship of saints and the company of heaven, we glorify your holy name, evermore praising you and singing:

All: 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.

Officiant: We praise you, merciful God, not as we ought, but as we are able, because in your tender love you gave the world your only Son, in order that the world might be saved through him. He made you known by taking the form of a servant, healing the sick, liberating the oppressed, reaching out to the lost. Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross, he confronted the power of sin and disarmed it for ever. In his offering of himself, he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Redeemed by Christ, we have been adopted as your children; by your pardon you have made us worthy to praise you. On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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." In obedience to him and with grateful hearts we approach your holy table, remembering our Saviour's sacrifice, and rejoicing in his victory. Confident in his sovereign purpose, we declare our faith.

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

Officiant: Send your Holy Spirit on us that as we receive this bread and this cup we may partake of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. May we be renewed in his risen life, filled with love, and strengthened in our will to serve others; and make of our lives, we pray, a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you, knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we sing,

All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Officiant: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God!

Officiant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

*During Communion, please proceed forward in your family group to the altar but leave a social distance between yourself and the person ahead of you. A sidesperson will direct you when to come forward to receive the host. If you are unable to receive the wheat wafer, a rice wafer is available. While it is fully sufficient to receive in one kind, just the bread, the Common Cup is available for those who wish to receive. **Please Note: Intinction is not allowed.** You will then be invited to use hand sanitizer again in the side aisles after you have put your mask back on.*

Musical Interlude

Officiant: God of all goodness,

All: who gave to your servant Francis a will to be the servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: Glory to God,

All: 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.

Officiant: Let us go from here with child-like enthusiasm.

All: We will fill our homes with joy and laughter and our friendship circle with love.

Officiant: We will bring hope to the downhearted and encouragement to the dispirited.

All: We will give time to the sick and housebound and offer our presence to the sorrowful.

Officiant: We won't be afraid to play with the youngest or resist the urge to smell the roses.

All: We will be ready to give an account of our faith and to doubt and question. God is our companion, day in and day out.

Officiant: And the blessing

Announcements

Officiant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

When the service ends, please leave through the Richmond Road doors or back to the Madison Avenue door and maintain safe social distances. When in the Courtyard, please continue to wear a mask and maintain the social distancing if you are speaking with others.

Readings for Next Sunday, October 10th, 2021

Joel 2:21-27; Psalm 126;

1 Timothy 2:1-7; Matthew 6:25-33

Sharing in our liturgical ministry today:

Greeters: Julie and Peter Newlands

Readers: Sally Lees and Toni Larsen

Intercessor: Aaron Leach

Credits:

Opening and closing prayers from Responsive Prayers: For Every Week of the Church Year, David Sparks, Year B

Collect from Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

Readings from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Psalm reprinted from A Liturgical Psalter, General Synod 2016 edition, the psalter of the Book of Alternative Services emended for contemporary liturgical use

Liturgical texts from The Book of Alternative Services

Affirmation of faith from A New Zealand Prayer Book

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Please pray this week for

- all those worshipping and ministering at The Area Parish of Prescott-North Glengarry: Holy Trinity, Hawkesbury; St. John's, Vankleek Hill; St. Michael and All Angels, Maxville; with the Parish of Grenville/Calumet And the Chapel of St. Paul's, Fenaghvale; and
 - the Diocesan Archives, its volunteers, and for our Diocesan Archivist Dr. Glenn Lockwood;
 - those in our pastoral care: Jean Chaplin, John Larsen, Edna Sawatzky; and
- the Ottawa Beavers and Sparks, Cubs and Brownies, Scouts and Guides, Ventures and Pathfinders.

Saints Alive!

Weekly News from All Saints' Westboro

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3rd, 2021

This Week

Today	9:30 am	Church School	Church Hall
	10:45 am	Blessing of Animals	Courtyard
	4:30 pm	Jazz Vespers	Church
Monday:	10:00 am to 1:00 pm		Food Bank
Wednesday	10:30 am	Eucharist	Church
	7:00 pm	Bible on Tap	Zoom
	7:00 pm	Diocesan Book Study	Zoom
Thursday	3:00 to 7:00 pm		Food Bank
	7:00 pm	Corporation Meeting	Zoom

Today

Church School

We have begun a relaxed return to Church School. School-aged children who come to church will be invited to join us in the hall. Everyone will be distanced and masked. As the children won't be permitted to gather at the back of the church during the service, we will try to keep them engaged in the hall until close to communion. The nursery is still closed, so children who are too young to attend school may join us, **but you must stay with them in the hall.**

Blessing of the Animals Service

Today, at 10:45 am in the Courtyard

Following the 9:30 service, we will gather in the Courtyard with appropriate social distancing and wearing masks and meet with First United for an opportunity to celebrate all our special pets.

Jazz Vespers

Today, at 4:30 pm in the Church

Jazz Vespers is back live for the first time since March 2020! The musicians will be Ginny Simonds, piano, Charles Shadeed, bass, and Lu Frattaroli, percussion. There is no need to preregister, but you will be asked to sign in, wear a mask, and stay distanced from anyone outside your family group.

Upcoming Events

Bible on Tap

Wednesday, October 6th, 7:00 pm, via Zoom

Father Chris is back! Join him for a discussion of our upcoming Bible readings. He will send out the Zoom link in his email this week.

Diocese of Ottawa Collaborative Book Study

Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 pm, via Zoom

This is the third session of this six-week course. We will be discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's, *An Altar in the World*. Even if you missed the first two sessions, you are welcome to join in. For the Zoom link, which is the same for every session, watch your email (or contact Helen at office@allsaintswestboro.com).

Village Fall Fair (in-person)

Saturday, October 16th, from 9:30 am to 2:00 pm, Chapel

Mark your calendars for a mini in-person version of our annual This version will take place in the Chapel, protocols permitting. We hope to also use the Courtyard depending on the weather. Space is limited. The categories will be crafts, knitting, books, baking, and jams and preserves.

Books, Books, Books—Come browse our wide selection of gently-used fiction, non-fiction, and children's books. You're bound to find books you'll want to read. **Please note that we have enough books for this sale as there was an overstock of books from 2020.**

Baking—Baking always sells out. Lemon and fruit breads, scones, cakes, squares, pies, tarts, cookies, and homemade bread or rolls are all popular. Please contact Susan Garnham at sgarnham@sympatico.ca if you are planning on baking, as she will have packaging and delivery instructions.

Crafts and Knitting—If you have been making crafts or have been knitting and wish to donate some items to the bazaar, please contact the office (office@allsaintswestboro.com).

*If you'd like to register to attend next **Sunday, October 10th**, the best way to do so is to fill out the online form, on the All Saints' home page (<https://www.allsaintswestboro.com>), starting on **Monday, October 4th**, after 9:00 am and ending at 12:00 noon on **Friday, October 8th**. However, if you do register by calling the church office, please make sure to leave a voicemail, indicating that you would like to register, as well the day and time of your call.*