

**The Feast of Francis of Assisi  
St. Andrew's Church  
October 4, 2026**



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*St. Andrew's Episcopal Church is called to love God and to love one another  
through worship, fellowship, education, and outreach; and looks for opportunities  
to collaborate and serve throughout our community and the world.*

All stand.

## Opening Hymn #416

*For the beauty of the earth*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu-man love, bro-ther, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For the Church which ev - er - more lift - eth ho - ly hands a - bove,

1 for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
2 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,  
3 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight,  
4 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
5 of - fering up on ev - ery shore thy pure sac - ri - fice of love,

*Refrain*  
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

6 For each perfect gift of thine  
to the world so freely given,  
faith and hope and love divine,  
peace on earth and joy in heaven,

*Refrain*

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## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life.

*All:* And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

## Song of Praise Hymn #400 *This week we will sing verse 4 only*

*All creatures of our God and King*



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
\*2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -  
\*3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
\*6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing  
3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,  
3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.*

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## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **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 perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*LEM*

## A Reading from the Book of Job

**Job 39:1-18**

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
Do you observe the calving of the deer?  
Can you number the months that they fulfil,  
and do you know the time when they give birth,  
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,  
and are delivered of their young?  
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;  
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?  
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,  
to which I have given the steppe for its home,  
the salt land for its dwelling-place?  
It scorns the tumult of the city;  
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.  
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,  
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?  
Will it spend the night at your crib?  
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,  
or will it harrow the valleys after you?  
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,  
and will you hand over your labour to it?  
Do you have faith in it that it will return,  
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,  
though its pinions lack plumage.  
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,  
and lets them be warmed on the ground,  
forgetting that a foot may crush them,  
and that a wild animal may trample them.  
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;  
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;  
because God has made it forget wisdom,  
and given it no share in understanding.  
When it spreads its plumes aloft,  
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

*Lem:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*LECTOR*

## **Psalm of the Day**

**Psalm 121, OSH**

*read responsively, by half verse.*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**
- 2 My help comes from God, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**
- 3 God will not let your foot be moved; \*  
**the One who watches over you will not fall asleep.**
- 4 Behold, the One who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**
- 5 The Holy One watches over you \*  
**and is your shade at your right hand,**
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**
- 7 God shall preserve you from all evil \*  
**and is the One who shall keep you safe.**
- 8 God shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

**Gradual Hymn** *Make me a channel of your peace*

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**VERSES 1, 2, 4**

C

1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where there is ha-tred,  
2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ Where there's de-spair in  
4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. \_\_\_\_\_ It is in par-don -

G7

let me bring your love. \_\_\_\_\_  
life, let me bring hope. \_\_\_\_\_  
ing that we are par - doned, \_\_\_\_\_

Where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don,  
Where there is dark - ness \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly  
In giv - ing of our - selves that we re -

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ And where there's doubt, true faith in you. \_\_\_\_\_  
light, \_\_\_\_\_ And where there's sad - ness  
ceive, \_\_\_\_\_ And in dy - ing that we're

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Dedicated to Mrs. Frances Tracy.

2. *C* *To next strain* 3. *C* *Fine*

ev - er joy. 3. O born to e - ter - nal life.

## VERSE 3

*F* *C* 1.

Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek So  
un - der - stood as to un - der - stand,

*G7* *C* *C7*

much to be con - soled as to con - sole. To be

2. *D7* *G* *G7* *D.C.*

To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

## **The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 12:13-21**

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

*All:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

*Celebrant:* This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

### **Profession of Faith**

**(South Indian)**

*Please stand and face the cross.*

**We believe in God, who creates all things,  
who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,  
who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.**

**We believe in God as the source of all life,  
who baptizes this planet with living water.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,  
the malnourished one, the climate refugee,  
who loves and cares for this world  
and who suffers with it.**

**And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,  
who came to reconcile and renew this world  
and everything in it.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,  
who moves with God  
and who moves among and with us today.  
We believe in everlasting life in God.  
And we believe in the hope that one day  
God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

*Remain standing. The people are encouraged to add their own petitions.*

**LEM:** Eternal God: We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life. Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

**All:** **God of life, hear our prayer.**

**LEM:** We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun. We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

**All:** **God of justice, hear our prayer.**

**LEM:** We pray for this nation; for the President of the United States, the Governor of New York, and all in authority. Grant them wisdom and strength to know and to do your will, and fill them with the love of truth and righteousness. Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes.

**All:** **God of wisdom, hear our prayer.**

**LEM:** We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal: For this parish and our vestry as we move through a process of transition. For Allison our Priest-in-Charge, for Matt and Allen our Bishops, for the diocesan ministry

team, for Sean our Presiding Bishop and for Sarah Mullally, Archbishop of Canterbury.

**All:**           **God of grace, hear our prayer.**

*LEM:*           We pray for the human family. As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect. We pray especially for those commended to our care: **Charles, Edna, Sheila, Lisa, Mary, Gabriel, Joan, Gwenn, Nancy, Patricia, Ola, Joe, Janet, Charles, Martha, Elizabeth, James, Linda, Christine, Jen, Jacob, Gisela, Miles, Rodger, Jennifer, Ann, Laura, Terrell, Davette, Sally, The Copeland and Ward Families, all facing exclusion or harm**, and those we now name. *[Pause]*. God of compassion,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

*LEM:*           We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, *especially Brenda & Hush, Anne & Noa, and Valerie & Liam on their anniversaries*; and those we now name. *[Pause]*. God of delight,

**All:**           **hear our prayer.**

*LEM:*           We pray for those who have died, *especially Nathaniel Copeland and Natalie Copeland-Hope*, and those we now name. *[Pause]* and for all who mourn.

**All:**           **God of peace: hear our prayer.**

*LEM:*           Creating God, your name is written in every leaf, every bird, every river, every stone, every living being. Thank you for calling us by name. Thank you for your continued creating power in water, rivers, forests and oceans. Make us attentive to the wounds of the earth and willing to work for the healing of all creation, that our children may enjoy its abundance, and a long life on your beloved earth. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:*    Let us pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence*

**All:**           **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* 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 Peace**

*Remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* Peace with yourself.  
Peace with Creation.  
Peace with one another.  
The peace of Christ be always with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## **Blessing of the Pendants**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, The whole world is filled with the radiance of your glory:. We thank you that you have put it into the heart of Robyn Henry, the artist , to make pendants for the sharing of stories, and in the hearts of those whose gifts enabled us to install them. Accept our offering of these pendants which we now dedicate to you for the adornment of this place and the inspiration of your people. **Amen.**

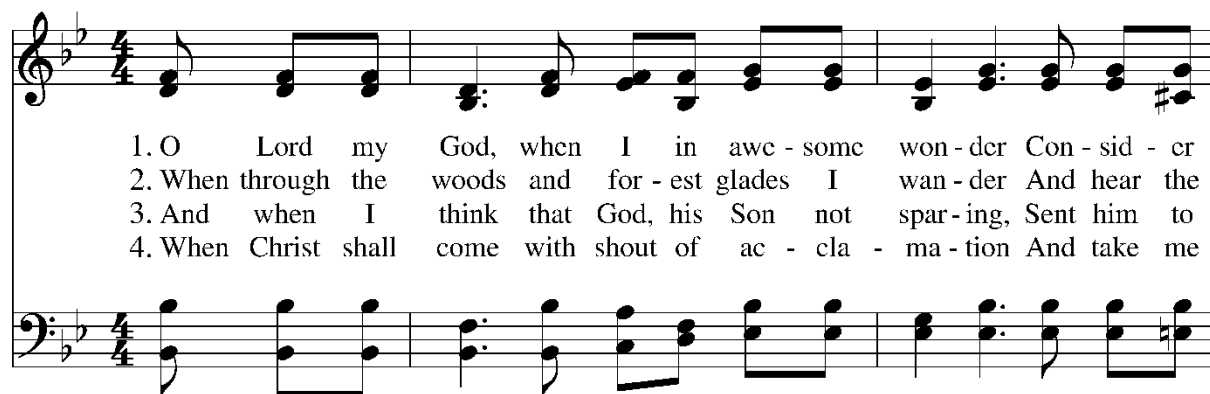
## **The Holy Communion**

### **The Offertory Sentence**

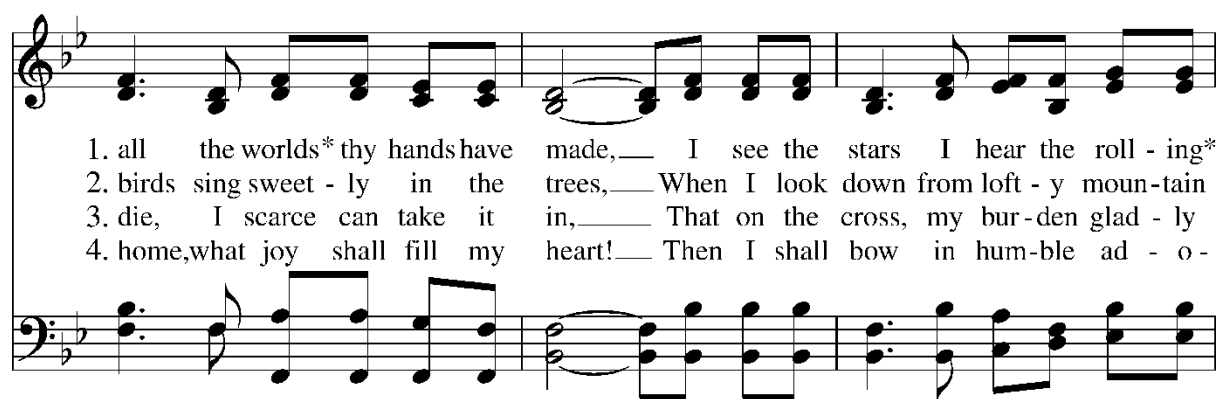
*Celebrant:* All that we are and all that we have are yours, O God, and you are all this. We offer ourselves to you for your glory and the well-being of all creation.

# Offertory Hymn LEVAS #60

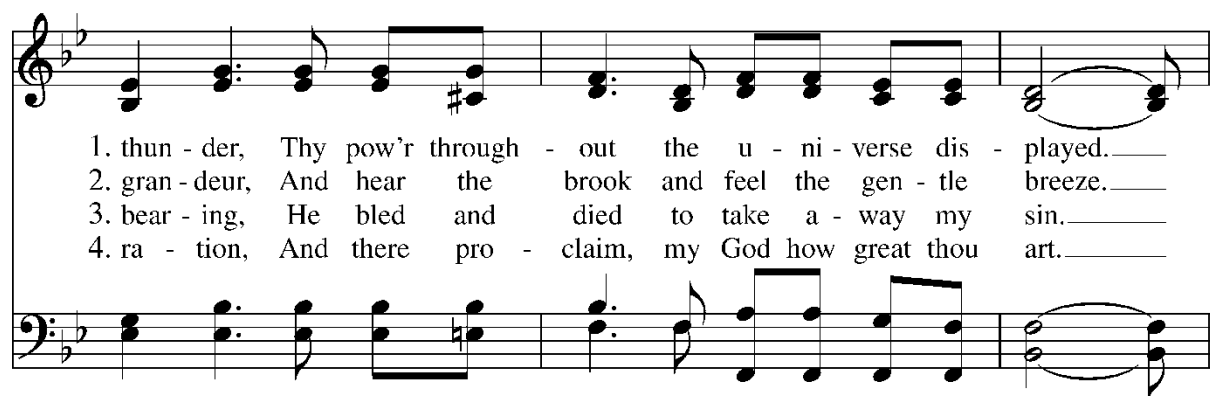
## *How great Thou art*



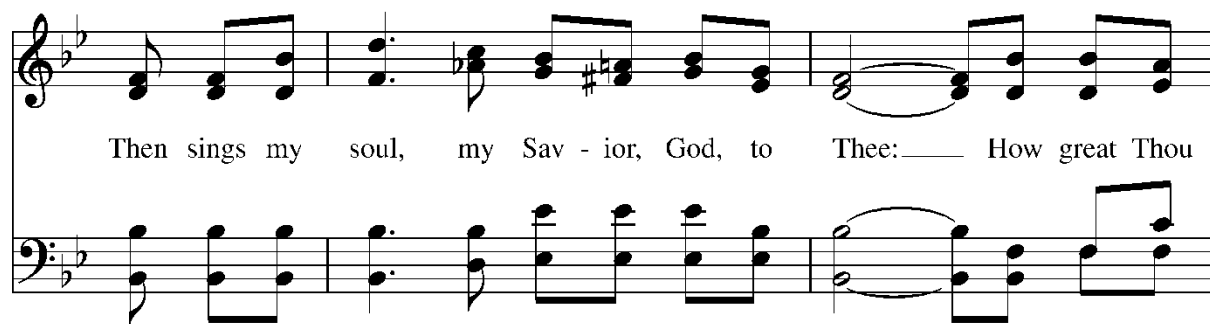
1. O Lord my God, when I in awc - some won - der Con - sid - er  
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



1. all the worlds\* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing\*  
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly  
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played. —  
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze. —  
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin. —  
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art. —



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee: — How great Thou

\* The translator's original words are "works" and "mighty."

art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to

Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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## **Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II**

*Celebrant:* May God be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to God.

*All:* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here between the Shawangunk Ridge and the Hudson River, Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

*All:* **We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.**

**Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration.**

**They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands.**

**They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.**

*Celebrant:* Together with angels and ancestors, bluebirds and beavers, roses and sugar maples, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

*Sanctus*      *LEVAS #256*

*Holy, holy, holy*

*(piano)*      *Leader*      Ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow'r— and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

*All:* **Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.**

*Celebrant:* Bring us with St Andrew and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia. Creator God, you fed us from the beginning.

*All:* **You invite all to the Supper of Creation. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All:* **May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.**

*Bring your pet or pet facsimile to the altar.*

## **Blessing of the Animals**

*Celebrant:* Gracious God, bless [*name of pet*] and [*names of those who care for pets*], that animals may enjoy the care and attention of their humans, and that humans may delight in creation and serve it with love. Amen.

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*All:* **Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

**Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God,  
that the gifts of your Spirit may work  
in us and renew the face of the earth.  
May we be one with you  
so that our work is yours  
and your work is ours.  
Lead us to transform our lives  
to reflect your glory in Creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Savior  
who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* May God who established the dance of creation,  
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,  
Who transforms chaos to order,  
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church  
To listen to the voice of all creatures  
That reflect God's glory in creation. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## **Closing Hymn**

*All God's Critters*  
Peter, Paul & Mary

### *Refrain*

All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now

Well, listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to do  
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo'

### *Refrain*

Well, the dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
The old coyote howls

Well, listen to the top where the little bird sings  
The melody with the high voice ringing  
The hoot owl hollers over everything  
And the jaybird disagrees

### *Refrain*

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks and he's on his way  
The 'possum don't have much to say  
And the porcupine talks to herself

Everybody here is a part of the plan  
We all get to play in the great critter band  
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea  
It's one great symphony

*Refrain*

## **The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Tend the earth,  
care for God's good Creation;  
as you have received freely,  
so give freely.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

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## **LAY MINISTER SCHEDULE FOR TODAY**

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| Celebrant:        | Rev. Allison Moore |
| LEM:              | Valerie McAllister |
| Lector:           | Kappa Waugh        |
| Usher:            | Martin Bend        |
| Altar Guild:      | Charlene Wynkoop   |
| Organist:         | Janet Frommer      |
| Live Stream Tech: | Charlie Burgner    |

Sources of Worship:

Episcopal Church Creation Care Website

[https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/#\\_idTextAnchor019](https://newcreationliturgies.org/seasonofcreation/#_idTextAnchor019)

St. Stephen's, Pittsfield, MA <https://www.ststephenspittsfield.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/09/Creation-Season-Booklet-2025.pdf>

Book of Common Prayer

By action of the State Legislature, the bluebird, beaver, brook trout, sugar maple, rose, nine spotted lady beetle, bay scallop, eurypterid, and garnet officially represent the state's birds, mammals, fish, insects, mollusks, trees, wildflowers, fossils, and minerals.