

# Welcome to All Saints



1 October 2017  
15:00 Pet Service

## OPENING SENTENCE

How many are your works, O Lord!  
In wisdom you made them all.

*Psalm 104. 24*

## HYMN

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,
- Refrain *Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*
- 2 For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:
- 3 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:
- 4 For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917) HymnQuest ID: 13040*

## INTRODUCTION

Praise the Lord in the heavens,  
**All praise him in the heights above.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
**All wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.**

Young men and maidens, old men and children,  
**All let them praise the name of the Lord.**

*Psalm 148. 7-13*

*Words of welcome may be included.*

We have gathered together in the name of Christ,  
the image of the invisible God,  
the first-born over all creation.

We have come to praise our Maker and Redeemer,  
to hear and respond to his holy word,  
to pray for the welfare of all his creatures,  
and to seek forgiveness for the cruelty  
and suffering we have caused,  
so that by his grace and power we may be enabled  
to further his universal reign of peace.

## CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith:

“A righteous man cares for the needs of his animal,  
but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel.”

**All Lord of all, we confess to you our pride and selfishness.  
You have called us to share in your dominion,  
to rule over the animals, the birds and the fish.  
But we have abused your power.  
We have blinded ourselves to their beauty and goodness.  
We have caused them needless suffering  
through our ignorance, callousness and failure to act.  
We have behaved like tyrants  
and we have betrayed your Son, the Servant-King.  
We are truly sorry.  
Forgive us for what is past  
and transform our hearts and minds,  
so that we may become what you would have us be.**

**Renew us in the image of your Son  
and make us worthy to reign with him.  
For he died to reconcile all things in heaven and on earth.  
He is our Saviour and our Lord.**

May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

Almighty God,  
in giving us dominion over things on earth,  
you made us fellow workers in your creation.  
Give us wisdom and reverence  
so to use the resources of nature  
that no one may suffer from our abuse of them,  
and that generations yet to come  
may continue to praise you for your bounty;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

*Episcopal Church of the USA. Book of Common Prayer (adapted)*

## **READING**

## **CHOIR ITEM**

## **ADDRESS**

## **MEETING THE ANIMALS**

## **HYMN**

*Refrain All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful  
the Lord God made them all.*

- 1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
he made their glowing colours,  
he made their tiny wings.
- 2 The purple headed mountain,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky:
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden,  
he made them every one.
- 4 The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.
- 5 He gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God almighty,  
who has made all things well.

*Cecil Frances Alexander (née Humphreys) (1818-1895)*

## INTERCESSIONS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**All 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,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **HYMN**

1        Make me a channel of your peace.  
          Where there is hatred let me bring your love.  
          Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;  
          And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Refrain    *Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek  
          So much to be consoled as to console,  
          To be understood as to understand,  
          To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

2        Make me a channel of your peace  
          Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope  
          Where there is darkness, only light,  
          And where there's sadness, ever joy.

3        Make me a channel of your peace  
          It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
          In giving to all men that we receive,  
          And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

*Prayer of St Francis, Sebastian Temple (1928-1997) Mission Praise*

## **BLESSING OF ANIMALS**

**All        Bless, O Lord, these creatures,  
          and all who are involved in their care and protection.  
          May our awareness of their needs  
          make us sensitive to the needs  
          of every creature, for we ask this  
          in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Hear our humble prayer, O God,  
for our friends the animals,  
especially for animals who are suffering;  
for any that are hunted or lost or deserted  
or frightened or hungry;  
for all that must be put to death.

We entreat for them all thy mercy and pity  
and for those who deal with them  
we ask a heart of compassion,  
gentle hands and kindly words.  
Make us ourselves to be true friends to animals  
and so share the blessing of the merciful.

**All**      **Amen.**

*Albert Schweitzer*

## **HYMN**

1            Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
              there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
              thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
              as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Refrain    *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
              Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
              all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
              great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2            Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
              sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
              join with all nature in manifold witness  
              to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3            Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
              thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
              strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
              blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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## **BLESSING**

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one  
all things earthly and heavenly,  
fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing ...

*Please join us for refreshments  
after the service.*

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