

Welcome to All Saints



7 October 2018
15:00 Pet Service

OPENING SENTENCE

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

Psalm 104. 24

HYMN

INTRODUCTION

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

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

All Young men and maidens, old men and children,
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

HYMN

SPEECH

MEETING THE ANIMALS

HYMN

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

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

BLESSING

Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one
all things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with his joy and peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Please join us for refreshments after the service.

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