

# ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## CELEBRATION SERVICE

### THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

## Celebration of God's Creation with the Blessing of the Animals The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**October 1, 2023**

**10:45 A.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,  
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, please introduce yourself to our clergy following the service.  
We also invite you to please take a moment to sign our Guest Book which can be found at the Welcome Center.*

*This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.  
If you have a prayer request, please write it in the book that is located at the prayer desk just outside the back  
of the sanctuary.*

*Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.  
If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area).  
We want to honor and respect your privacy.*

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community  
committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.*

### DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

*Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor,  
comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.*

## Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please to not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

I hope to meet you before and/or after worship, but just in case I do not, please fill out the attendance sheet in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate so we can connect with you.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

*Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +*  
Rector

## + THE GATHERING RITE +

**Voluntary** “Talk to the Animals”

*Leslie Bricusse*

**Welcome & Announcements**

*See Bulletin*

**Sacred Silence**

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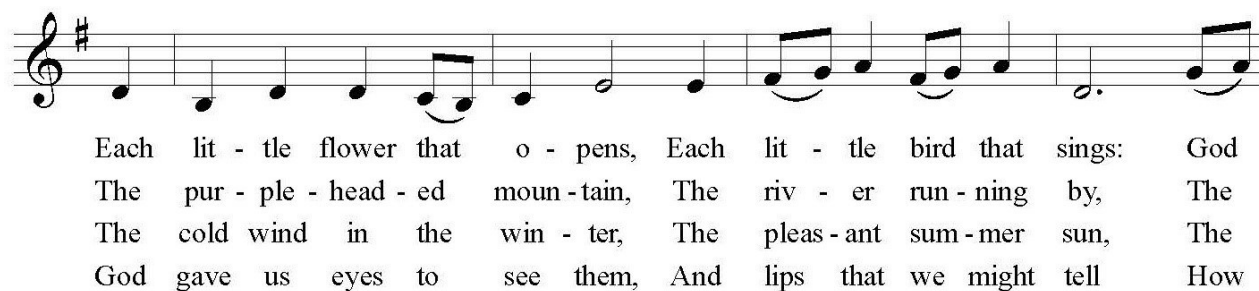
**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”**

*Cecil Frances Alexander*



## Blessing of the Animals

We gather to honor the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and to honor the animals who share our lives. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and of ecology.

Brother Francis gloried in the beauty of the world God created, and we recall many tales of his affection for animals and their trust in him.

Today we thank God for the gifts of companionship and beauty which animals and pets bring to our lives and homes, and ask God's blessing on them.

Most high, almighty Lord, our Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor, and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong.

Be praised for giving us the animals, birds, and fish which fill your world. Be praised for the joy our pets bring to us. May we take care of them and may they be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. **Amen.**

*If you wish to have your pet blessed by a clergy member, please proceed to one of the three stations located at the front of the altar platform.*

“N., may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and your family/owner enjoy life together with our God.”

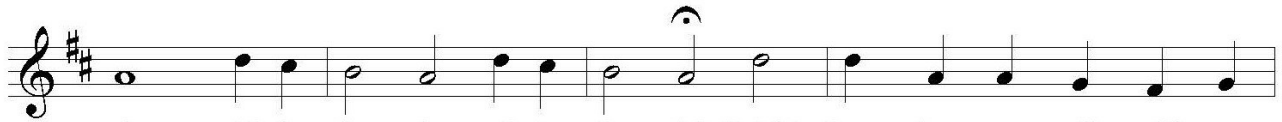


Animal Blessing Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Words: Francis of Assisi  
Music: Lasst uns erfreuem



All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es let us  
Dear moth - er earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
Sing, broth - er wind, with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth - ful, strong; drive far the shad - ows, join the  
Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hym - ble -



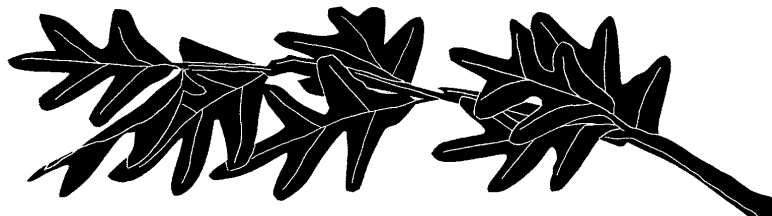
sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en  
way. All flow'rs and fruits that in you  
grain: Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Dear moth - er earth, so rich in  
ness. Praise God the Fath - er praise the



beams, pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams, O praise him, O  
grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear:  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:  
Son, and praise the Spir - it Three in One:



praise him, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



**Animal Blessing Hymn: “Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom”**

Words: *Adam M. L. Tice*  
Music: *Holy Manna, W. Moore*



Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



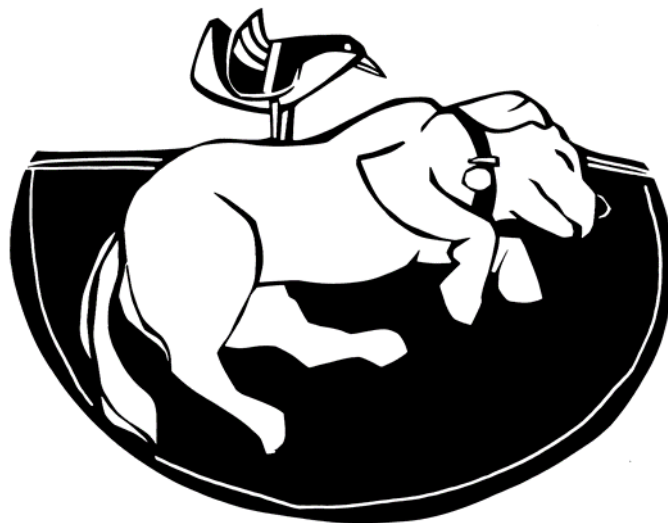
from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.  
cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice  
Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake  
In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.  
live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric:— cloth that on - ly God could make.  
born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

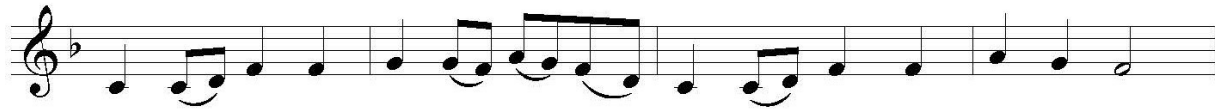


**Animal Blessing Hymn: “This Is My Father’s World”**

Words: *Maltbie Davenport Babcock*  
Music: *Mercer Street*



Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,  
Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.  
Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.  
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## Salutation and Collect of the Day

*Presider*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Presider*      Let us pray.

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.**

## + THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

*Please be seated.*

### **Children's Moment**

*After the Children's Sending Prayer, children are invited to follow the cross and attend Children's Chapel. The children will return after the Peace for Communion.*

### **Children's Sending Prayer**

**O loving God, we release our children to a time of Children's Chapel as they explore their faith through sharing of Bible stories. Be with them in the sacred time of wonder and prayer. May they sense both your constant presence and your love. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

### **The Lesson:** Revelation 21: 1-5

*Lector*        A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**





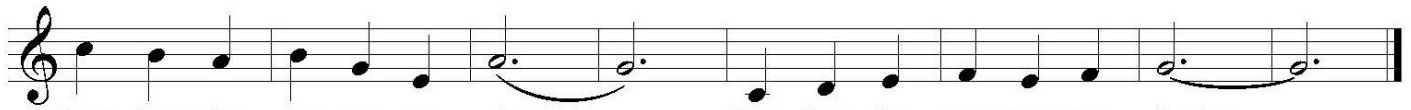
*Please stand.*

**Gospel Acclamation:** “God of the Sparrow”

*Jaroslav J. Vajda & Carl F. Schalk*



God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing stars  
God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet blast  
God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty grave  
God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i - gal  
God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the pru - ning hook



How does the crea-ture say Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise  
How does the crea-ture cry Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save  
How does the crea-ture say Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks  
How does the crea-ture say Care How does the crea-ture say Life  
How does the crea-ture say Love How does the crea-ture say Peace

*Please remain standing.*

**Holy Gospel:** Matthew 6:25-34

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gospel Response: "Aleluya"**

*Edwin Santiago*



A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya,  
A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, Mi al - a - ban - za, sube a ti,  
A - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya, My praise ris - es up to you.



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*Please be seated.*

**Homily**

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

**Sacred Silence**

*At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.*

*Please stand at the sound of the bell.*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please remain standing.*

**Litany of Creation**

*Litanist* Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us...for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the animals that comfort us, delight us and give us companionship.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the animals that give us wool and feathers to keep us warm.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the animals that give us milk, cheese and eggs to help us grow and keep us healthy.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the animals that eat plants and fertilize the soil making it richer for new growth and life.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the gift of insects especially bees, to pollinate fruit and vegetable plants for us to eat and flowers to give us joy.

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

*People* **We thank you, Lord.**

*Litanist* That each pet here may be treasured with care;

*People* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Litanist* That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

*People* **We pray to you, Lord.**

*Litanist* That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;

*People* **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord.**

*Please remain standing.*

**Peace**

*Presider*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**

**+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory Sentence**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. - *Ephesians 5:2*

*During the "Offering in Song," please sign the Canterbury Connection Cards in the service bulletin and kindly drop it in the wicker basket with your offering.*

*To submit your offerings electronically, text the amount you would like to give to 405-645-6608 or go to "bit.ly/GiveSAC" in your browser and follow the instructions. Thank You.*

**Offering in Song: "Talk To The Animals"**

*Leslie Bricusse*

*The congregation stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

**Presentation Song: "Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"**

*Old 100th*

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above the heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the third staff.

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Presider*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**

*Presider*        Lift up your hearts.  
*People*           **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*           **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**

*Kathleen Turner*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Bles-sed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho sa - na in the high - est. Ho -  
sa - na in the high - - - est.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.' The second line contains 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Bles-sed is He who'. The third line contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho sa - na in the high - est. Ho -'. The fourth line contains 'sa - na in the high - - - est.' The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' above a bracket) and various note values including quarter, eighth, and half notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios del universo.  
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria. Hosanna en el cielo.  
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor. Hosanna en el cielo.

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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:

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

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.

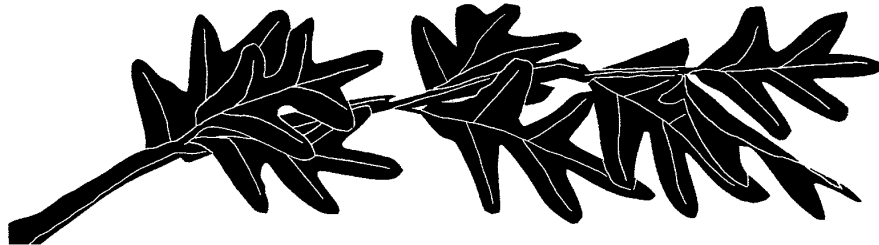
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

**Padre nuestro que estás en el cielo,  
santificado sea tu Nombre,  
venga tu reino,  
hágase tu voluntad,  
en la tierra como en el cielo.  
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día.  
Perdona nuestras ofensas,  
como también nosotros perdonamos  
a los que nos ofenden.  
No nos dejes caer en tentación  
y libranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
tuyo es el poder, y tuya es la gloria,  
ahora y por siempre. Amén.**



**Fraction Anthem: "Agnus Dei"**

*Kathleen Turner, arr. S. Chard*



Cor - de - ro, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Cor - de - ro, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



Cor - de - ro, que qui - tas el pe - ca - do del mun - do: da - nos paz.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
*Presider* 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 Distribution**

*All Baptized are invited to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.  
For Communion, come forward as the ushers release you from your seat.  
If you wish to receive the bread dipped in wine, please receive a napkin from an usher.  
The bread will be dipped in the wine for you by one of the clergy, then placed on the napkin.  
After consuming the bread, please place the napkin in one of the wicker receptacles.  
If you wish to drink from the cup, please proceed to one of the two chalice bearers to the far ends.  
Continue down the outside aisle to return to your seat.  
Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.  
Kindly let the usher know if you need the clergy to bring the bread to you.  
If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

**Candle Lighting**

*After receiving communion, the congregation is invited to say a prayer for yourself or other need you may have; light a candle, and then place it in the sand containers on either side of the front of the church.*

**Communion Meditations: "Honor The Earth"**

"Still I Search for My God"  
"Song To The Spirit"

Words: *Shirley Murray*  
Music: *Douglas Mews*  
Words: *Francisco F. Feliciano*  
Music: *Wasdin Pang Ipaad*  
Words: *Shirley Murray*  
Music: *Keng-Sin*

**Communion Hymn: “O God Your Creatures Fill the Earth”**

*Forest Green*



O God your creat-ures fill the earth with won - der and de - light. And  
You made the pets we wel - come in; their won - drous bless - ings too. With  
You made the creat-ures on each farm, You know the things they need. May  
Your creat - ures live in ev - 'ry land, they fill the sky and sea. O



ev - 'ry liv - ing thing has worth and beau - ty in your sight. So  
paws and whis - kers, wings and fins, they of - fer praise to You. O  
they grow health - y, safe from harm, and safe from hu - man greed. Just  
Lord, You give us your com - mand to love them ten - der - ly. We're



play - ful dol - phins dance and swim; your sheep bow down and graze. Your  
Lord, You call us to em - brace these creat - ures in our care. May  
as a shep - herd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain. Lord,  
called to have do - min - ion here: to care for them al - ways by



song - birds share a morn - ing hymn to of - fer You their praise.  
we show kind - ness, love and grace to all pets ev - 'ry - where.  
bless the an - im - als we keep, may all farms be hu - mane.  
lov - ing creat - ures you hold dear, we of - fer You our praise.

**+ THE SENDING RITE +**

*Please stand.*

**Post-Communion Prayer**

*Presider* Let us pray.

**O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Blessing**

*Presider* May God, the Creator of all that is, God the Redeemer of all Creation, and God the life-giving Spirit bless you all, now and for ever. The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

*People* **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*Priest* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**



**Voluntary:** “Can You Feel the Love Tonight” from *The Lion King*

*Tim Rice*

*You are cordially invited to a festive reception for pets and their owners following the service.*

*The altar flowers are given by Mike & Valerie Hall in memory of William H. Hall, M.D.*

*We invite those who are celebrating birthdays or anniversaries, or have other special needs, to gather in the side chapel after the service where prayers and blessings will be given.*

### **Birthday and Anniversary Blessing**

*DOK* Let us pray.

*People* **O God, our days are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on those who begin another year. Grant that your wisdom, grace, love, and strength may continue to be with them all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **+ PRAYER LIST +**

For the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew’s, Grove, Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families (CAIF) Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.

For those with medical issues or other concerns: *Judy Moon, Maxine Grayson, Collin Wilbur, Debra Greene Jolly, Erlinda Layman, Nahomi Gudino, John Wehr, Megan Posey, JonEvah Murray, Cornerstone Counseling and Consulting, Traci Eliot, Breanna Troutman, Shary Weis, Gale Wilkerson, Bill Landis, Reggie Ekins, Kris Wade, Mahogany Brown, Leanne Hoffbeck, Lynn England, AimeeAnn, Jim Davidson, Anita Kirkpatrick, Angela & Ron Cochran, Judy Spencer, Ann Merritt, Sandy and Bill Hodges, David King, Evelyn Wehr, Bill Collins, Richard Stuhr, Jim Emig, Lee Johnson, Edith Kenney, Evelyn Thrower, Bill Kerr, Judy Reeder, Steve Bauer, Robby Housh, Wyatt Didamo, Barbara Traylor-Lane, Valerie Lewis, Camilla Manning, Philip Worrell, Bill Johnson, Scott Mills, Tess Wade, Michael Parks, Allen Weaver, Kermit Jones, Inna Jones, Felicia Estrada-Trujillo, Ernesto Trujillo, Valdo Trujillo, Claudia Estrada, Ricardo Estrada, Tatiana Velasquez Chicas, Brandi Eaton-Wiles, Charlotte Cascio, Baby Jack, Leah Brashear, Martha Leary, Marina Jones, Julissa Estrada, Ray Friedl.*

For those in the military: *Rick Narvaiz, Colby Gibson, J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Parker Singleton, Joshua Westmoreland, Megan Weimer, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Simon Liszeski, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Stephen Liszeski, Ted Liszeski, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stienl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, Jefferson C, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

We remember those who have departed this life including *Betsy Davis, Sandy Guerrero.*

We rejoice with those celebrating birthdays this week: *Tim Andrews, Josh Eliot, Jaxon Mack, Scott Myers, Jennafer Logan, Gayle Anne Roberts, Lynne Suchy, John Tygret, Kris Wade*

We rejoice with those celebrating anniversaries this week: *Danica & Yvette Foerster, James & Reba Menzer.*

Saint Augustine of Canterbury  
Episcopal Church  
WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday October 1**

- 8:30AM Traditional Service
- 10:45AM Celebration Service
- 10:45AM Blessing of the Animals

**Monday October 2**

- Church Offices Closed

**Tuesday October 3**

- 6:30PM Cub Scouts

**Wednesday October 4**

- 12:00PM Eucharist
- 7:00PM Confirmation Class

**Sunday October 8**

- 8:30AM Traditional Service
- 10:45AM Celebration Service

**Monday October 9**

- Church Offices Closed

**Tuesday October 10**

- 6:30PM Cub Scouts

**Wednesday October 11**

- 12PM Eucharist



**CHILDREN'S CHAPEL**

We are delighted to have the return of Children's Chapel *beginning October 1st*. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade are encouraged to participate. It is coordinated by Dr. Crystal Westmoreland and will

be facilitated by our wonderful assistants: Dr. Nicole Andrews, Sherry Dale, Valerie Hall, Adona Haase, Karen & Mike Johnston, Edith Kenney, Matt & Suzanne Lapolla, Becky & Chris Olson, James & Lauri Reeg, Elizabeth & Jonathan Wallingford, and Josh Westmoreland. New assistants are always welcome! Please contact Crystal Westmoreland (crystal.jo.westmoreland@gmail.com) or call the office.

*happy retirement*

**THE REV. CANON TONY MOON'S RETIREMENT CELEBRATION & SCHOLARSHIP**

Our beloved Fr. Tony Moon has officially retired from active ministry. As a way of honoring his many years in the ministry, on the evening of Sunday, October 29th, 2023 at 6pm, St. Augustine's will host a retirement celebration. At that celebration, we will formally inaugurate the creation of a scholarship named in honor of the Reverend Canon Tony Moon, Ph.D. This scholarship will be overseen by the Diocese of Oklahoma, and given to those candidates who desire and/or need financial assistance in deepening their spiritual connection to God through training in The Diocese of Oklahoma School of Spiritual Direction. If you would like to contribute, please give in the following ways:

- Go directly to Online Giving feature at <https://sac.breezechms.com/give/online>
- Text "\$XXX FatherTony" to (405) 645-6608 (where XXX is the amount)
  - The system will guide you through the process.
- Place a check in the alms basket at church.
- Drop it in the mail noting "Fr. Tony's Retirement Gift" in the memo.
- Or you may also give your gift at the "Celebration Event."

Please put the date on your calendar and look for more information about the celebration in the coming weeks!



**SAINT AUGUSTINE 40TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVITIES BEGIN**

On **OCTOBER 22nd** we will begin to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Saint Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church. Bishop Poulson will be visiting Saint Augustine to confirm the members of the congregation that completed their Confirmation Classes this summer, and to assist with Baptisms. Please join us for snacks and congratulations after the 10:45AM celebration service.

## **WEEKLY SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE**

*L - "Let your heart not be troubled, you believe in God, also believe in me." - John 14:1*

All are encouraged to participate (young and old, family, friends). We will post the verses on the Family and Youth bulletin board in the education hall. Once a verse is successfully recited to a parent or other friend, the parents can help keep track by placing a sticker on the chart on the Family and Youth bulletin board. When 6 verses are memorized, a small reward can be earned. When all 26 verses are learned there will be a prize. See Renee Lewis for details.

## **ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP**

Are you wanting to share Altar Flowers with your church family, or celebrate a loved one through florals? We have available dates to sponsor Altar Flowers for the rest of the year. Each date is starting at \$75.00. Sign-ups are available in the binder in the office.

## **COFFEE HOUR SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Are you enjoying the treats? Then be a Coffee Sponsor! As our membership has grown, so has the need for more volunteers for Coffee Hour. After you help yourself to refreshments today, sign up to help out and be a Coffee Sponsor in the future.

## **SISU YOUTH HOUSEWARMING PARTY**

The SISU Youth Services are close to moving into the new shelter and will be throwing a Housewarming Party to outfit a Dorm Room in the new shelter. Each Dorm Room will provide nightly shelter to 4 houseless youth, and we get to help get the Red Dorm ready for them! Donations can be made to the Church and tagged for SISU Youth. All donations will be blessed on October 15th

## **CUB SCOUTS EACH TUESDAY - COME JOIN US!**

St. Augustine's own Cub Scout Pack 101 meets each Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the church Parish Hall. Cub Scouts is open to ALL children, male and female, grades K-5. Come join the fun and contact leader Rick Inselman at sfhobo@yahoo.com for more details.

## **BLESSING BOX NEWS**

Peanut butter, Jelly, Vienna Sausages, Canned/pouch protein items such as chicken and can openers are the most needed items for our Blessing Box. Donations can be placed in the large wicker basket in the Commons. Thanks for your continued support of this ministry!

## **NATIONAL ACOLYTE FESTIVAL**

Washington National Cathedral is delighted to welcome back acolytes from across the country to celebrate this vital ministry of service and faith. Sixteen of our acolytes will be making their first pilgrimage to the Cathedral and participating in this time-honored tradition from October 6th to October 8th. Upon their return, the acolytes will be fundraising to take future trips.

## **ECW BAKE SALE NEWS**

Attention St. Augustine Church Family – Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Bake Sale Bakers are needed! Please contact the Committee Chairs below for more information or to volunteer to bake or make a tasty treat of your choice. This fundraiser supports ECW outreach ministries and your participation is truly appreciated! Contact Judy Moon - 405-834-5887 or judy.moonbeam@gmail.com or Jan Pope - 405-990-0701 or janpope1949@gmail.com

## **CARE FOR CAREGIVERS NEWS**

There will be a Care for Caregivers meeting on Saturday October 14th at 9:30AM. We had said no Saturdays during football season, but this is early enough to accommodate fans! We will meet in Fr. Tony's office. All are welcome, including those not affiliated with Saint Augustine.

## **RAINBOW CONNECTIONS**

The next Rainbow Connections meeting will be held on October 15th after the 10:45AM Celebration Service in the Parish Hall. Come join us as we discuss the activities the Rainbow Connection Group will be participating in for the coming months.

**+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +**

**Today, Sunday, October 1, 2023, 10:45 A.M.**  
**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Presider and Preacher:** The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

**Assisting Clergy/Litanist:** Rev. Dr. Mark Heaney

**Assisting Clergy:** Rev. Dr. James Dietrich

**Eucharistic Minister:** Tim Andrews, Boyd Maser, David Krausse

**Acolytes:** Momo Krausse, Olivia Krausse, Makennah Mack

**Lector:** Valerie Hall

**Staff Musicians:** Scott Chard and Guy Nembhard, Patrick Hays

**Organist:** Patrick Hays

**Trumpet:** Randy Polk

**Oblation Bearers:** Maridale, Bob, and Lola Vanek

**Greeters:** Janet Mills and Laurie Reeg

**Altar Guild:** Mary Andrews, Judy Montgomery, Jason Seabolt

**Usher:** Mike Hall

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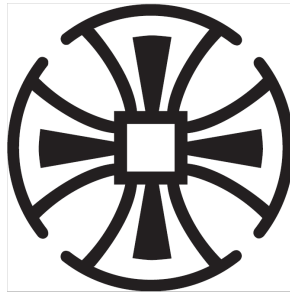
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**+ THIS IS OUR STORY +**

“Frank”, or pure incense, is the solidified resin of certain tropical trees. The priest or bishop spoons incense over three small cakes of burning charcoal carried in a thurible. The incense is then blessed. The lit charcoal burns the incense which produces the sweet smelling smoke. God commanded Moses and His chosen people to use incense. The Church using incense in its worship continues this tradition. “In every place incense shall be offered unto my name...” wrote the author of the final Old Testament book (Malachi 1:11). Here, and elsewhere in the Old Testament, the use of incense in Jewish worship is described. In Exodus 30:1-10, Moses was commanded to “make an altar to burn incense,” and place it “just outside the veil, near the place of mercy that is above the Ark (of the Covenant)...” where God met and talked with Moses - perhaps the most revered site on earth for the Jewish people. Aaron was instructed to “burn fragrant incense on the altar every morning when he tends the lamps”, and “he must burn incense again when he lights the lamps at twilight so incense shall burn regularly before the Lord for generations to come.”

*If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: [gghaas@aol.com](mailto:gghaas@aol.com), or drop the question in the offering basin. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.*

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## **SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday** – Holy Eucharist – 8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

**Wednesday** – Holy Eucharist – 12 Noon

## **STAFF**

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Valerie Lewis, Scott Myers, & Jason Seabolt

**Clerk:** Renee Lewis

## **OFFICE HOURS**

*To offer our staff a Sabbath, the St. Augustine business offices are closed on Mondays, with staff available remotely for urgent matters. Ministry Leaders are welcome to access the building independently with their key, as needed.*

Father Joseph Alsay, Rector  
Coleen Christian, Admin Assistant

Tuesday -Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
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