



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2011 10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Animals and Holy Eucharist, Rite II

At this service your pets are the honored guests. Feel free to sit, stand, and move about the courtyard as needed to make them comfortable. Water bowls are found at various places. Barking, chirping, meowing, etc. are all appropriate responses for the pets during worship.

Opening Hymn # 288, Praise to God, immortal praise

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1. Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ:
All to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our blessings flow.

2. All the plenty summer pours; autumn's rich o'er flowing stores;
Flocks that whiten all the plain; yellow sheaves of ripened grain:
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.

3. As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;
Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.



THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Dear Friends in Christ:

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life. God, who confers his gifts on all living things, has often used the service of animals or made them symbolic reminders of the gifts of salvation. Animals were saved from the flood and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah (Genesis 9:9-10). The paschal lamb brings to mind the Passover sacrifice and the deliverance from the bondage of Egypt (Exodus 12: 3-14); a giant fish saved Jonah (Jonah 2:1-11); ravens brought bread to Elijah (1 Kings 17:6); animals were included in the repentance enjoined on humans (Jonah 3:7). And animals share in Christ's redemption of all of God's creation. We therefore invoke the divine blessing on these animals following the example of blessed St. Francis of Assisi. As we do so, let us praise the Creator and give thanks for setting us over other creatures of the earth. Let us also pray that, remembering our human dignity, we may walk always in God's Law.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.



First Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule-- peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Junior Choir Anthem "Blessing of the Pets Alleluia"

James L. Queen, b. 1941

The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 (Standing)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



Sermon: The Rev. Gail E. Davis

The Prayers of the People

God created us and placed us on this earth to be the stewards of all living things and so to proclaim the glory of their Creator. Let us, then, praise God, saying: **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who created the animals and gave us the ability to train them to help us in our work. **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who gives us food from animals to replenish our energies. **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who for the sake of our comfort gives us domestic animals to be our treasured companions. **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who shows us a sign of your providence, as your Son told us, by caring for the birds of the air. **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who offered your Son to us as the paschal lamb; that through him we might have forgiveness of sins, and truly be your children. **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Blessed are you, O Lord, who through your lowliest creatures never cease to draw us toward your love. **BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER.**

Let us observe a moment of silence to remember those pets who have died in the past year....

Priest:
O God, you have done all things wisely; in your goodness you have made us in your image and given us care over all living things. Reach out with your right hand and grant that these animals may serve our needs and that your bounty in the resources of this life may move us to seek more confidently the goal of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace, Announcements

Offertory

THE HOLY COMMUNION

During the Holy Communion you are invited to stand or remain seated.

Offertory Anthem: "This is my Father's world"

(Malcolm Williamson, b. 1931)

At the Presentation: Hymn #380 (stanza 3),

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, the Priest proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (S 125)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



The Priest continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

The Priest continues:

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Francis and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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:

**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.**



THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Fraction Anthem, Christ our Passover

Jeffrey H. Rickard, b. 1942

All persons are invited to receive Communion in both forms. Please remain at your seat and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Communion Hymns: Let us break bread together
Christ be with me/Alleluia
Come risen Lord and deign to be our guest.

The Blessing of the Animals

After Communion the Priest blesses the animals with these or similar words:

“N. (name of the pet), may you be blessed in the Name of God who created you, and may you and N. (the owner) enjoy life together with our God.”

Postcommunion Prayer (*A Prayer attributed to St. Francis*)

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessing

1. All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices,
let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
2. Dear mother earth, you day by day unfold your blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow, let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
3. All you with mercy in your heart, forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dismissal by Deacon

People: Thanks be to God.



ABOUT THIS SERVICE: In the Christian calendar the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is October 4. Francis, the son of a wealthy cloth merchant was born in Italy in 1182. He died in 1226. At an early age he embraced the life of poverty and devoted himself to the service of the poor. In 1210 he founded an Order of Friars later called simply “Franciscans,” which was followed by a women’s Order established by St. Clare (later called “The Poor Clares”). Living in poverty and seclusion, tales developed of Francis’ special kindness towards the Creation and animals, who he referred to as his “Brother and Sister.” Legends spread of his almost magical ability to communicate with wild animals, but these stories pale by comparison to his love and service to the poor.

The service of the Blessing of the Animals used today is an adaptation of the liturgy from the Roman Catholic publication, “The Shorter Book of Blessings.” In it we give thanks to God who provides the animals of the world for our comfort, pleasure and companionship. Like Blessed St. Francis we strive to be good stewards of our environment to the glory of God and the benefit of all.





Sunday Morning Ministry

Lay Readers: Cindy Caldwell

Chalice Bearers: Cindy Caldwell, Heidi Brooks

Ushers: Ty Hughston, Robert Rainey

Eucharistic Visitor: Bob Keeling

Acolyte: Leif Seifert

Altar Guild: Team 1: Barbara Jackson, Eldra Sanford, Anita Adkins, Cindy Huteson, Sue Paschich, Kay Rork, Bryce Thieman, Eva Horton, Jane Jackson, Tracey Ferguson



Prayer List

Those in Need of Healing: Turner Doggett, Jeremy Holbert, Bob Miller, Kathy Turner, Gene Smith, Jeremy Holbert, Wanda Comstock, Lynn Blankman

Those who have died: Dorothy Dick Walker, Bill Trapp

Anniversaries of the Departed: Nell Stephens Elliott, Jamie Marshall, Wade Beesley, Horace A. Hartgrove, Jr., Marian Bleakley, Cissy Garrett, Ernest Moore, Dorothy Nell Brown

Wedding Anniversaries: John & Monica Harvey, Milton & Sharalee Pierce, Patrick & Toni Hendricks, John & Nancy Hemphill

Birthdays: Catherine Spinks, Jo White, Barbara Howell

Pray for our Clergy: Katharine our Presiding Bishop; Scott our Bishop; Gail our Interim Rector, Bob our Pastoral Assistant; Gary our Deacon; Susanna our Seminarian, Jeff our Postulant for Holy Orders

Pray for our Government Officials: Barack our President, Rick our Governor, Alvin our Mayor.

And please remember those in need of our continued prayers: Debra Tankey, James Lummus, Mel and Marie Layne (parents of Jan Ulrich), Gayle Hershberger, Buddy Ingram, Michael Hagan (son of Mike and Wanda Hagan), Geri Denny, Jeannine McKee (mother of Carolyn McKee), Greg Schooley (friend of Jetty Davis), Vada Reynolds (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), John Powell, Aaron Nixon (grandson of Charles & Barbara Owens), Paul Stanford (brother of Jess Stanford), Mary Manitzas, Janet Harris, Monte Noelke (Brother of Gretchen Noelke), Glenda Willingham (niece of Bobbie Ludwick), Pat Maier, Elton Fewell (Uncle of Becky Smith), Meg Taylor Vick, Joan Menzies (friend of Gretchen Noelke), Daniel Luraschi (son-in-law of Ervin & Veronica Silence), Callie Cochran, James Pullen, Milt Johnson, Calvin McArty, Martha Edwards, Carolina, Pat Aiken (friend of Jess & Glenda Stanford), Charles Ludwick, John Wernke, Lorene Knox (mother of Glenda Stanford), Bernard & Elvina Brady, Sharon Farber, Louise Dermody, Alvin Nored (father of Jean Cornell), for the departed: Brent Spence, C.C. & Mary Louise Veltmann



Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces at this time especially:

LCpl William Higgins, Shawn Bose, Jim Schatz

Announcements and Reminders October 2, 2011

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH! If you are visiting we hope that you will return again and often, and make this your church home. You are invited to fill out a visitor's card and place it in the alms basin. You may also sign the Guest Register. Informational brochures are found at the entrance of the church. We are glad you are here!

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers adorning the altar are given to the glory of God by Wally & Cora McGowan in thanksgiving of family.

SUNDAY ADULT CLASSES: Adult Forum, Rm. 126 of the Kreps building starting at 9:15am. The class is reading and discussing *What Good is God?*, by Phillip Yancey. Faith Matters, 9:30 in the library upstairs, open to all adults!

SR. HIGH YOUTH GROUP (9th-12th grade) meets in the undercroft from 4:00-5:30 Sunday evening.

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL— 9:30a.m. Sr. High will meet in the undercroft kitchen with Max, Jr. High will meet in the undercroft with Karl and Elaine.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS: 5:30 Holy Eucharist; Dinner at 6 pm. Programs for the adults and youth at 6:30. Adult Bible Study, led by Fr. Bob and Garnett Teakell that meets in the Parlor is reading Luke, all are invited to join.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY led by Mother Gail is studying "Daniel" at 10am every Thursday morning in the Great Room. We look forward to welcoming new and former members to become a part of this special group of inquiring minds as we travel on our spiritual journey together.

ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP DINNER: Mark your calendar now for the annual Stewardship Dinner, next Sunday, October 9 in the Parish Hall. This lovely dinner is brought to you by the Stewardship Committee and is our way of drawing together all members and celebrating our dedication to this beautiful, historic parish. The dinner will kick off with wine and cheese in the Hunter Garden from 5:30-6:00, followed by a delicious family style dinner and dessert. Please join us for an evening of great food, great entertainment and of course great fellowship!! Nursery will be provided.

OCTOBER IS STEWARDSHIP AND PLEDGE DRIVE TIME "All that I am and all that I have is a gift from God." Pledge packets will be mailed to all members detailing all of the many activities at your church, and includes a Pledge Card to complete and return. As stewards of God's resources we are called to be intentional in our joyful offerings of Time, Talent, and Treasure to the Lord. Your Pledge represents your continuing support of the programs and activities at your church and is a way of saying Thank You to God for all of his many blessings.

WANTED: MUSICIANS to lead singing and or play musical instrument (one piece) for the Wednesday evening worship service. Contact Jeff Womack for details at bassoonj@gmail.com.

GET INVOLVED IN GRACE AND GRUB Volunteers are needed twice weekly to serve meals and help with clean up. Come at 12:30 and we'll fix you up with an apron and serving gloves! You or your community group can also help by sponsoring a meal. Each meal costs approximately \$250 to serve between 150-175 hungry students. How about dedicating a meal or part of a meal to someone. A ten dollar bill will feed 7. How about baking cookies or donating chips to the cause! Teens love cookies or other treats for desert and your gift will enable us to focus on the entrée. Once a small project of a couple of loving parents at Emmanuel, Grace and Grub has become an important ministry to the youth of San Angelo. Join us. You'll be glad you did!

PROJECT DIGNIDAD: Fill the black basket at the front of the church with dry or canned goods to help the emergency food pantry. All donations are blessed at the altar before taking them to P.D. Tax deductible donations are of course welcome and checks may be made to "Project Dignidad". Speak to Rebecca Duncan for more information and volunteer opportunities.

IS YOUR PLEDGE UP TO DATE? The final quarter of the year can be the time for you to catch up on your pledge for 2011. If you have questions about your Pledge please call the church office.



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*These individuals are here to serve you and appreciate
your comments and support.*