



**IN HONOR OF  
FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

—

**THE BLESSING OF THE  
ANIMALS**

**THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF  
ASSISI**

**OCTOBER 4, 2020  
2:00 P.M. ON ZOOM**

## THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All : And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

### Collect for St. Francis

**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. 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.**

### Prayer of St. Francis(said in unison)

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,**

**where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light; and**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O, God, grant that I 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.**

### THE BLESSING OF EACH PET

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

### THE BLESSING PRAYER

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. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets.

Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. Amen.

## **Our Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:30 a.m. Zoom Coffee Hour  
10:00 a.m. Zoom Service  
10:50 a.m. Skype phone service

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