

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
CELEBRATION OF ST. FRANCIS – OCTOBER 2, 2022

*FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY THE FAMILY OF LARRY SULLIVAN IN HONOR OF HIS 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.*

ORGAN: Majesty - Setting by Mark Hayes

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**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!**

**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!**

**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!**

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following in 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.

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

On the fifth day of creation, God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

On the sixth day of creation, God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

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

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will; **R.**

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds; **R.**

Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens, old and young together. **R.**

Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.  
He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah! **R.**

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

As Jesus was teaching and preaching, he 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.'

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

Blessed are You, Holy Source of all life, Maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired us to call all animals brothers and sisters. We ask You to bless these animals, our loved pets and friends. By the power of Your love, enable them to live fully in praise to Your Name. May we always praise You for all Your beauty in creation. Blessed are You, Lord God, in all your creatures! We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### HOLY COMMUNION

#### Hymn 405, All Things Bright and Beautiful

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God 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. In praising your faithful angels and archangels, we also praise your glory, for in honoring them, we honor you, their creator. Their splendor shows us your greatness, which surpasses in goodness the whole of creation. Therefore we praise you, joining the heavenly host who rejoice in your glory. In adoration and joy we join with them in making their hymn of praise our own:

*The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**  
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.

*After all have received Communion, please stand and pray together:*

Eternal God; **You have fed us with the bread of angels. May we who come under their protection, like them give you continual service and praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

May God, glorious in the splendor of the angels, send them always to help and guide us; and the blessing, etc. **Amen.**

Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Organ: Postlude in Classic Style - Mark Hayes

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