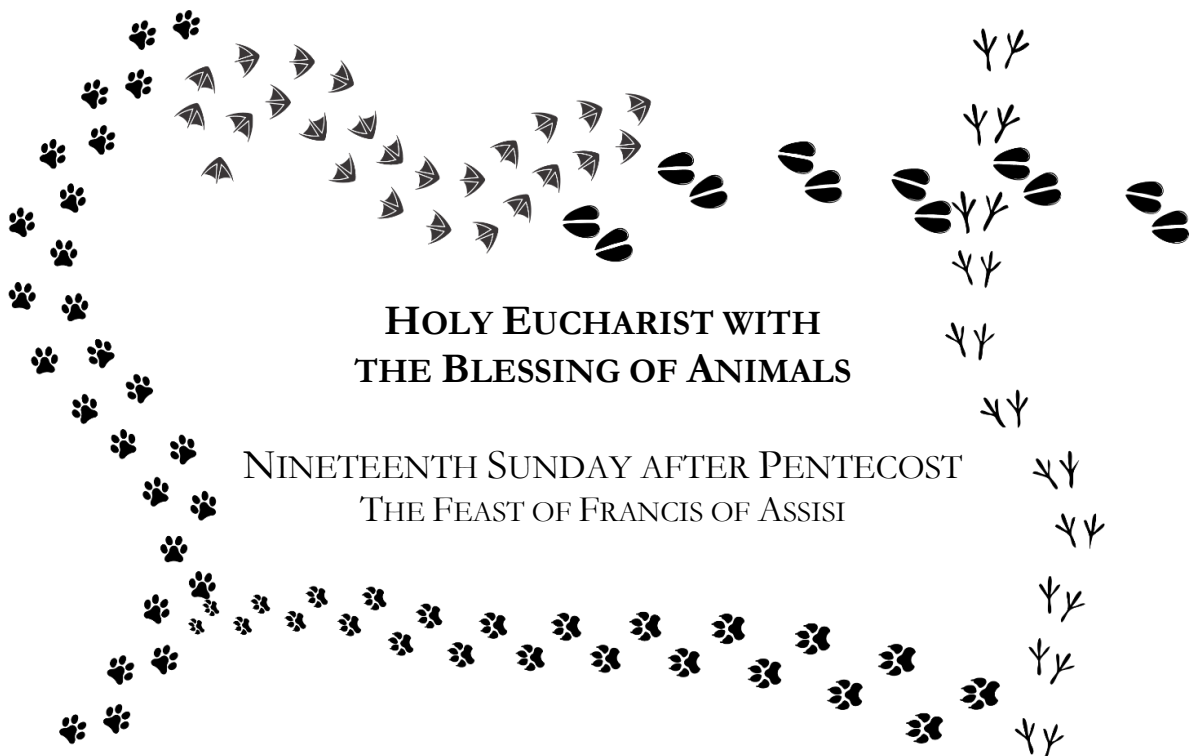




EMMANUEL

EPISCOPAL CHURCH



HOLY EUCHARIST WITH THE BLESSING OF ANIMALS

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THE FEAST OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

OCTOBER 4, 2026
10:00 A.M.

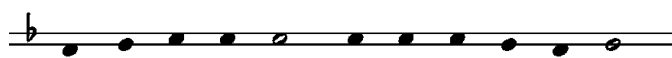
PRELUDE

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant



Bless-ed be the one, ho - ly and liv - ing God.

People



Glo - ry to God for ev - er and ev - er.

HYMN

Come, we that love the Lord

H82 #392

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 FIRST READING

Job 39:1-18

A Reading from the Book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them. "Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing. "Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor? "The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God

has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

PSALM 121

Levavi oculos

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| 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come? | 5 The LORD himself watches over you; the
LORD is your shade at your right hand, |
| 2 My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth. | 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. |
| 3 He will not let your foot be moved and he
who watches over you will not fall
asleep. | 7 The LORD shall preserve you from
all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe. |
| 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep; | 8 The LORD shall watch over your
going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore. |

SEQUENCE HYMN

For the beauty of the earth

H82 #416

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

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.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jonathan Eden

THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to God:

For the artistry of spinning Spiders, the industry of Ants, for all alert animals of field and forest, for Squirrels that gather, Chipmunks that chatter, and for Mice that burrow

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the splendor of the great deep and sparkling streams, for Water Bugs and Dolphins, for all Fish and all sea-life, and for the sheer size of Whales

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For all things that fly and have taught us to reach upward, for Pelicans and Parakeets, Barn Owls and Peacocks, for Eagles that soar, and for Birds that nest in eaves and attics, reminding us that we are not alone.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For beasts that lumber, for Elephants and Hippos, Grizzly Bears and Tortoises, Porcupines and Three-toed Sloths, and for all creatures that remind us not to hurry.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For graceful beasts, for the Great Cats, for Gazelle, for Giraffe, and for Flamingos, Fox, and Fawns.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the animals that work for human good, for Horses, Oxen, Mules, and beasts of burden, for Dogs who lead the blind and track the lost.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the animals that share our homes, for faithful Dogs and purring Cats, and all creatures that teach us to love without judgement, for Hamsters, Birds, assorted Reptiles, and Rabbits.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

Give us grace to learn from the animal kingdom that you created all things, that we might work together for a truly common good.

Hear us, O Lord.

Deliver us from the presumption that we are creation's central act, remind us, who are redeemed by a Cross, that these your animals are redeemed by an Ark of your grace.

Hear us, O Lord.

Make of us proper stewards of all creation, that caring for your creatures and for their homes, we may come at last to that Peaceable Kingdom where Lion and Lamb lie down together.

Hear us, O Lord.

Make your presence known in our city and neighborhood, and in every city and community, and to those who live in them. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Michael's Church, Marblehead; St. Mary's Church, Rockport; Grace Church, Salem; St. Peter's Church/Iglesia de San Pedro, Salem; and all Secretaries and Administrators.

Hear us, O Lord.

Embrace in your loving arms all those who have sought our prayers this morning, especially Robert, Logan, Bobbie, Joshua, Ed, Rick, Jim, Catherine, Carla, Chris, Alexis, Ken, Lynnette, Christina, Carol, Julie, Mary, Michael, Parker, Martha, Anne, Patricia, Kenneth, Maureen, Rachael, Louise, Scott, Kathleen, Paul, Eddy, Christopher, Julie Ann, Joan, Sophie, Edy and family, Nina, Darin and for those we now name either silently or aloud (*pause*).

Hear us, O Lord.

Celebrant O God, creator of all things, we remember before you today your servant Francis, who preached to Birds and gave his cloak to a Beggar. Give us the grace of Francis, that we may be instruments of your peace. Give us generous spirits, that we, with reckless and joyful abandon, may sow your truth throughout the world. Give us the mind of Christ, that we may accept all who call upon your name, that Birds and Beggars and all creation may all be drawn

into that kingdom, which lives forever in your presence through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A PRAYER ATTRIBUTED TO ST. FRANCIS

Celebrant *Together let us pray:*

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.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Kneeling as you are able, let us come before our merciful God in silence and remember those things that mean we have not loved God, our neighbor and ourselves with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength.

Silence

Holy God, Maker of all,

have mercy upon us.

Jesus Christ, who walks our path,

have mercy upon us.

Holy Spirit, breath of life,

have mercy upon us.

Celebrant May the God of love and life
forgive you and free you from all that divides you,
heal and strengthen you by the Spirit,
and restore you to wholeness in Christ. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN Lord, make us servants of your peace H82 #593

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

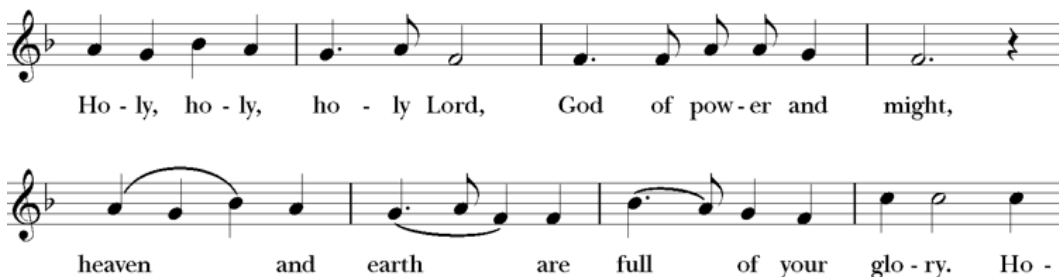
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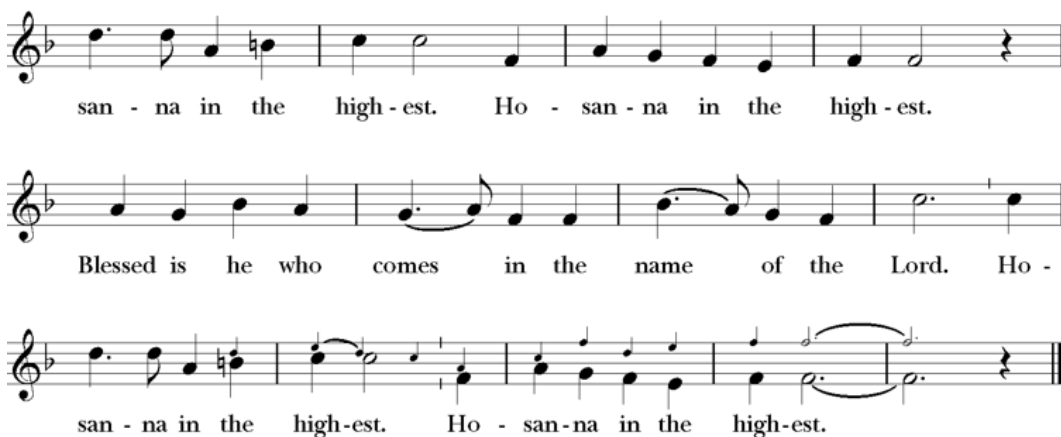
Celebrant May God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a parent cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP #865



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AT EMMANUEL CHURCH

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food

**in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast to that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the afflicted.
Honor all persons.
Love and serve God rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
And the blessing of God,
who creates redeems and sustains us, be with you now, and remain with you
always.
Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

All creatures of our God and King

H82 #400

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, ` Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE

**PLEASE JOIN US ON THE LAWN (OR IN THE PARISH HALL)
FOR THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL CHURCH

We are glad that you have joined us today, and pray that you will know God's presence through our worship and in this community. Wherever you are in your journey with God or toward God, you are welcome here. Indeed, you are invited and welcome in our pews and in all the things we do as a community each week. We would also love to be in better touch throughout the year. Please reach out to our Rector, the Rev. Jonathan Eden, at therev.jonteden@gmail.com or at 617.798.0770 for more information.

We meet every Sunday at 10:00 AM for worship. By scanning the QR Code or going to the web address below, you can find out more about who we are and what we're doing, follow us on social media, and check our e-news. You will also find ways to donate easily and quickly to Emmanuel. Your presence and support are very important to us, and crucial to making sure we are always here for you.



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CALENDAR

St. Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals

Today

Join us for a festive gathering immediately following 10 a.m. Service today. We will have refreshments and will bless all animals present (including photos, ashes, and stuffies).

PARISH PRAYER LIST

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please be in touch with The Rev. Jonathan Eden.



St. Francis Window
Emmanuel Church, West Roxbury

Given in memory of Frederick T. Widmer