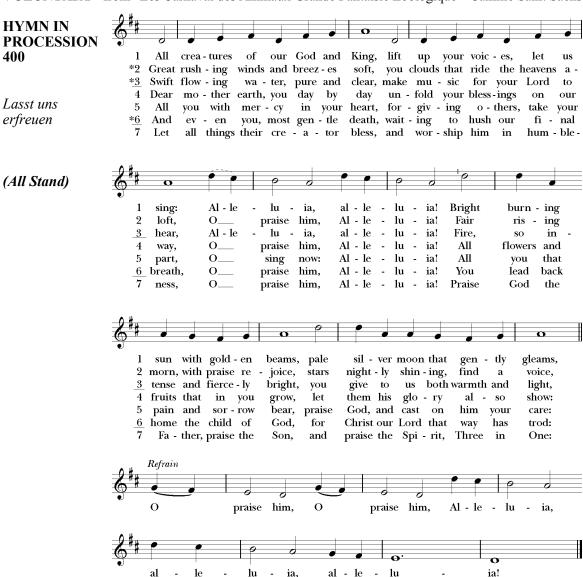
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

130 First Avenue, Nyack, New York

The Rev. Bruce W. Woodcock, Guest Celebrant Brandon N. Beachamp, Organist & Choirmaster

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 2, 2022 11:00am

VOLUNTARY from "Les Carnaval des Animaux Grande Fantaisie Zoologique" Camille Saint Saëns



ACCLAMATION

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant: 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*.



COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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*.

SERVICE OF THE WORD (Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING Genesis 1:20-26,31

And 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. And 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; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 148: 7-14 (Sung by the Choir)

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea-monsters and all deeps;

- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples,

Chant: John Booth

princes and all rulers of the world;

- 12 Young men and maidens, old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 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!

THE SECOND 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People: Thanks be to God.*



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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 11:25-30

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, O 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." The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Bruce Woodcock (Please be seated)

THE NICENE CREED (Please stand)

All: 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

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Subdeacon: Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Subdeacon: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Subdeacon: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; and for our vestry, lay leaders,

and congregation;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Subdeacon: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Subdeacon: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Subdeacon: Remembering especially , and those we name, either silently or aloud; Have

compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Subdeacon: Remembering those who have lost their lives in the service of their country, and those

we now name, either silently or aloud; Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Subdeacon: Remembering Eleanor Hafstad, Douglas H. Doller, Marion C. Bittig, Garnet & Joseph

Leone, J. Beverly & Faith Harvie, Edna Simmons, Anne Love Wiegand, Clara Wesel Moore in whose loving memory the flowers this morning are offered; we praise you for

your saints who your saints who have entered into joy.

People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Subdeacon: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. Silence

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God. Silence may be kept.

All: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,

opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus

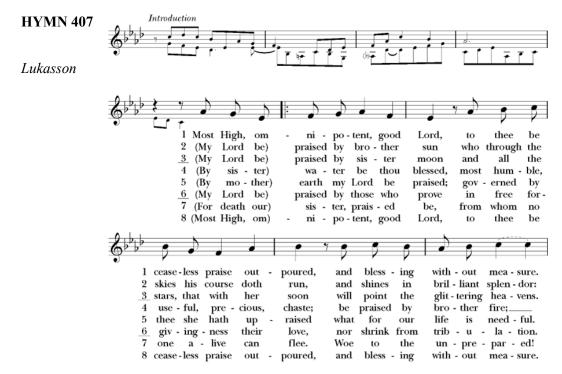
Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you

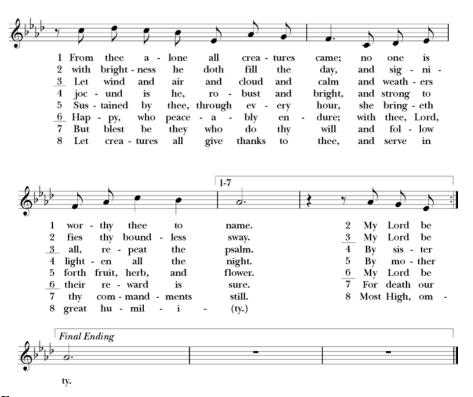
in eternal life. Amen.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life, let your blessing be upon all these animals. May our relationships with them mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy. Grant the animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and God's servant Francis. *Amen*.

During the blessing, the congregation is invited to join in singing:





THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you. *People: And also with you.*

The people are encouraged to exchange the greetings of peace with all around them.

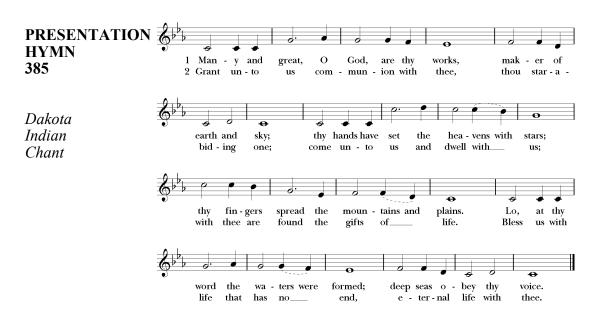
ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated)

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERING

Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum, ita desiderat anima mea ad te, Deus. Sitivit anima mea ad Deum fortem vivum: quando veniam et apparebo ante faciem Dei? Fuerunt mihi lacrymae meae panes die ac nocte, dum dicitur mihi quotidie: Ubi est Deus tuus?

As the hart longs for the water springs, So longs my soul for thee, O God. My soul has thirsted for the living God: When shall I come and appear before the face of my God? My tears have been my bread by day and by night, While it is said to me daily: Where is your God?

Music: G.P. da Palestrina



THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant: May the Lord be with you. All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

All: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with

memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned

against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed

your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a

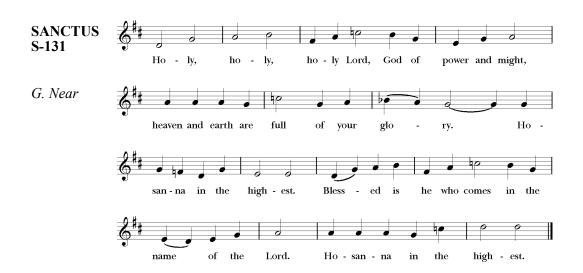
woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to

you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

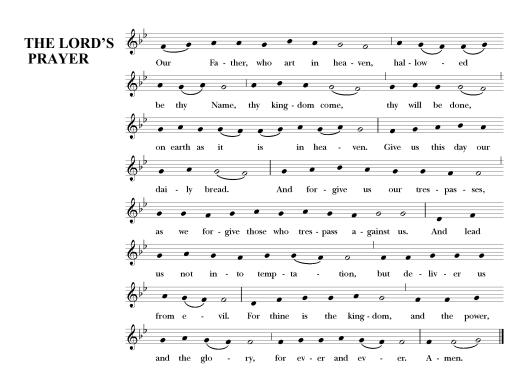
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

All: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

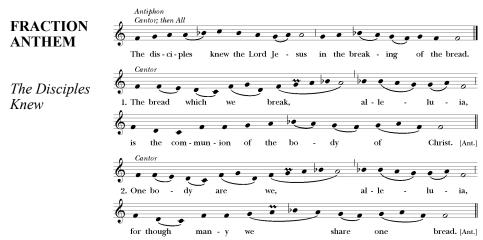
All: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *Amen*



Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

(The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. All then sing:)



Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God. All are welcome at God's table.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

(All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. If you wish a blessing please cross your arms so that your hands are touching your shoulders. All join in singing the hymn.)

ANTHEM AT THE COMMUNION

God the Father: on our pilgrimage with your Son toward the heavenly city, give us holiness of life, humility when leading others, generosity toward the future and merciful love for the weak; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Music: Kevin Clarke Text: Prayer of St. Hugh

HYMN AT THE COMMUNION 593

Dickinson College



Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us

as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace,

and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING



DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia. *People:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

VOLUNTARY "O Lamm Gottes unschuldig" Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)