

ST. ANDREW'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WELLESLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

St. Andrew's is dedicated to supporting your spiritual life. Spirituality is how we are in relationship to God, to other people, to the world around us, and to ourselves.

Blessing of the Animals

October 5, 2025

Greetings and Announcements

Hymn 405 (vv. 1 – 3) “All things bright and beautiful”

Royal Oak

Refrain

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.*

Refrain

*The purple-headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.*

Refrain

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them, every one.*

Refrain

Celebrant Together we pray.

People 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.

Genesis 2:19-20

So out of the ground the Lord God
formed every animal of the field and
every bird of the air, and brought them to
the man to see what he would call them;

and whatever the man called every living
creature, that was its name. The man gave
names to all cattle, and to the birds of the
air, and to every animal of the field.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 400 (vv. 1 – 4) “All creatures of our God and King”

Lasst uns erfreuen

Refrain

*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*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,*

Refrain

*Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!*

*Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,*

Refrain

*Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,*

Refrain

*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:*

Refrain

The Prayers

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed
upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky
and sea;

All We thank you, Lord.

Leader For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

All We thank you, Lord.

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

All We thank you, Lord.

Leader For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

All We thank you, Lord.

Leader For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;
All We thank you, Lord.

Leader For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;
All We thank you, Lord.

Leader That each pet here may be treasured with care;
All We pray to you, Lord.

Leader That we may love and honor all your works, O God;
All We pray to you, Lord.

Leader That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation;
All To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

Celebrant Together we pray.
People 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.

Prayer for our pets who have died.

Blessing of the Animals

At this time, the priests will come forward to bless your animals.

Hymn 405 continued

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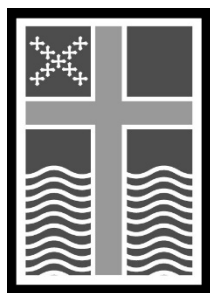
*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.*

*He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
Refrain*

*The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.*

Refrain

Blessing and Dismissal



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