



**Welcome to Christ Church!**  
**Vision: God's Love for All**



November 1, 2025  
Pet Memorial Service

10a

Celebrant Blessed be the God of all creation.  
**People** ***And blessed be God's holy Name for ever and ever.***

Celebrant Merciful and compassionate God, we come to you with all those gathered together today in grief and ask for them to receive the strength to bear the loss of their faithful and beloved companions. We bring you our thanks for all you give us through our pets; and we bring you our prayers for peace of heart in the knowledge of your mercy and love, in Christ Jesus. *Amen.*

**First Reading**  
**Job 39:1-18**

“Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfill, 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 labor 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 labor 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.”

The Word of the Lord

**People**      *Thanks be to God*

**Response** (*we will read the Psalm responsively by half verse*)  
**Psalm 104:17-31**

**The trees of the LORD are full of sap, \***  
    **the cedars of Lebanon which he planted,**  
**In which the birds build their nests, \***  
    **and in whose tops the stork makes his dwelling.**  
**The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, \***  
    **and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.**  
**You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, \***  
    **and the sun knows the time of its setting.**  
**You make darkness that it may be night, \***  
    **in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.**  
**The lions roar after their prey \***  
    **and seek their food from God.**  
**The sun rises, and they slip away \***  
    **and lay themselves down in their dens.**  
**Man goes forth to his work \***  
    **and to his labor until the evening.**  
**O LORD, how manifold are your works! \***  
    **in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of**  
    **your creatures.**  
**Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too**  
**many to number, \***  
    **creatures both small and great.**

**There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, \***  
    **which you have made for the sport of it.**

**All of them look to you \***

**to give them their food in due season.**

**You give it to them; they gather it; \***

**you open your hand, and they are filled with good**  
    **things.**

**You hide your face, and they are terrified; \***

**you take away their breath, and they die and return**  
    **to their dust.**

**You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \***

**and so you renew the face of the earth.**

**May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \***

**may the LORD rejoice in all his works.**

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-2, 6:25-26a**

*Celebrant*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
                         according to Matthew

**People**      *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

*Celebrant*      When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the  
mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
And he began to speak and taught them, saying: “Therefore I  
tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what  
you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not  
life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at  
the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into  
barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**People**      *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**Litany for All Creatures**

*Celebrant*      Let us name with thanksgiving those animals for  
whom we care:

Let us name with thanksgiving those animals who have been  
our companions over the years and are no longer with us:  
And let us remember the unnamed, unknown animals whose  
lives have benefited our own.

*Silence*

- Celebrant Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
**People** ***Have mercy on us.***
- Celebrant Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
**People** ***Have mercy on us.***
- Celebrant Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
**People** ***Have mercy on us.***
- Celebrant Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,  
**People** ***Have mercy on us.***
- Celebrant Grant that all your creatures may thank and  
serve you;  
**People** ***Show your blessing on earth, O God.***
- Celebrant Grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and  
fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all  
your creatures;  
**People** ***Show your blessing on earth, O God.***
- Celebrant Open our eyes to the joy and beauty of creation,  
that we may see your presence in all your  
works;  
**People** ***Show your blessing on earth, O God.***
- Celebrant Make us faithful stewards of creation, wisely  
caring for the earth, the air, the seas, and all the  
life they bear;  
**People** ***Show your blessing on earth, O God.***
- Celebrant Remember all your creatures in captivity and  
those who are hunted, trapped, deserted, or  
abused, that they may find safety in homes of  
loving care;  
**People** ***Show your blessing on earth, O God.***

Celebrant Do not forget those animals who have died yet  
remain dear to us, that they may rejoice in your  
new creation;

**People** ***Show your blessing on earth, O God.***

Celebrant Holy God: No sparrow falls without your  
attention; nothing that dies is lost to you; nothing comes into  
being without your love. Give us just and compassionate  
hearts, that we may serve the earth and all its creatures,  
holding fast to the vision of your peaceable reign in which all  
will live with you eternally; through the Risen One, Christ our  
Savior. **Amen.**

**SCATTERING OF ASHES**

*When the Scattering of Ashes is complete, the Celebrant will  
say:* Almighty God, your Son taught us that although five  
sparrows could be bought for two pennies, they are always  
remembered before you. We thank you for our beloved animal  
friends, who share our homes and lives, and for the  
companionship they provide. We ask your comfort for

those who grieve the passing of their animal friends, knowing  
that you grieve with them, for you care for all of your creation.  
May we travel in peace through our course on earth, until, by  
your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant dismisses the People, and the People respond:*  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**



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