

PSALM 148

Praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord from the heavens,
Praise the Lord, in the heights!
**Praise the Lord, all his angels,
Praise the Lord, all his hosts!**
Praise the Lord, sun and moon,
Praise the Lord, all shining stars!
**Praise the Lord, highest heavens,
And all the waters above the heavens!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
**who established them for ever and ever,
and fixed their bounds which cannot be passed.**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
Sea Monsters and all deeps,
**fire and hail, snow and smoke,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
**Beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!**
Kings of all the earth and all peoples,
Princes and all rulers of the earth!
**Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

Let them praise the name of the Lord,
whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.
**God has raised up a horn for his people,
Praise for all his faithful ones,
For the people and Israel who are near their God.
Praise the Lord!**

Blessing of the Animals



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Gathering and Greeting

Hymn: *"All Creatures of Our God and King (sing as you are able)"*

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!

O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
O praise ye! Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 148 (on back of program)

Prayer:

Litany:

God created us and placed us in earth as stewards of all living things;
Therefore, let us proclaim the glory of our Creator, saying:
O God, how wonderful are the works of your hands.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; you created the animals.
And give us the ability to train them to help us in our work.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe:
You give us food from animals to replenish our energies.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe:
You give us domestic animals as companions.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe; You care for us
Even as you care for the birds of the air.

Blessed are you, O Lord of the Universe;
You offered Your Son to us as the Passover Lamb.
And in Him willed that we should be called your children.

Homily:

"Connection"

Prayer of Blessing:

Please form a line with your animal(s) to receive the blessing as directed.

Hymn: *"This Is My Father's World (sing as you are able)"*

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the
spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and tress, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

Communion: (see insert)

Dismissal With Blessing:



The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth.
You have made from one every nation and people
to live on all the face of the earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
By the baptism of this suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.
He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the
earth and to make disciples of all nations,
and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and
said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of
sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus
Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for
us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour our your Holy Spirit on us gathering here,
And on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by
his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world,
and strengthen it in every nation and among every people
to witness faithfully in your name.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly
banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your
Holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father
(God), now and for ever.

Amen