



Blessing of the Animals

Augsburg University Daily Chapel

Friday, October 6, 2023

PRELUDE *Adagio non troppo from Concerto in G, K. 313*

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
Haidyn Battle, flute

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

LITANY FROM PSALM 148

with All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir

L: Praise the Lord!
Across the heavens,
from the heights,
all you angels, heavenly beings
sing praise, sing praise!

Sun and moon, glittering stars,
sing praise, sing praise.
Highest heavens, sing praise.

All: All God's Creatures Got a Place in the Choir



All God's crea-tures got a place in the choir: Some sing low



Some sing high-er some sing out loud on a te-le-phone wire, and



some just clap their hands, or paws, or a-ny-thing they've got now.

L: Praise God's name,
whose word called you forth
and fixed you in place for ever
by eternal decree

Let there be praise:
from depths of the earth,
from creatures of the deep.

L: Fire and hail, snow and mist,
storms, winds,
mountains, hills,
fruit trees and cedars,
wild beasts and tame,
snakes and birds,

All: Sung response (All God's Creatures)

L: rulers of the earth,
and all people,
all genders alike,
old and young together,
praise, praise the holy name,
this name beyond all names.

God's spendor above the earth,
above the heavens,
gives strength to the nation,
glory to the faithful,
a people close to the Lord.
Israel, let there be peace.

All: Sung response (All God's Creatures)

REFLECTION

Sarah Degner Riveros

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

L: You who created them
and called them good:
bless again these creatures
who come to us
as a blessing
fashioned of fur
or feather
or fin,
formed of flesh
that breathes with
your own breath,
that you have made
from sheer delight,
that you have given
in dazzling variety.

L: Bless them
who curl themselves
around our hearts,
who twine themselves
through our days,
who companion us
in our labor,
who call us
to come and play.

Those with animals or pictures of their beloved companion are welcomed to come to the center for a blessing. The pastors will offer offer a blessing for each animal.

BLESSING (based on Psalm 148)

L: Praise God for (name of animal),
And bless (name of animal),
A creature of God's creating.

C: Thanks be to God for (name of animal)!

CONCLUDING PRAYER

L: Bless them
who will never be
entirely tamed
and so remind us
that you love
what is wild,
that you rejoice
in what lives close
to the earth,
that your heart beats
in the heart of these creatures
you have entrusted
to our care.

CLOSING SONG Make Me a Channel of Your Peace *Prayer of St. Francis*



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
 4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
 Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
 It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



Last time to coda ⊕

where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
 where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
 in giv - ing of our - selves that we re



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



D.C. (stanza 4) al coda

loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Allegro maestoso from Concerto in G, K. 313*
Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiders: Rev. Babette Chatman, University Pastor and Director of Campus Ministry and Rev. John Schwehn, University Pastor

Speaker: Sarah Degner-Riveros, Lecturer, Languages and Cross-Cultural Studies

Musicians: Brian De Young, Campus Ministry Musician; Haidyn Battle, flute

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St. Francis of Assisi: On October 4, people all over the world are celebrating St. Francis Day in honor of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. In remembrance of his love for all sentient beings, guardians sometimes take their animal companions to church for a Blessing of the Animals.

UPCOMING DAILY CHAPEL

MWF @ 10:40am & TTh @ 11:30am

Monday (10/9)	Mindful Movement with Tara Mader
Tuesday (10/10)	Sergio Madrid, Uncovering Vocation, Education Department faculty
Wednesday (10/11)	Nate Berkas, Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
Thursday (10/12)	Hannah Dietrich, Instructor, Psychology Department
Friday (10/13)	Marcus Santillana '23, Senior Chapel, and blessing of the men's basketball team

