



All Saints, Hertford

Pet Service, Celebrating God's Creation 5th July 2020

Words of Welcome *Jo*

Creation: *James and Ollie*

Voice 1: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth

Voice 2: And God said 'Let the waters teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky'

Voice 1: So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind

Voice 2: And God saw that it was good

Hymn 253 For the beauty of the earth

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 4 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.
- 5 For thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

Prayer *Soraia*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe! Through your Son, Jesus, your word, you have created all things:

Light and darkness, wind and sea, Sun, moon and stars, Plants and living creatures.

And you have made us, human beings, in your image.

Through your Son Jesus, our Saviour, you have reconciled all things to yourself, everything in heaven and everything on earth

Through your Son Jesus, the Servant King, you have you have made us His ambassadors of love.

Lord of Creation, we worship and adore you:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Confession *Jo*

God called us in the beginning to be stewards of His creation, caring for and nurturing the world He made. As we come to ask for God's blessing on our pets we first ask for forgiveness for the times we have not made the best use of His blessings and gifts.

When we have forgotten you

Lord, Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

When we take for granted the gifts you give

Christ have mercy

All: Christ Have Mercy

When our love is selfish

Lord Have Mercy

All: Lord Have Mercy

May the Lord of Earth and Heaven cleanse you of all sin and draw you to His wonderful light through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect *Isabel*

O God, you have made us and all living things to live together on this earth. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, we also ask that we might take care of the animals who must trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Reading from Genesis 1 *James and Ollie*

Reflection *using playdough*

Song All things bright and beautiful – *Stopford. Hazel, Fiona & David*

The Offering *Emma*

Let every creature in heaven, on earth, in the sea and in the depths, give praise and glory honour and blessing to you. Lord, you have given us so many good things in this wonderful creation: accept our lives and our giving and use them for your glory. **Amen.**

Hymn Who put the colours in the rainbow?

- 1 Who put the colours in the rainbow?
Who put the salt into the sea?
Who put the cold into the snowflake?
Who made you and me?
Who put the hump upon the camel?
Who put the neck on the giraffe?
Who put the tail upon the monkey?
Who made hyenas laugh?
Who made whales and snails and quails?
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?
Who made bats and rats and cats?
Who made ev'rything?

- 2 Who put the gold into the sunshine?
Who put the sparkle in the stars?
Who put the silver in the moonlight?
Who made Earth and Mars?
Who put the scent into the roses?
Who taught the honey bee to dance?
Who put the tree inside the acorn?
It surely can't be chance!
Who made seas and leaves and trees?
Who made snow and winds that blow?
Who made streams and rivers flow?
God made all of these!

Prayers and Lord's Prayer *Soraia*

Final Prayer

Blessed are you, Lord God, for all that you have made. You keep all creatures in your care. This world shows us how wonderful you are and speaks to us of beauty and of your love. Teach us to respect it and use everything wisely and not to waste precious resources. May we learn to cherish all creation as your gift and through it may we come to know you and serve you better. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing of the people

May Christ who gathers into his love all things in heaven and on earth, give you his peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Blessing of the animals

May Almighty God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, bless these animals, protect them, and may they be a blessing to their owners. Amen.

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