

The Blessing of the Animals

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Call to Blessing

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We pray for all your creatures, God,
that breathe
and move and have life,

Hear us, Lord.

Help us to love and honor
all the works of your hand.

Hear us, Lord.

That each of our special friends
may be treasured with care.

Hear us, Lord.

For those pets who have died, and those
who miss their companionship,

Hear us, Lord.

May the peace of God be with us all.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:24-25

Individual Blessings

Closing Hymn

All creatures of our God above
Lift up your voice and show your love,
O praise God! Allelujah!
O Brother Sun with golden beam,
O Sister Moon with silver gleam,
O praise God! O praise God!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!
O Brother Wind, Air, Clouds, and Rain,
By which all creatures God sustains,
O praise God! Allelujah!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice!
You lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise God! O praise God!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!
O Sister Water flowing clear,
Make music for our God to hear,
Allelujah! Allelujah!
O Brother Fire who lights the night,
Providing warmth, enhancing sight,
O praise God! O praise God!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
O praise God! Allelujah!
Praise God above, you heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost;
O praise God! O praise God!
Allelujah! Allelujah! Allelujah!

(lyrics adapted from William H. Draper's translation of
The Canticle of the Creatures by Francis of Assisi, 1226)