

O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth

Verse 1

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight,
And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight.
So playful dolphins dance and swim;
Your sheep bow down and graze.
Your song birds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.

Verse 2

You made the pets we welcome in;
They're wondrous blessings, too.
With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you.
O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care.
May we show kindness, love, and grace to all pets everywhere.

Verse 3

You made the creatures on each farm;
You know the things they need.
May they grow healthy, safe from harm,
And safe from human greed.
Just as a shepherd loves the sheep,
You know their joy, their pain.
Lord, bless the animals we keep; may all farms be humane.

Verse 4

Your creatures live in every land; they fill the sky and sea.
O Lord, you give us your command to love them tenderly.
We're called to have dominion here, to care for them always.
By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



Blessing of the Animals

Sun, Oct 19, 2025 | 1 pm

Order of Worship

GATHERING & GREETING

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, we give you thanks for your creations and praise you for your creatures, which we name now:

All dogs and cats, large and small: **Praise the Lord.**

All rabbits, hamsters, hedgehogs, and guinea pigs: **Praise the Lord.**

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures: **Praise the Lord.**

All robins, wrens, and singing birds: **Praise the Lord.**

All raccoons, squirrels, and deer: **Praise the Lord.**

All horses, cows, and sheep: **Praise the Lord.**

All lizards, snakes, and creeping things: **Praise the Lord.**

Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest: **Praise the Lord.**

HYMN *"O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth" (verses 1 & 2)*

SCRIPTURE Genesis 1:24-31

THE PRAYERS

Leader: Let us give thanks to God for all good gifts so freely bestowed upon us for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For the pets who have enriched our lives in the past;

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For each pet here, so that they may be treasured with care:

All: We pray to you, Lord.

Leader: That we may love and honor all your works, O God:

All: We pray to you, Lord.

Leader: That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation:

All: To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord.

HYMN *"O God, Your Creatures Fill the Earth" (verses 3 & 4)*

REMEMBERING OUR PETS

"One day, we will see our animals again in the eternity of Christ. Paradise is open to all of God's creatures." Pope Francis

THE BLESSING OF EACH PET (INDIVIDUALLY)

Leader:

Let us give thanks for the creatures who share our lives—for the trust they offer, the joy they bring, and the lessons they teach.

Words of Blessing:

"Blessed are you, Creator of all living things.

May [name of animal] be blessed in the love of the Creator, and may you, their human companion, be blessed by their companionship.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

SENDING OUT

Christ calls you to be his disciples,

to serve him with love and compassion,

to serve Earth by caring for Earth's creatures.

Will you care for creation?

We will care for creation!

We will nurture our animals!

DISMISSAL

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth.

Go in peace! Serving God and loving all creatures!

We go in peace, serving God and loving our animal companions.

AMEN

