



**CHRIST CHURCH,
COBOCONK**

**Feast of Fransis of
Assisi**

Blessing of Animals

**4th October, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**



**ST JAMES,
FENELON FALLS**

***Homilist: The Rev Moumita Biswas
Musician: Bev Jeeves***

Welcome, whether you are a first-time visitor or a long-time member; we are honoured to worship with you today. If you are searching for a church home, we would love to tell you more about this congregation and to learn more about you. Fill out a welcome card in the book holder or drop it in the offering plate, and we'll be in conversation with you this week

***LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

*Fellow followers of Jesus Christ and people of God, we gather today on the traditional territory of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, which includes the people of Curve Lake First Nation, our nearest Indigenous community, who have stewarded this land since time beyond memory and live here today. Métis people have also lived, and live here and canoed these waters. We acknowledge that the land, lakes and rivers surrounding what is known today as Fenelon Falls & Coboconk remain living parts of their story today and of ours together. We are all a Treaty people; here the Williams Treaties. As we worship this morning, we give thanks for the gift of this place, and all its people. We commit ourselves to reconciling our relationship with the Original People of the land and we acknowledge the responsibilities that this involves. In this loving journey of hospitality, lament, joy, justice, healing, and reconciliation, we seek the blessing of our Creator God, Christ our Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. **Amen.***

***SENTENCE**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it." (Psalm 24:1)

***CHORUS: REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS (LED BY BEV)**

***THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Celebrant Blessed be the God of all creation.
All **And blessed be God's holy Name forever.**

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All **Who brings all things into being and calls them good.**

Celebrant Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.
All **Praise and exalt our Creator forever**

Celebrant Bless your Creator, all birds of the air
All **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Celebrant Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea
All **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Celebrant Bless your Creator, all children of God
All **With all of creation, we praise your name**

Celebrant God be with you.
All **Also with you**

***THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Celebrant Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

***HYMN: All Things Bright and Beautiful**

***THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

FIRST READING : Genesis 1:20–22a, 24–26a, 28, 31a

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let us make humankind.” God blessed them. God saw everything that God had made, and indeed, it was very good.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

***RESPONSIVE READING, PSALM 104:10–25**

All the beasts of the field drink their fill from them, and the wild asses quench their thirst.

**Beside them the birds of the air make their nests and sing
among the branches.**

You water the mountains from your dwelling on high; the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.

**You make grass grow for flocks and herds and plants to serve
humankind;**

That they may bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden our hearts, Oil to make a cheerful countenance,

**And bread to strengthen the heart. The trees of the LORD are
full of sap,**

The cedars of Lebanon which God planted, in which the birds build their nests, and in whose tops the stork makes a dwelling.

The high hills are a refuge for the mountain goats, and the stony cliffs for the rock badgers.

You appointed the moon to mark the seasons, and the sun knows the time of its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night, in which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

The lions roar after their prey and seek their food from God.

The sun rises, and they slip away and lay themselves down in their dens.

People go forth to their work and to their labour until the evening.

O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Amen

***THE PROCLAMATION OF THE GOSPEL**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 12:22–32

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep

worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

***THE HOMILY:** *The Rev. Moumita Biswas*

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Celebrant

All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*** SONG : Peace Like a River – Bev**

***BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS /PETS**

Celebrant

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them rely on God's St. Francis Day. We gather today in communion and friendship with Francis of Assisi who preached to animals and moved throughout the known world sharing God's unconditional love for all beings. Remembering Francis's love for all God's creatures, bring forward the animals entrusted to your care that we may bless them.

***Litany for All Creation**

Reader Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
All **Have mercy upon us.**

Reader Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
All **Have mercy upon us.**

Reader Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
All **Have mercy upon us.**

Reader Grant that all your creatures may serve you with
thanksgiving Pour out your blessing on earth, O
God.
All **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Reader Grant favourable weather, temperate rain, and
fruitful seasons, providing food and drink for all
your creatures; Pour out your blessing on earth, O
God.
All **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Reader Open our eyes to the wonder of creation, that we
may see you in all your works; Pour out your
blessing on earth, O God.
All **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Reader Lord. Stir in us the desire to care for your creation;
Pour out your blessing on earth, O God.
All **We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Reader Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and
infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites
them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident
in God's forgiveness.

All God of compassion, we confess that we have
squandered your creation, and mistreated those you

give into our care. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for all that you have made, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

***THE SHARING OF PEACE**

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(We share God's Peace, greeting one another and saying "The Peace of Christ," or "Peace be with you.")

***SONG BY SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**

***THE BLESSING**

May the love of God surround you, the grace of Christ uphold you, and the comfort of the Spirit dwell with you, now and always.

***ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***THE DISMISSAL**

Celebrant Followers of Jesus, inspired by the Holy Spirit, serve the world God loves! **Amen.**

Prayer Requests
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: We pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.
Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: We pray for York Central Deanery.
Outreach and Advocacy Cycle of Prayer: We pray for St. Saviour, Orono; for St. Theodore of Canterbury; and for St. Thomas a Becket.
Parish Cycle of Prayer, Pat, Craig, and Teresa and Robert & Ellie

The Prayer of Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is error, the truth;
Where there is doubt, the faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**



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