



**Saint Paul's Parish**

**174 Whisconier Road**

**Brookfield, CT 06804**

**"Transforming Lives Through Jesus Christ"**

## **Blessing of the Animals**

Sunday, October 4, 2026

1:00 pm

### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Blessed be the God who made heaven and earth, who gives life to all creatures and breath to humankind

**All: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

### **Collect**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. **M**ost gracious Creator, whose wisdom and love fill the world with every living thing: Bless us as we gather in thanksgiving for the creatures through whom you show us your goodness. Make us faithful stewards of your creation, and teach us to delight in the works of your hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All: Amen.**

## Reading

Genesis 1:20-25

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

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.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Reflection

The Rev. Dr. Nathaniel Jung-Chul Lee

## Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray for all creatures and for the world God has made.

For the animals who share our lives,  
**All: That they may be healthy, safe, and well cared for.**

Leader: For all creatures in the wild,  
**All: That their habitats may be preserved and their lives protected.**

Leader: For animals who suffer,  
**All: for those abandoned, mistreated, or endangered.**

Leader: For veterinarians, shelters, and all who care for animals,  
**All: that they may be strengthened in compassion.**

Leader: For ourselves, .  
**All: that we may learn gentleness, stewardship, and gratitude from the creatures entrusted to us.**

Leader: Creator of all, hear our prayer.

## **Blessing of Each Animal**

Celebrant: N., may you be blessed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May you be a source of joy to those who love you, and may God watch over you now and always. **Amen.**

## **Concluding Prayer**

Celebrant: O God, you have made us stewards of your creation and companions to your creatures. Grant that we may walk in harmony with all you have made, and reflect your love in our care for the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in all the works of his hands.

**All: Thanks be to God.**



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