

## St Peter's Church Hascombe

Welcome to a service to  
celebrate our pets and all the  
joy they bring us.

Please do keep both yourselves  
and your pets safe at all  
times, and dogs need to be on  
leads please even though many  
would behave beautifully if let  
off,

Some others may be nervous  
when approached.

Thank you.

## **Welcome**

### **Hymn**

Morning has broken like the first morning  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from Heaven  
Like the first dewfall on the first grass  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden  
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning  
God's recreation of the new day

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Kyrie

Christ came in humility to share our lives, forgive  
our pride.

Lord have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

Christ came with good news for all people,  
forgive our silence.

Christ have mercy

**Christ, have mercy.**

Christ came in love to a world of suffering,  
forgive our self- centredness

Lord have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

### **Reading from Genesis 1.26-end**

Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our  
image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over  
the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over  
the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all  
the creatures that move along the ground."

So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

### Hymn

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

*Refrain:*

O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise  
Him! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

O praise Him! O praise Him, Alleluia! Alleluia,  
Alleluia

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear, O praise  
Him! Alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light.

O praise Him! O praise Him Alleluia! Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him!  
Alleluia

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One.

O praise Him! O praise Him Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia.

### **Reading of Psalm 8 1-9**

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory in the heavens. Through the praise of children and infants you have established a stronghold against your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is mankind that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them? You have made them a little lower than the angels and crowned them with glory and honour. You made them rulers over the works of your hands; you put everything under their feet: all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild, the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas. LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Talk**

### **Prayers**

"Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

### **A Horses prayer**

Feed me, water and care for me, and when the day's work is done, provide me with a shelter, a clean dry stall large enough for me to lie down in comfort.

Talk to me, your voice often means as much to me as the reins.

Pet me sometimes that I may serve you more gladly and learn to love you.

Shoe me properly that I may serve you in comfort.

Never strike, beat, or kick me when I don't understand what you want, but give me a chance to understand you.

And finally, oh master, when my youthful strength is gone, do not turn me out to starve or freeze, or sell me to some cruel owner to be slowly tortured or stoned to death, but do thou, my master, take my life in the kindest way, and your God will reward you here and hereafter. You will not consider me irreverent if I ask this in the name of Him who was born in a stable... **Amen**

Creator God,  
You show us what love is Through the beauty of the earth  
And the gift of your Son.  
For the love of...Animal and plant  
Mountain and forest, Sea and city  
Woman and man, friend and family  
Those who live far from us  
And those yet to be born

Move us to live more simply to protect the earth  
And to speak up for those in need. **Amen.**



### **Praying for our pets.**

In your infinite wisdom Lord God, when you created the universe, you blessed us with living creatures. We especially thank you for giving us our pets, who are our friends, and who bring us so much joy in life. Their presence often helps us to get through difficult times. Help us to realise that as our pets trust us to take care of them, so, we should trust you to take care of us. In taking care of them we share in your love for all your creatures.

Enlighten our minds to preserve all endangered species so we may appreciate all of your creation. Grant this we ask in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

**And we say together the prayer which Jesus taught us;**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
Your Kingdom come, Your will be done  
On earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin  
against us**

**Deliver us from evil, for the Kingdom, the  
power and the glory  
Are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of  
creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and  
salvation!

Come, all who hear; brothers and sisters draw  
near,

praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily  
reigning;

keeping us safe at his side and so gently  
sustaining.

Have you not seen all you have needed has been  
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who when darkness and sin  
are abounding,

who when the godless are rampant, all goodness  
confounding,

shines with his light, scatters the terror of  
night,  
safely his people surrounding.

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work  
and defend us;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend  
us.

Ponder anew what the almighty can do,  
who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in me adore  
him!

All that has life and breath, come now with  
praises before him!

Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again;  
gladly with praise we adore him!

**We share the Peace and bless the animals.  
Let us say this prayer together.**

**O God, our creator, help us to love all  
creatures as kin, all the animals as partners  
on earth, all birds as messengers of praise,  
all small beings as expressions of your  
mysterious design, and all frogs as voices of  
hope.**

Let us go out into the world to love one another as you have loved us. Amen.

### Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
**Amen.**



### The Cat's Bedtime Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
My human's bed, so soft and deep.  
I sleep right in the centre groove,  
my human being can hardly move.  
I always snuggle in quite tight,  
And here is where I pass the night.  
No-one disturbs me or dares intrude,  
till morning comes and "I want food!"  
Then I sneak up slowly to begin,  
and nibble on my human's chin.  
The morning's here, it's time to play,  
I always seem to get my way.  
So thank you Lord, for giving me,  
this kind human person that I see.  
The one who hugs and holds me tight,  
and shares their bed with me at night.