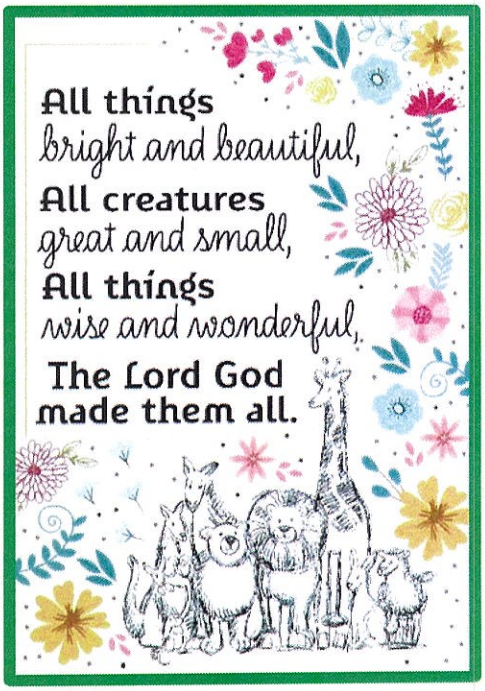
St. Peter's at the Light
Blessing of the Animals
October 3, 2026



As you arrive, please take a name tag.

At the top write your pet's name and at the bottom, write your name. (You get to wear the name tag!)

We will begin, standing in a big circle.

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Words of Welcome! ***(Father Terence Lee)***

The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea.
They share in the fortunes of human existence
and have a part in human life.
God, who confers gifts on all living things,
has often used the service of animals
or made them reminders of the gifts of salvation.
Animals were saved from the flood
and afterwards made a part of the covenant with Noah. (GENESIS 9:9–10)

The paschal lamb recalls the Passover sacrifice
and the deliverance from slavery in Egypt. (EXODUS 12:3–14)
A giant fish saved Jonah; (JONAH 2:1–10)
ravens brought bread to Elijah (1 KINGS 17:6)
animals were included in the repentance of Nineveh; (JONAH 3:7)
and animals share in Christ's redemption of all God's creation.
We, therefore, invoke God's blessing on these animals.
As we do so, let us praise the Creator
and thank God for setting us as stewards
over all the creatures of the earth.

A prayerful moment of gratitude for the pets who love us!

Fr. Lee: The Lord be with you and your pets
All: **And also with you and yours!**

Fr. Lee: Let us pray.

All: O God, you have made us and all living things. You are more magnificent than any creature you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. Help us that we might lovingly care for your creatures who trust us to look after them. May our lives manifest your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Brief Reading

This short reading is from the book of Job, chapter 12, verse 1, followed by verses 7-10

12.1 Then Job said in reply:

7 "But ask the animals, and they will teach you; and
Ask the birds of the sky, they will tell you;

8 or speak to the earth; it will teach you;
Ask the fish of the sea, they will inform you.

9 Who among these does not know
that the hand of THE LORD has done this?

10 In his hand is every living soul
and the breath of all creation.

Father Lee's Reflection

Invitation to the blessing:

**All: Let us now ask God's blessing on these animals.
As we do so, let us praise the Creator
and thank God for setting us as stewards
over all the creatures of the earth.**

Individual blessing of our animal friends

Litany of Thanksgiving

Please respond to the first 6 prayers: **We thank you, Lord.**

And respond to the next 3 prayers: **We pray to you, Lord.**

Closing Blessing of these amazing creatures and human friends they claim!