

Seedlings 🌱 : St. Michael and All Angels, this Sunday, September 29th: "Come in the night silent and still. Angel of light show the truth of love's will..."

## **St. Michael and All Angels, Sunday, September 29th**



**A Blessing of Angels**

*May the Angels in their beauty bless you.  
May they turn toward you streams of blessing.*

*May the Angel of Awakening stir your heart  
To come alive to the eternal within you,  
To all the invitations that quietly surround you.*

*May the Angel of Healing turn your wounds  
Into sources of refreshment.*

*May the Angel of the Imagination enable you  
To stand on the true thresholds,  
At ease with your ambivalence  
And drawn in a new direction  
Through the glow of your contradictions.*

*May the Angel of Compassion open your eyes  
To the unseen suffering around you.*

*May the Angel of Wildness disturb the places  
Where your life is domesticated and safe,  
Take you to the territories of true otherness  
Where all that is awkward in you  
Can fall into its own rhythm.*

*May the Angel of Eros introduce you  
To the beauty of your senses  
To celebrate your inheritance  
As a temple of the Holy Spirit.*

*May the Angel of Justice disturb you*

*To take the side of the poor and the wronged.*

*May the Angel of Encouragement confirm you  
In worth and self-respect,  
That you may live with the dignity  
That presides in your soul.*

*May the Angel of Death arrive only  
When your life is complete  
And you have brought every given gift  
To the threshold where its infinity can shine.*

*May all the Angels be your sheltering  
And joyful guardians.*

*(by John O'Donohue in *To Bless the Space Between Us*)*



*The Angel Appearing to Hagar and Ishmael by Ferdinand Bol*

## "Prayer to a Guardian Angel"

You may listen [HERE](#) or at the above link.

*Come in the night  
silent and still  
angel of light show the truth of love's will  
dark is my soul  
and fearful my mind  
help me the purest and gentlest way  
find*

*Come in the dawn  
when all is lost  
Angel of comfort take hold of my hand  
lift me and fold me  
help me to see  
that all of your treasures give power to break  
free*

*Come in the noon  
of bright sunlit days  
Angel of joy give me right words to say  
Inspire my heart  
with truth from above  
renew my life in the healing of perfect  
love*

(Source: Musixmatch

Songwriters: Patrick Thomas Hawes and Andrew Thomas  
Hawes)



**O Lord God, we see signs of summer's passing in  
golden leaves, shortening days,  
misty mornings, autumn glow.  
We sense its passing in rain that dampens, winds  
that chill, harvest bounty placed on show.  
Creator God, who brings forth both green shoot  
and frost, sunrise and sunset, we bring our thanks  
for seeds that have grown, harvests gathered,  
storehouses filled, mouths fed.  
And, as your good earth rests through winter's  
cold embrace, we look forward to its re-awakening  
when kissed by spring's first touch.**



**Final Open Air Worship 2024  
in the Church Gardens**

**on the Twentieth Sunday after  
Pentecost, October 6th  
with the Blessing of Animals**

# **in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi**



*You are welcomed and encouraged to bring a beloved pet to worship on this day. If you are not able to bring an animal, you may wish to bring a photo of an animal you love, a photo of an endangered species in the wild, or a photo of your deceased, beloved pet companion(s) to the service. Animals must be on a lead or in a secure pet carrier for the safety of other animals.*



## **“Canticle of the Creatures”**

**Ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi**

***Most High, all powerful, good Lord, Yours are the praises, the glory, the honor, and all blessing. To You alone, Most High, do they belong, and no one is worthy to mention Your name.***

***Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor!***

***Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.***



*Praise be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and  
the stars, in heaven you formed them  
clear and precious and beautiful.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind,  
and through the air, cloudy and serene, and  
every kind of weather through which You give  
sustenance to Your creatures.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,  
which is very useful and humble  
and precious and chaste.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire,  
through whom you light the night  
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and  
strong.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister  
Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us  
and who produces varied fruits with colored  
flowers and herbs.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give  
pardon for Your love,  
and bear infirmity and tribulation.  
Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You,  
Most High,  
they shall be crowned.*

*Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister  
Bodily Death, from whom no living [person] can  
escape...*

*Blessed are those whom death will find in Your  
most holy will,  
for the second death shall do them no harm.*

*Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks  
and serve Him with great humility. Amen*

**Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, died 1226  
Friday, October 4th, 2024**

Born into the family of a wealthy merchant, Francis gave up his inheritance to serve poor people. He formed the Order of Friars Minor (called Franciscans), who took on poverty and the task of preaching "using words if necessary."

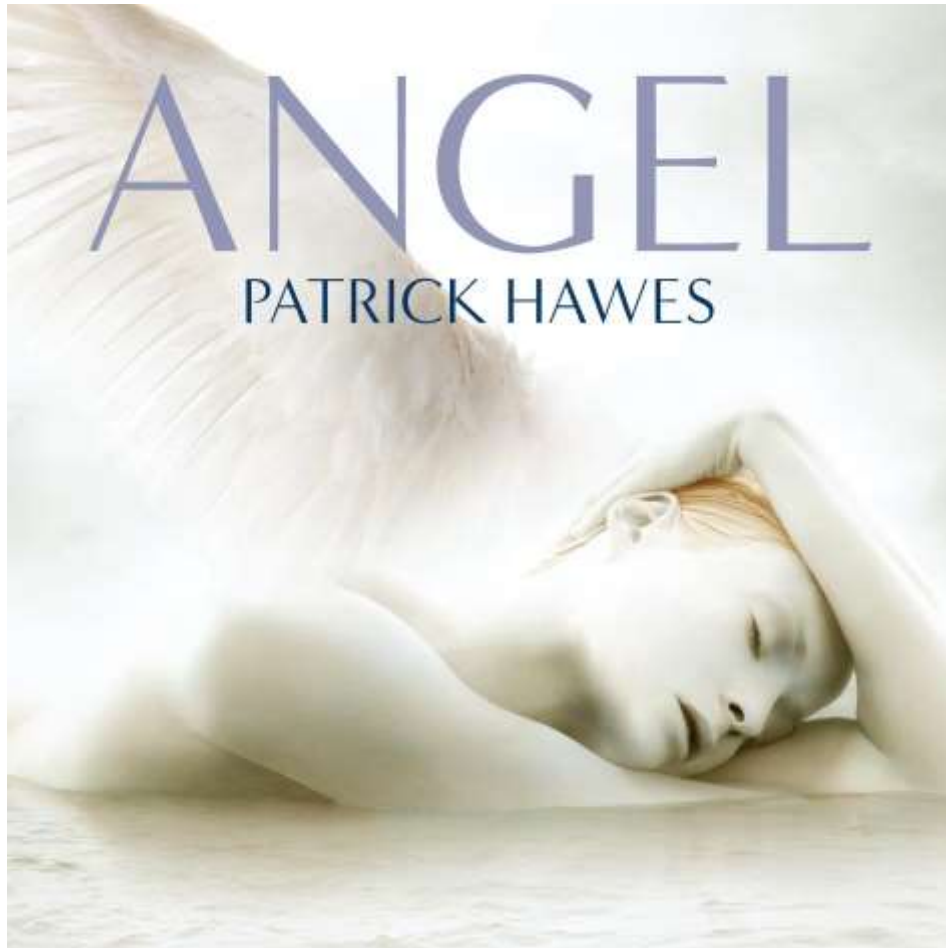
Francis had a spirit of gratitude for all of God's creation.



*Harvest Moon in September*

## "Angel Prelude"

You may listen [HERE](#) or at the above link.



*Lord, give us weak eyes for things of  
little worth,  
and eyes clear-sighted in all of your  
truth.*

*This prayer of 19th century Danish pastor, theologian and philosopher Søren Kierkegaard is quoted at the front of his book The Sickness Unto Death which was published in 1849.*



*Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the sanctuary.*



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***For waters break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;  
the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water...  
(Isaiah 35:6b-7a).***

**Join us every Sunday at 10:15 a.m.**  
**For continuing live streaming of the**  
**liturgy**  
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