

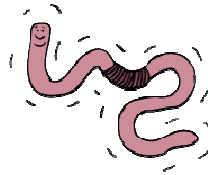
Chorus:
 For you gave me a heart
 And you gave me a smile,
 You gave me Jesus
 And you made me your child.
 And I just thank you, Father,
 For making me 'me'.



- If I were an elephant,
 I'd thank you, Lord by raising my trunk.
 And if I were a kangaroo,
 You know I'd hop right up to you,
 And if I were an octopus,
 I'd thank you Lord, for my fine looks,
 But I just thank you, Father,
 For making me 'me'.

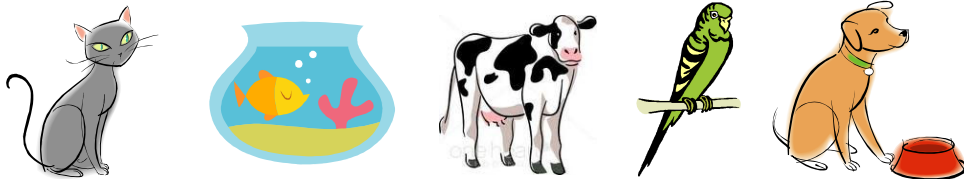
Chorus

- If I were a wiggly worm,
 I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm,
 And if I were a billy-goat,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my strong throat,
 And if I were a fuzzy-wuzzy bear,
 I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy-wuzzy hair,
 But I just thank you, Father,
 For making me 'me'.



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 Covenant Songs

Chorus



St Matthew's Anglican Church, Cheltenham

Blessing of the Animals

Welcome to all pets and their owners!



There will be a lunch in the Hall
 following the service.
 Everyone very welcome!



Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

Refrain:
 All things bright and beautiful,
 All creatures great and small,
 All things wise and wonderful —
 The Lord God made them all.



- The wildflowers in their beauty,
 The mountain ranges tall,
 The billabongs and rivers,
 And friendly birds that call,
Refrain
- The coloured walls of gorges,
 The gum trees green and tall,
 The rocks, and pools, and palm trees,
 The sparkling waterfall,
Refrain
- The many-coloured corals,
 The creatures of the sea,
 Of bushland, paddocks, desert,
 On farms, or roaming free,
Refrain



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4. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty
Who has made all things well.

Refrain:

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful—
The Lord God made them all.*



Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-95
(vv. 2, 4, 5 and refrain)
Brian Black 1992 (vv. 1 and 3)
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Together In Song

We meet in the name of God:

**God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Spirit:
God is one.**

Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal:
Have mercy on us.

**Holy God,
Holy and strong,
Holy and immortal:
Have mercy on us.**



Silence (we will excuse the animals!)

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.
Where there is injury, pardon.
Where there is discord, unity.
Where there is doubt, faith.
Where there is despair, hope.
Where there is darkness, light.
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.**

Source unknown
Attributed to Francis of Assisi 1181-1226

A Blessing for animals

Loving Father, bless our cats and dogs and ferrets and guinea pigs and all the domesticated inhabitants of our homes. For all farm animals: cows and pigs, sheep and goats, we thank you who made them for our benefit. For all circus and zoo animals: for lions and tigers and elephants who give us so much pleasure, we thank you and ask that they be cared for properly. For all the birds and bees and the small ones who scamper about in our back yards and gardens, and who give daily expressions to the depth of your creation, we thank you and ask that they live in peace with us and their neighbours.

Amen.

A Blessing for pets

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. On the fifth and sixth days of creation, you called forth fish in the sea, birds to the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Francis of Assisi to call all animals his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these animals, and by the power of your love, enable them 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.**

Hymn: If I were a butterfly

1. If I were a butterfly,
I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings,
And if I were a robin in a tree,
I'd thank you Lord that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea,
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee,
But I just thank you, Father,
For making me 'me'.

