

Psalm 50: 1, 10-11 & Luke 12:6

Adapted from the 'New Revised Standard Version' of the Bible

Readers: the passage may be read by 1-5 readers; two readers might alternate sections.

Reader 1:

In Psalm 50, the author proclaims God's claim
that every beast on land and in the air
is a worthy part of God's creation.

*Reader 2: The Mighty One, God, Yahweh,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting...,
“For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.
I knows all the birds of the air,
and all that moves in the field is mine.”*

Reader 3:

And in Luke's telling of the Good News,
Jesus reminds the crowds
that even the smallest birds they sacrifice at the temple
are part of God's beloved creation.

Reader 4:

*Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies?
Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight.*

Reader 5:

Today as we welcome animals into our temple,
to bless not to sacrifice,
we proclaim anew their important place
in God's creation. Amen.