

# **An Order for The Blessing of Hounds**



## **Loudoun Hunt**

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## A BLESSING OF THE HUNT

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Priest: The eyes of all wait upon thee, O Lord, and thou givest them their meat in due season;  
People: Thou openest thine hand, and fillest all things living with plenteousness.

Together: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Priest: The earth is the Lord's and all the fullness thereof;  
People: The compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

Priest: Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
People: Who hast made heaven and earth.

Priest: Lord, hear our prayer.  
People: And let our cry come unto thee.

Priest: The Lord be with you.  
People: And with thy spirit.

Priest: Let us pray.  
Hear our humble prayer, O God, for all animals, especially those in whose companionship we find joy and help. We entreat for them thy mercy and pity, and for those who deal with them we ask a heart of compassion, gentle hands and kindly words. Make us all to be true friends of animals, and so to share in the blessings of the merciful; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest and People: Amen.

Priest: Bless, O Lord, rider and horse, and the hounds that run in their running, and shield them from danger to life and limb.

May thy children who ride, and thy creatures who carry, come to the close of the day unhurt and give thanks to thee with grateful hearts.

Bless those whose lands we hunt, and grant that no deed or omission of ours may cause them hurt or trouble.

Bless the foxes who partake in the chase, that they may run straight and true and may find their destiny in thee.

Bless the hounds to our use and their joyful part in thy creation.

O God, who of thy love sanctifieth all things by thy Word, pour down thy mercy upon these thy servants, their horses and their hounds; to all who shall take part in this hunt, grant protection of body and soul; make us all ever mindful of, and responsive to, the needs of others, that the spirit of true sportsmanship may prevail in all that we do; all which we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Priest and People: Amen.

Priest: The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

Priest and People: Amen.