

All Angels Episcopal Church



The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

April 21, 2024

Prelude

All Things Bright and Beautiful

The All Angels Handbell Choir

Opening Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1982 Hymnal #645



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
 * 3 Per-verse and fool-ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
 3 love he sought me, and on his shoul-der
 4 Lord, be-side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.
 3 gent-ly laid, and home, re-joic-ing, brought me.
 4 com-fort still, thy cross be-fore to guide me.
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

O Lord Jesus Christ, good Shepherd of the sheep,
 you came to seek the lost and gather them to your fold.
 Have compassion on those who have wandered from you.
 Feed those who hunger, make the weary lie down in your pastures,
 bind up those who are broken in heart, and strengthen those who are weak,
 that we rely on your care, find comfort in your love, and abide in your guidance
 to our lives' end; for your name's sake. **Amen.**

Holy God,
 Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we
 hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads;
 who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jer. 23:1-6

Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, declares the Lord. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who claim to tend to my people: You are the ones who have scattered my flock and driven them away. You have not attended to their needs, so I will attend to you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the Lord. I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the Lord.

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 23

Ps 23

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

A reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 3:16-24

This is how we know love: Jesus laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. But if someone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but refuses to help — how can the love of God dwell in a person like that? Little children, let us love others with action and truth (and not just words or speech). This is how we will know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts in God's presence. Even if our hearts condemn us, God is greater than our hearts and knows all things. Dear friends, if our hearts don't condemn us, we have confidence in relationship to God. We receive whatever we ask from him because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. This is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love each other as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments dwell in God and God dwells in them. This is how we know that he dwells in us, because of the Spirit he has given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the
ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give
Praise to his Name.
I Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of cre - a - tion. *Repeat Refrain*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 10:11-18

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn

Shepherd of Souls

1982 Hymnal #343

Please remain seated

1 Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

- 2 We would not live by bread alone, but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on to our abiding-place.
- 3 Be known to us in breaking bread, and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread thy table in our heart.
- 4 Lord, sup with us in love divine thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine, be our immortal food.

The Nicene Creed *(The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

Let us pray to our Great Shepherd on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

Bless your Church so that we take comfort in you and not in our possessions.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures

and leads me beside still waters.

Lead this congregation to peaceful places and to take rest with you.

Help all those who doubt, and those whose confidence in your grace has been shaken by tragedy, bring them to the green pastures of your peace.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

We remember before you all those who suffer with chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Amelia, Dennis, and Alice. Guide them and us along the right pathways for your Name's sake. Help those recovering from injury, especially Agie.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Give comfort to all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. Remind those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, that you are always with them, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd and Nancy.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Anoint all those who protect us both at home and abroad with peace and strength.

Bring your peace to the leaders of the nations, and especially to those who shepherd peace, that they will sit with those who trouble them so that your peace may overflow into the whole world, especially in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Shepherd those whom we love but see no longer. Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Bring us with peace into your house where we will dwell with you for ever.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord, our Sanctifier and Shepherd, hear our prayers and strengthen and help us, that in our daily life walk with you, we serve you in all quietness of spirit; through Jesus Christ our Master. **Amen.**

The Confession is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem *My Shepherd* arr. Anna Laura Page & Jean Anne Shafferman

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name; In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream. He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways;

And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am His and He is mine forever. And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Praise him above ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might,
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

"Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Hymn

This is the Hour of Banquet and Song

1982 Hymnal #316

1 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
2 Too soon we rise; we go our sev - eral ways;
3 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,
this is the heaven - ly ta - ble spread for me;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
yet, pass - ing, points to the glad feast a - bove,
here let me feast, and feast - ing, still pro - long the
the Bread and Wine con - sumed: yet all our days thou
giv - ing us fore - taste of the fes - tal joy, the
brief, bright hour of fel - low - ship with thee.
still art here with us— our Shield and Sun.
Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymnal #708



1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

The Lord is My Shepherd

Anon.

New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Maggie Gat
in appreciation for the community of All Angels by the Sea.



Announcements

Gallery Artist Our featured artist for April is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.

Men's and Women's Discussion Group Men's Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 on Wednesdays. Both groups in person and via Zoom.

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Centering Prayer Centering Prayer invites you to pray with them, every day, at 8 am, wherever you are. When you enter into prayer at 8 am (Eastern), you will know that others are praying at the same time.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelsbk.org

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelsbk.org.

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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those
inside and outside the church.

Today's presenters

8:00 am

Barbara Pickrell — Chalice

Barbara Pickrell — Lector

Barbara Pickrell — Prayers

Dave Bishop — Usher

10:00 am

Larry Elder, Ed Upshaw — Chalice

Terry Cobb — Lector

Rev. Maggie Gat — Prayers

Hank Kochan, Graham Toft — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Judy Reed — Altar Guild

Daphne Walker — Flowers

Larry Elder, Hank Kochan — Offering Counters

Party Planning Committee — Coffee Hour

David Stasney — Organist

The Rev. David J. Marshall

The Rev. Fred Emrich

The Rev. Maggie Gat

Vestry

Barbara Pickrell, *Senior Warden*

Brian Davis, *Junior Warden*

Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*

Cade Sibley

Ginny Upshaw

David Bishop

Donna Henkel

Larry Elder

Reuben Fernandez

Hank Kochan

The Rev. David J. Marshall,

Rector

Reflection

Metron

I am excited for my friend Alex. He is the new Rector of St. John The Divine in Sun City Center (near Ruskin and Apollo Beach on the east side of Tampa Bay). Back when I was introduced to the diocese, Alex was the first clergy person to ask me out to lunch. We became fast friends and, flash-forward five years, we are now in Season 2 of our podcast, *A Bridge Between with Alex and Dave* (available on iTunes, Spotify and YouTube). I have walked with him during his time of transition – being called from Rector of a smaller parish in St. Petersburg to the larger St. John’s. He has asked me to preach at his installation service coming up on May 2nd. I am thrilled to do so.

The lessons Alex has chosen for his installation service – and the ones I will be preaching on – include a reading from the Letter to the Ephesians where the author, presumably St. Paul, writes about the gifts that God gives each person: *some are apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry*. As you would expect, I read the passage in Paul’s original language of Greek. There is a word in it that I’d like to share with you. The word is “metron”. It’s a fun word to say. But, there is a lot more to it than what we see at first glance. In English, metron is a description of a major city or a subway (metro); it is a device used by musicians to give time to music; and it is a repeating section, 3 to 6 syllables long, of a poetic meter. How can English have these three different definitions of the same word? In Greek, the primary use of “metron” is in measurement. We can measure a great number of things – the size of a city, of a transportation system, of music and of written word. It can all be *metron*-ized if you will.

Metron popped out at me because it was repeated; but, it had two entirely different English words – measure and properly. Yes, you are reading that right, metron is written in one sentence as “measure” and another sentence as “properly”. Here is the first sentence from chapter 4, verse 13: *to the **measure** of the full stature of Christ*. The second sentence from verse 16: *as each part is working **properly** promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love*.

How can this be? Verse 13 – metron – according to my Greek dictionary, is described this way: “the required measure, the due, fit, measure.” Verse 16 – metron – is this: “in proportion to measure.” One is required-measure, the other is measure-in-proportion. What does this mean in our life of faith?

You may have heard the phrase, “all fall short of the glory of God.” In comparison to that, we are to measure [metron] our lives with living into the full stature of Christ. That’s the goal, or, in this case, the measurement. At a funeral of a notoriously sinful person, the preacher said, “All fall short of the glory of God; the deceased fell shorter than most of the full measure of Christ.” That’s metron in action.

The second use of metron, in verse 16, I find particularly valuable. It harkens back to the Greek philosophical question of can love be measured? Love can be felt, received and given, but is love measurable? And, once one measures love, does it disappear? Perhaps in response to those questions, Paul is asserting that although love is without measurement, when people are working together in faith, in proportion [metron] love grows.

Alex and his family are feeling proportional love from their new parish home. It warms my heart and reminds me of the love the Marshall family has felt, is feeling, and will feel at All Angels. When people are working together in faith, in metron, love grows as a result.

- Rev. Dave