

All Angels Episcopal Church
Easter Sunday



ALLELUIA!
CHRIST IS RISEN!

8 o'clock Service

March 31, 2024

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who made this holy morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection:
Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we,
being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through
Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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

A reading from Isaiah

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a rich feast, a feast of
choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud
enshrouding all nations. He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe
tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth, for the Lord
has spoken.

They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited —
and he has saved us! This is the Lord, for whom we have waited; let us be glad and
rejoice in his salvation!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is 118.

Psalm 118:19-24

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will offer thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

he who is righteous may enter.

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me

and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

A reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 15:1-11

My friends, I want you to remember the message I preached and that you believed and trusted. You will be saved by this message, if you hold firmly to it. (But if you do not your faith was all for nothing.)

I told you the most important part of the message exactly as it was told to me.

This part is:

Christ died for our sins, as the Scriptures say.

He was buried, and three days later he was raised to life, as the Scriptures say.

Christ appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. After this, he appeared to more than five hundred other followers. Most of them are still alive, but some have died.

He also appeared to James, then to all of the apostles.

Finally, he appeared to me, even though I am like someone who was born at the wrong time. I am the least important of all the apostles. In fact, I caused so much persecution for God's church that I do not deserve to be called an apostle. But God treated me with undeserved grace! He made me what I am, and his grace was not wasted.

I worked much harder than any of the other apostles, although it was really God's grace at work and not me. But it does not matter if I preached or if the other apostles preached. All of you believed the message just the same.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn

David Stasney

The Nicene Creed and Confession are omitted on Easter Sunday

Let us join with Christians around the world and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Lord, we give you thanks and praise for rolling away the stone of death so that all might follow your path of resurrection. We pray for the Church, for All Angels, for all the churches on our island, and for Temple Beth Israel.

Roll away the stone of isolation and doubt so that all who seek you will find you. *Silence*

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

We pray for our elected and appointed leaders that they will work with a spirit of unity in our communities and nation. We pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Roll away the stone of willful disobedience and bring us your peace. *Silence*

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

We pray for all who serve our community especially those who protect us at home and abroad. We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. We pray for those in Hospice, especially Mary Jo. *Silence*

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

We pray for those who suffer chronic medical conditions, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine and Caitlin.

We pray for those recovering from surgery, especially Josh and Philip.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara and Todd.

Roll away the stone of fatigue and bring your healing and peace to all who suffer. *Silence*

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

We pray for all those whom we love but see no longer. *Silence*

We pray for all who grieve. And, we pray for all the saints who have rolled away the stone of disbelief and carried the light of Christ from generation to generation.

To the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant:

Lord Jesus Christ, you gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Guide us to live into your Beloved Community; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem

David Stasney

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:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

David Stasney

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

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Postlude on Llanfair

Anon

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

The Easter Altar Flowers are Given to the Glory of God
and for the Following Intentions

*Given by the Rev. Canon Nancy James Deming and
Philip Schuyler Deming in memory of Helen B. James, Mr. and Mrs.
George E. Deming, Betty-Schuyler "Schuy" Deming Wood,
David Stanhope Deming and Lynn Franklin Deming*

*Given by David Stasney in memory of Catherine Stratten, Phyllis Stasney,
Mildred Hamsher, Lena and Andrew Coccia,
and in thanksgiving for the All Angels musicians*

*Given by Don and Judy Le Win in thanksgiving for
their children and grandchildren*

*Given by Daphne Dodge Walker in thanksgiving for
her All Angels family!*

*Given by Anne Roberts in memory of Warren Roberts (1933-2018),
and in gratitude for her All Angels family*

*Given by Virginia M. Spitler and Family in loving memory of
The Rev. Downs C. Spitler, Jr.*

*Given by Nancy Boyd in thanksgiving for
her amazing daughter, awesome grandsons, and their loving father.*

*Given by Tom and Heidi Thomas in memory of their parents,
James and Grace Thomas and Alfred and Dorothea Boer*

Given by Fan Oleson in thanksgiving for her wonderful, bounteous family.

Given by Alison Jones in memory of Tom and his parents, Tom and Louise

*Given by Jinx and Hank Kochan in memory of
their parents and grandparents*

*Given by Dave and BJ Bishop in thanksgiving for
Russ, Carrie, Helena, Alden, Harper, Kevin, Dena, and Katie*

*Given by Diana and Fredrick Emrich in loving memory of
Jane Perin and Phil Kreis*

*Given by Bob and Carol Erker in thanksgiving for their children
and grandchildren, especially Jaxson on his baptism*

*Given by Steve Coons and John Grudzien in memory of
Harold and Margaret Coons and Ann Grudzien*

*Given in thanksgiving for our wonderful parents, Ed and Elyse Rogers
by their loving daughters, Pamela, Cynthia and Jenifer*

Given by Ed and Ginny Upshaw in memory of Aunt Helen Bassett

Given by Betsy Amsbary in memory of Bruce T. Amsbary

Given by Jerry and Gay Bowles in memory of loved ones

*Given by Elaine and William Smith in memory of
Iva and Ernest Tetreault and Helen and Oral Smith*

*Given by Katzy and C.J. Nager in thanksgiving for
the ladies of the Flower Committee*

*Given by JoAnn Heisen in thanksgiving to God
for all the blessings He has bestowed upon her and her family*

*Given by Sue Bassett-Klauber in memory of her loving grandparents
and mother, Col. and Mrs. Jinnes Carling, Annette Cooper,
and Charlotte Carling Smith*

*Given by Harry and Nancy Hanoian in loving memory of
Bonnie Lyn Oliver*

Given by Beverly Joutras in loving memory of Dick Joutras

Announcements

Spring Fling on April 11th at 5:00 in the Parish Hall.

Gallery Artist This is the last weekend to make a purchase from this month's artist, so please stop by the Gallery after church. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.

Coming to the Art Gallery in April, Iconographer Christine Hales.
April 14th reception after the 10:00am church service.

No choir practice this week

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@allangelslbk.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.allangelslbk.org.

The Baptismal Party

Catechumen:

Jaxson Robert Erker

Parents:

Kacie Fisher and Paul Erker

Godparents:

Sarah Nye and Margaret Doherty

Grandparents:

Carol and Bob Erker

Audrey Colabine and Mark Fisher

(Mark is unable to attend)

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

Today's presenters:

8:00 am

Barbara Pickrell — Chalice

Bob Dixon — Lector

BJ Bishop — Prayers

Dave Bishop — Usher

10:00 am

Ed Upshaw, Larry Elder — Chalice

Don Judd — Lector

John Gill — Prayers

Hank Kochan, Cathie Wilt — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Ginny Upshaw — Altar Guild

Sandy Wood, Hank Kochan — Offering Counters

Burgesses, Woods & Wilts — Coffee Hour

Guest Musicians

Sherman Lyke, Trumpet & Deserre Gorecki, Horn of the Sarasota Brass

David Stasney — Organist

The Rev. Dave Marshall

The Rev. Fred Emrich

The Rev. Maggie Gat

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

Reflection

Swallowing Up Death Forever

On this mountain, the Lord will prepare for all peoples a rich feast and choice wines. He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe tears from all faces; The Lord has spoken. – Isaiah 25:6-8

The first lesson for Easter Sunday is from Chapter 25 of Isaiah from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). This is a popular reading for funerals and yet here it shows up on Easter Sunday too. I'd like to walk you through why it is good news for both funerals and Easter.

On this mountain. The first mention of a mountain in the Bible is during Noah's flood. The water rose above the mountains and, as the water receded, the Ark rested on one. The second reference was when Abraham was told to go sacrifice his son Isaac (on a mountain; and, thankfully, God stopped him from going through with it). The burning bush Moses saw was on a mountain. The Ten Commandments were given on a mountain. The Promised Land is outlined by mountains. If you have been to Jerusalem, you will know it's on top of a mountain. In the New Testament, mountains play an important role including the Transfiguration (when Jesus' clothes turned dazzling white), the Sermon on the Mount, and when Jesus ascended to heaven, his disciples were on a mountain. In other words, mountains are places of transformation where, metaphorically speaking, heaven and earth touch. Isaiah's "On this mountain" highlights a time of great transformation.

All peoples. "All" in Hebrew is the same in English, it means all. "Peoples" means the different groups, tribes, languages, ethnicities of the world. "All" is an intentionally repeating word in this passage – all faces, all people, all the earth. In other words, no one is left out.

A great feast. The food and wine, as described in detail in Hebrew, take a long time to prepare. Likewise, it takes a long time to eat. This passage is why we believe in heaven there is a great feast for all people.

Swallow up death forever. Most likely an intentional play on words; while all people are eating and drinking (swallowing) what is God eating? The answer: death. When: forever.

Wipe tears from all faces. God is the Feast Preparer, the Inviter of all people, the Swallower of Death, and God is the Great Comforter. Wiping away tears is an intimate, individualistic act. Probably an intentional play on words, the text switches from "all people" to the eyes of each individual. As a loving, compassionate parent wipes away tears from the face of a crying child, so too will God do with you.

The Lord has spoken. A trivia question for you: what's the first thing God said in the Bible? If you answered, "Let there be light," you are correct. That light, once spoken, is still active and present and will be here tomorrow and all the tomorrows forever. What God speaks happens; now, and in the future. The feast; swallowing up death; wiping away tears – God has spoken (and is speaking and will speak for every tomorrow forever). In other words, if you see light in the day and the stars at night, God too will do this on the mountain.

We read this at funerals and on Easter Sunday because it is a summary of the Good News. God has/is/will prepare a feast for you, and for everyone you include in your "all", and for everyone outside of your "all" too. Therefore, we fear death no more and we rely on God our Great Comforter. The food is being prepared; let us meet God on the mountain and celebrate. Alleluia!

- Rev. Dave