

All Angels Episcopal Church

10:00 am



The last will be first, and the first will be last
Matthew 16:16

September 24, 2023

Prelude

Christ Has No Hands but Yours

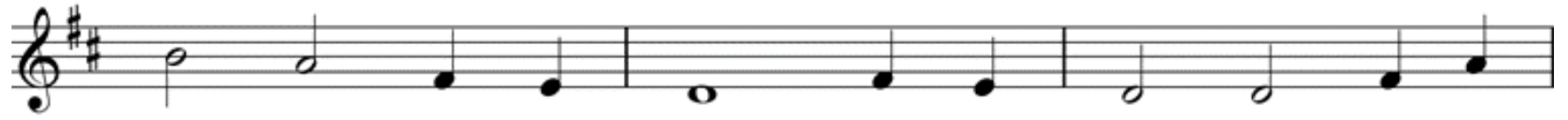
Lloyd Larson

Opening Hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

1982 Hymnal #686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



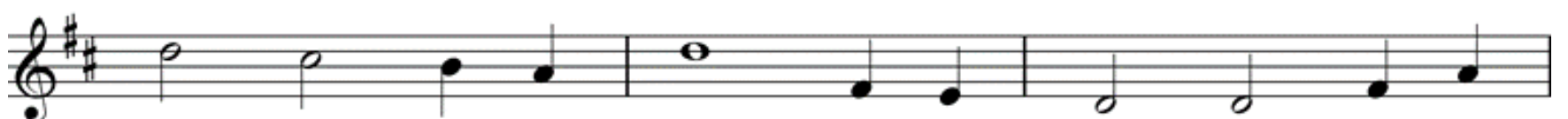
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790), alt. Music: *Nettleton*, melody from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813; harm. Gerre Hancock (b. 1934).

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from the book of Exodus

Ex 16:2-15

[After the Israelites escaped Egypt] The whole Israelite community complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by pots of cooked meat and ate our fill of bread. You have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole community with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole community of Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 146.

Ps 146:1-4

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,
for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!
whose hope is in the LORD their God

Introduction: St. Paul wrote this letter to the Church in Philippi, located in north-eastern Greece. Paul traveled to Philippi in response to a dream and most likely founded the church there. He wrote this letter to the church in Philippi while he was in a far away prison and facing possible execution. The theme of the letter is to thank the congregation for the gifts they sent him, to give the assurance that his imprisonment is not a set-back for the gospel, to foster unity, and to encourage the congregation to trust their lives to their Lord in all things and under all circumstances.

For me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. However, it's more important for me to stay in this world for your sake.

I am sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ's sake. You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I'm still facing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

God is Love

1982 Hymnal #379

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "God is Love" from the 1982 Hymnal #379. The score is written on five staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "I God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love."

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

God be in my head

1982 Hymnal #694

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

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 for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good, and bring peace to Ukraine.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Anne Louise, Kim, Michael, Lorraine, Barbara and Kimberly B. For those recovering from surgery especially Don. For those going through cancer treatments, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Georgianna, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Heather, Jennifer, TJ, and Jim. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Music *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

The Doxology

**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.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B

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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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 power and might,___
heaven 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 prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music

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

Closing Hymn

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1982 Hymnal #690



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,



bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Sent Forth to Serve

Rick Parks

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



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Daphne Walker:
She thanks God for giving her good health & another year!



Announcements

Choir News: Summer has flown past and it's time for our Music Ministry to begin regular rehearsals again:

Rehearsals begin on Thursday, October 12th

Choir meets every Thursday (October – May) at 10:00 am – ALL are WELCOME!

Bells Choir meets every Thursday (October – May) at 11:15 am – ALL are WELCOME!

Christmas Tea Cups Does anyone have any Christmas Tea Cups they could donate to All Angels for the upcoming Christmas Tea?

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, Sermon Texts, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website:
www.allangelslbk.org.

**Save the Date
2023/2024**

Sunday, October 22nd, 2-4pm:
Pet Blessing

Thursday, Oct. 26th, 4:30pm:
Fall Fling

Wednesday, Nov. 1st, 10:00am:
Caring Angels & Speaker

Sunday, Nov. 5th:
Meet the Artist, Liz Cole
(immediately after church service)

Saturday, Dec. 9th:
Christmas Tea 3:00pm
Concert 4:15pm

Saturday, Jan. 6th, 4:00pm:
Epiphany Celebration

The month of February
“New to You” Art Sale Fundraiser

Thursday, Feb. 8th, 4:30pm:
Art Fundraiser Wine Kick-off party

Sunday, Feb. 18th, 11:30am:
Annual Meeting after church, Sarasota Yacht Club

Thursday, April 11th:
Spring Fling

Today's presenters:

Bob Erker, Ed Upshaw — Chalice

Don Judd — Lector

Ginny Upshaw — Prayers

Phil Deming, Reuben Fernandez — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Nancy Boyd — Altar Guild

Heidi Thomas — Flowers

Laurel Vaughn — Offering Counter

Natalie & Brian Davis & Bev Henry — Coffee Hour

David Stasney — Organist

The Rev. Dave Marshall

The Rev. Fred Emrich

The Rev. Maggie Gat

Vestry

Cathie Wilt, *Senior Warden*

Brian Davis, *Junior Warden*

Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*

Barbara Pickrell

Hank Kochan

Cade Sibley

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

Reflection *Handed Down from the Past*

My aunt Janet (my dad's oldest sister) is the family historian; and thank God for her work. My great grandfather Darrow (the father of my dad's mother) had a well-researched family tree which was verified by professional genealogists. On the Marshall side, my great grandfather contributed to the family history by penciling a family tree on the back of a department store shopping bag. Thankfully both histories were kept! Thanks to Janet's work, I can tell my boys that we are related to an original British colonist; a couple who supported the Underground Railroad; the famous jurist, Clarence Darrow; and a paratrooper killed on D-Day.

She shared a story with me about Henrie Darrow, born 1575 in Woburn, Bedfordshire, England, to a farming family. When he was 13 years old, Queen Elizabeth summoned all able-bodied men from 16 to 60 years old to fight the 150 ship Spanish Armada that planned to sail up the Thames River to conquer London. Henrie was too young to go, but his father did and was deployed to Tilbury, a port near London. Because of Sir Francis Drake, with his 34 ships, and a storm that sank 60 Spanish ships (which the Queen believed was God's hand to keep England safe and independent), the armada limped back to Spain defeated and marked one of the most important turning points in English (and Protestant) history. This impacted Henrie. His father returned home with the life-changing experience of meeting men from all over the countryside. Perhaps as a result, Henrie's grandson, Sgt. George Darrow (1639-1704) was deployed to the British colony in New London, CT. His grandson, Jedediah (1721-1826), at 55 years old, became a "turn coat" and fought in the Revolutionary War and received a pension for his service.

I'd like to think that Henrie was influenced by his father's experience and that motivated the Darrow's away from agriculture to a life of adventure which included sailing to the New World and eventually securing independence from the Crown; and it motivated a woman to keep running a saw mill against societal convention; and a family who ran a station on the Underground Railroad; and a lawyer whose work as defense counsel in many criminal trials earned him a place in American legal history; and circling back around, it motivated a 19-year old who gave his life in France to keep England free. And, let us not forget my grandmother Beulah Darrow-Marshall who gave birth to five amazing children – a physicist, a biology teacher turned entrepreneur, a registered nurse (and historian), a librarian, and an accountant who continue to make an impact in the lives of others. I have never thought to be thankful for the Spanish Armada that attempted to seize England, but, thanks to the family history handed down to me, I am.

The Bible is a collection of stories about success and failure and redemption. It was written down while the Israelites were in captivity after losing their land to the Assyrians and Babylonians. If not for that one moment in history, would we have the story of creation, of Exodus, and the psalms?

My aunt concluded her story with this question: do you need a large grave marker to be remembered? Do you have to be like Andrew Carnegie and underwrite free public libraries in every city to create a legacy? The simple answer is no. You have an opportunity to leave your mark by writing an obituary today. Writing your own guarantees that precise message you want to leave to future generations. Nowadays, electronic systems hold onto your obituary so that it will be available in the future. I'd love to have the obituary of Henrie and of his mother and father; but instead, my aunt took the painstaking job to recreate our family history.

Taking advice from my aunt, when you write your own story, make it a good human tale. Tell us who you love and what influenced the choices you made. Tell us about the most outrageous thing you ever encountered. I can guarantee you that in the distant future there will be a relative who will be fascinated with genealogy and will find and cherish your story.

- Rev. Dave