

All Angels Episcopal Church

10:00 Sunday Morning



*God has prepared
a city for them.
Hebrews 11:16*

August 7, 2022

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

1982 Hymnal #410

Unison or harmony



1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing:
praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 Genesis

Genesis 1:1, 10-20

The vision about Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah, Amoz's son, saw in the days of Judah's kings Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah.

Hear the Lord's word, you leaders of Sodom. Listen to our God's teaching, people of Gomorrah! What should I think about all your sacrifices? says the Lord. I am fed up entirely with burned offerings of rams and the fat of well-fed beasts. I do not want the blood of bulls, lambs, and goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from you, this trampling of my temple's courts? Stop bringing worthless offerings. Your incense repulses me. New moon, sabbath, and the calling of an assembly — I can't stand wickedness with celebration! I hate your new moons and your festivals. They've become a burden that I'm tired of bearing. When you extend your hands, I'll hide my eyes from you. Even when you pray for a long time, I won't listen. Your hands are stained with blood. Wash! Be clean! Remove your ugly deeds from my sight. Put an end to such evil; learn to do good. Seek justice: help the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. Come now, and let's settle this, says the Lord. Though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow. If they are red as crimson, they will become like wool. If you agree and obey, you will eat the best food of the land. But if you refuse and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword. Thus says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 50.

Psalm 50:1-7

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,

God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;

**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**

He calls the heavens and the earth from above

to witness the judgment of his people.

"Gather before me my loyal followers,

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;

for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Faith is the reality of what we hope for, the proof of what we do not see.

The elders in the past were approved because they showed faith. By faith we understand that the universe has been created by a word from God so that the visible came into existence from the invisible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was going to receive as an inheritance. He went out without knowing where he was going.

By faith he lived in the land he had been promised as a stranger. He lived in tents along with Isaac and Jacob, who were coheirs of the same promise. He was looking forward to a city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

By faith even Sarah received the ability to have a child, though she herself was barren and past the age for having children, because she believed that the one who promised was faithful. So descendants were born from Abraham (and he was as good as dead). They were as many as the number of the stars in the sky and as countless as the grains of sand on the seashore. All these people died in faith without receiving the promises, but they saw the promises from a distance and welcomed them. They confessed that they were strangers and immigrants on earth. People who say this kind of thing make it clear that they are looking for a homeland. If they had been thinking about the country that they had left, they would have had the opportunity to return to it. But at this point in time, they are longing for a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God isn't ashamed to be called their God — he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand

Gospel Hymn *Jesus is Lord of All the Earth*

1982 Hymnal #178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *(Repeat refrain)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gospel Hymn

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. *(Repeat refrain)*

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

The Nicene Creed *Please stand*

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)*

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Creator in the name of Christ Jesus our Redeemer, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Almighty God, thank you for the beauty of earth, sea, and sky. Thank you for blessings without number, and for all who have followed you in faith. Increase our faith and gratitude, and give us joy amidst suffering and comfort in sadness.

Give us the courage to invite friends and neighbors into a closer walk with you.

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

Keep this country in your care. Guide our leaders in paths of righteousness.

Help us to preserve and extend the blessings of liberty and justice for all.

Send your Spirit abroad in the world, so that people in every land may learn to do good, seek justice, help the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow.

Help us to find our treasure not in possessions and power, but in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another. Bring your Spirit and peace to Ukraine.

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

Be the strength and shield of all who risk their life in defense of others. Help them act with wisdom and integrity. When their work is done, let their homecomings be joyful, their bodies and minds be healed and refreshed, their service be honored, and their skills be used in new ways.

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

Hear the prayers of those who ask for healing and those who seek comfort.

We especially remember before you: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara and Anne. Grant healing and recovery for John (Holtzermann), Peg, Sandy, Dave, Beverly, and Mary Jo. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

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

Lord Jesus, we thank you for breathing your eternal life into all who have died trusting in you, especially for those we name now.

A brief silence

Give each of us the daily bread we need. Help us to ask for, and to give, forgiveness. Strengthen us when we are tempted to turn aside from your good will; and deliver us from the snares of the Evil One. Bring us into the Kingdom that you have prepared for all whom you have redeemed through the merits of your dear Son, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit, we may praise, adore and bless you forever. **Amen.**

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:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* 1982 Hymnal #657

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

The people may kneel or sit as they are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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.

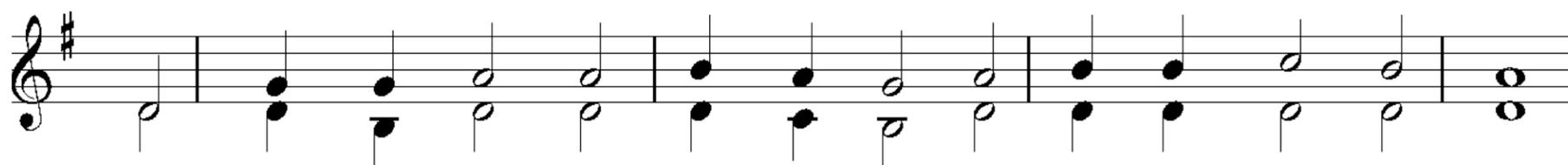
Communion Music by Bob Woody

Prayer After Communion

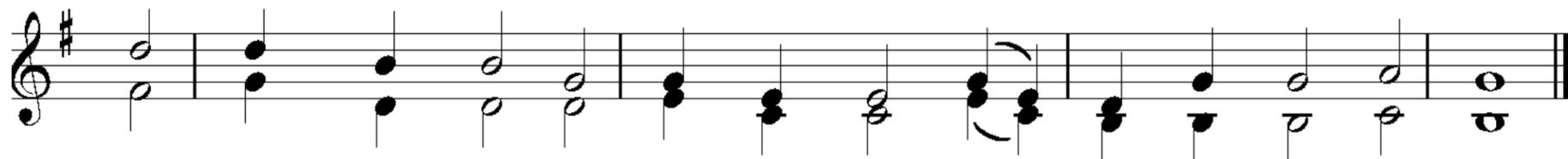
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

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

Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by
 Philip Schuyler Deming and the Rev. Cn. Nancy James Deming
 in loving memory of George E. Deming Jr.



Announcements

Gallery Artist Our featured artist for July through September is Robert Barylski. 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.

Manatee Food Bank Food is always needed for the Manatee Food Bank. BOGO's at Publix are a great way to support this cause.

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.

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

Today's presenters

Bob Erker, Mary Ortiz — Chalice

Terry Cobb — Lector

John Gill — Prayers

Phil Deming, Carol Erker — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Barb DeHart — Altar Guild

Katzy Nager — Flowers

Hank and Jinx Kochan — Coffee Hour Host

Laurel Vaughn — Offering Counter

Bob Woody — Organist

The Rev. Dave Marshall

The Rev. Maggie Gat

Vestry

Cathie Wilt, *Senior Warden*

Ginny Upshaw, *Junior Warden*

Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*

Barbara Pickrell,

Hank Kochan,

Larry Elder,

Jerry Bowles

Cade Sibley

The Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*

Reflection

Fraud

While lying on their beds they plot evil; they commit themselves to a sinful course and do what is wrong. *Psalm 36:4*

Don't go on the way of the wicked ... They don't sleep unless they do evil; they can't sleep unless they make someone stumble. *Proverbs 4:14-16*

I'm not sure if I have told you this story before – All Angels almost fell for a fraud attempt. We received an automated phone call allegedly from Florida Power and Light (or, as Dale would call them, “Florida Plunder and Loot”) saying that our payment for the last three months has not gone through. If we did not pay them by the afternoon, the power would be shut off through the weekend. I started to panic thinking about how to have Sunday services without electricity. The recorded voice said we could not pay over the phone, they needed cash to be dropped off at a drop box location in downtown Sarasota. Thankfully, we do not have a policy on outflow cash handling. During the moments it took for us to consider how to pay in cash, we realized that this might be a scam. Instead of using the phone number they provided, we looked up FPL's number off our invoice, called them and verified that our account is up to date. I then called Longboat police's non-emergency police line and told them of the scam. After collecting our information, I was told that scams are getting better – more realistic and pervasive.

A couple of months ago, in the afternoon, I picked up a phone call from “General Motors” saying that our company-owned car's warranty is about to expire (we don't have a company car). On my cell, I received a voicemail from “Your County's Court System” saying that a warrant has been issued and that I need to press “1” to talk to an officer to resolve the situation. The “Social Security Office” recently called to say that there is a problem with my social security number. I received a passionate plea to help support the “fallen police officer's fund” which, according to the scoffer, was dangerously close to running out of funds. Through email and Facebook, I receive weekly attempts of fraud – either to “friend” someone who I don't know, or, someone I do know whose system has been hacked. And then, more recently, I received emails from two different beloved parishioners saying they needed me to buy them gift cards at Amazon. ... which was not true.

This reminds me of the scam that I wrote to about. Two people at All Angels got a request from me for gift cards for Apple phone products. That was a pretty sophisticated scam. Thankfully it didn't work because someone called me to make sure I was okay.

At the beginning of this Reflection, I quoted a psalm and a pericope from Proverbs warning about fraudsters who can't sleep unless they are ripping someone off. The author of Ecclesiastes reminds us that there is nothing new under the sun. The fraud attempts that we experience today are nothing new; but, the scammers have become more sophisticated. This means we need to remain even more vigilant.

Please know that All Angels will ask you for contributions; it's how we are able to continue our ministry of bringing the living Christ to those inside and outside the church. However, we will not contact you to buy gift cards for myself or for any other member of All Angels. If you receive a text or email from me or anyone else in the congregation asking for gift cards, please think first that it is a scam, and call me or the parishioner directly.

One thing that scammers can never reproduce is conversations and relationships. As the hymn goes, they will know us by our love. Next time a fraud attempt comes up and one of the evil-doers tries to make us stumble, perhaps we should use it as an opportunity to converse with one another and build God's kingdom. Through conversation we will make certain that evil is foiled and that love will take the day.

- Rev. Dave