



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

August 11, 2022

SUNDAY SERVICE
10:00 am

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Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:

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Bulletin for Sunday, August 14



Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 14 are given by
Dr. James and Mary Lou Thomas
in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary.



Scripture Readings, August 14

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalm 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

[Click Here for this Sunday's Readings](#)

A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for the countries of Russia and the Ukraine,

*Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world
into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them
that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the
kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Episcopal Relief and Development: Ukraine

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with The Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, the Diocese of Europe, the Anglican Alliance

and United Society Partners in the Gospel as the churches prepare to mobilize on potential immediate and long-term responses to assist Ukrainian refugees in Poland, Romania, Hungary and other parts of Europe.

If you can, please help us support these efforts and continue to hold the people of Ukraine in your prayers and thoughts as they face this ongoing crisis.

[Help Families Fleeing Ukraine](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



PRAYERS

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.

We Pray for our People

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, 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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

August Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for August 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.



The discussion group reading for this next week comes with a warning. It has to do with forgiveness and the grace that accompanies it. The warning is this: there are two stories about abuse - one female, one male. Please know that I am available for you if you need to talk about abuse.

The article is from the Atlantic and is one of the most powerful and relevant discussions of forgiveness and grace that I have read recently (and I read a lot of publications about the topic). It has many aspects to it that I hope will be helpful for us as we try to understand a deeper sense of what it means to listen and to forgive - both individually and communally. For those in person, I will have the coffee ready. For those on line, here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

[A Moment of Grace](#)

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

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.

Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

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REFLECTION

Have Cats Will Travel

My dad told me stories about some memorable vacations when he was a



kid. For starters, he was one of five children. Every year, they would load up the vehicle, head out to various destinations in the western United States, and bring their pets. Five kids, several pets, all their belongings for a few weeks – that's my dad's vacation experience.



In contrast to that, I was talking with Laurel and Jeff Vaughn about their vacation plans. They, like my dad, take road trips with their pets; but, unlike the Marshall experience, theirs is more of a relaxing and contemplative travel time.

Laurel and Jeff have two beautiful cats – Ben and Jerry. I first met the two brothers at a cat blessing when they were kittens. As you can see from the photos, they have grown into magnificent longhaired cats. A couple of years ago, Laurel and Jeff bought a Sprinter travel van. Instead of boarding Ben and Jerry, they decided to take them along. Since then, the cats have quickly taken to travel. They love to lounge around the van when it is traveling; sometimes on the dashboard or side window where passing travelers get to relish in seeing beautiful cats on a road trip.

When they stay at a camp ground, Ben and Jerry join them outside on the picnic table or they will find a patch of sundrenched ground to nap on. Other travelers often comment on how beautiful the cats are and what a delight it is to see them out camping. Some people even stop to take selfies (and one person actually took a photo while driving!). What a blessing it is for others to see Ben and Jerry. When they do arrive at their destination, Laurel has photos of Ben and Jerry lounging around at various homes of their friends where they stay on their trips. They have become quite the traveling quartet.

When I saw them (the quartet) in July, Ben and Jerry had that traveling jones in their eyes. Their tails twitched just ever so slightly to indicate it was time for another road trip. Coming soon, the cats will get their wish when their Sprinter van heads off to California. More days of lounging

When their Sprinter Van heads off to California. More days of lounging around on the dashboard, seeing the beautiful countryside roll by, having the full attention of Laurel and Jeff, staying in camp grounds or at the houses of friends, and amazing people along the way. From what Jeff has told me, the first fifteen minutes of the trip – leaving Longboat and heading onto the mainland – is the roughest part for Ben and Jerry. I imagine that once they pass the veterinarian's office, the cats settle in for the enjoyment of it all.

I think Jesus was a cat person. He liked it when independent thinking people took a liking to him and followed him along the way. Jesus also talked about the importance of rest and contemplation; something Ben and Jerry do naturally. For all of the trips Jesus took that are recorded in the Gospel, it never seemed that the destination was the focus; it was rather the traveling that Jesus found important. Next time you read the Gospel accounts of his life, look at all the things that happened "on the road". Here are just a few: Jesus talked to the Samaritan woman at the well, healed a hemorrhaging woman and two blind men, brought a young man back to life, lepers were cleansed, five thousand people were fed; even the Sermon on the Mount was a stop on a long road trip. Again, it wasn't so much the destination for Jesus. The focus for him was the people he met along the way.

I don't imagine Ben and Jerry are too caught up in where Jeff's GPS is taking them. Instead, they are in for the travel. Perhaps our prayer lives could be better served if we prayed the way the Ben and Jerry travel – not worrying about the destination so much but rather blessing those along the way.

- Rev. Dave

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