

All Angels Episcopal Church

7:45 and 9:15 Sunday Morning



*Be encouraged!
It's me.
Don't be afraid.*
Matthew 14:27b

—Sarah Camille 2014

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Prelude

Dale Hooey

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymnal #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may turn from doubt and show his compassion to others. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Romans

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes about the righteousness that comes from the Law:

The person who does these things will live by them.

But the righteousness that comes from faith talks like this:

Don't say in your heart, "Who will go up into heaven?" (that is, to bring Christ down) or "Who will go down into the region below?" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (that is, the message of faith that we preach). Because if you confess with your mouth "Jesus is Lord" and in your heart you have faith that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Trusting with the heart leads to righteousness, and confessing with the mouth leads to salvation. The scripture says, All who have faith in him won't be put to shame.

There is no distinction between Jew and Greek, because the same Lord is Lord of all, who gives richly to all who call on him. *All who call on the Lord's name will be saved.*

So how can they call on someone they don't have faith in?

And how can they have faith in someone they haven't heard of?

And how can they hear without a preacher?

And how can they preach unless they are sent?

As it is written, *How beautiful are the feet of those who announce the good news.*

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 709. Let us read it responsively by half verse. *Psalm 85:8-13*

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,

**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**

Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,

that his glory may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth have met together;

righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring up from the earth,

and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity,

and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him,

and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 14:[20-21]22-33

[The disciples gave the bread and fish to the crowds. Everyone ate until they were full, and they filled twelve baskets with the leftovers. About five thousand men plus women and children had eaten.]

Right then, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side of the lake while he dismissed the crowds. When he sent them away, he went up onto a mountain by himself to pray. Evening came and he was alone. Meanwhile, the boat, fighting a strong headwind, was being battered by the waves and was already far away from land. Very early in the morning he came to his disciples, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified and said, “It’s a ghost!”

They were so frightened they screamed.

Just then Jesus spoke to them, “Be encouraged! It’s me. Don’t be afraid.”

Peter replied, “Lord, if it’s you, order me to come to you on the water.”

And Jesus said, “Come.”

Then Peter got out of the boat and was walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw the strong wind, he became frightened. As he began to sink, he shouted, “Lord, rescue me!”

Jesus immediately reached out and grabbed him, saying, “You man of weak faith! Why did you begin to have doubts?” When they got into the boat, the wind settled down.

Then those in the boat worshipped Jesus and said, “You must be God’s Son!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

The Nicene Creed

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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 be seated*

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Holy Father, we bow in adoration before your majesty. We stand in awe of your wisdom, power, and goodness. And we thank you for your strong saving love, made real for us in your dear Son. Send us your Spirit, so we boldly obey his commands and humbly crave his mercy.

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

Send your Church into every corner of the world to preach the Gospel of salvation through Christ alone. By your Spirit, give it humility, faith, and courage to proclaim your holy Word with faithful clarity and compassion.

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

Give such endurance and faith to all who are persecuted for being Christians, that even their tormentors might repent, call upon your name, and be saved.

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

We pray for everyone who is overwhelmed by winds and waves of adversity, grief, and suffering. We know they sometimes feel abandoned by others – and even by you. Give us grace to encourage, strengthen, and aid them. Help us to take their hand and walk with them, even across their stormy seas, towards the nail-scarred hands of Jesus, who alone can lift them up and save them.

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

Shield us from natural disasters and manmade catastrophes. Storms, floods, tornadoes, droughts, and earthquakes threaten many lives; and human malice destroy many more. Come down, O Lord, on the wings of wind; speak your word of peace upon the troubled earth and every human heart; and reign as King and Lord of all.

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

Clothe with righteousness and wisdom all your servants who risk their lives in defense of life and liberty. Be their stronghold, shield, and refuge. Make them models of justice, integrity, and service.

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

We remember that Jesus said to his disciples who were afraid, “Be encouraged, I am with you. Don’t be afraid.” We pray for Downs IV, Holden, Heidi and Cynthia. We pray for healing and recovery for Carlos, Virginia, Pearl, Susan, and Tom. We pray for those

going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres and Ginny. We pray for all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don and Barbara. We pray for all who are in hospice care, especially Ward.

Save them from every affliction that threatens to undo them. Lead them to a place of safety and shelter, healing, and hope. And bless everyone who is entrusted with caring for them in any way.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Thank you, dear Father, for your servants who now rest from their earthly labors – especially those whose death touches us most closely. Give to us, who still sail life's stormy seas, faith to call upon you in confidence and hope. Give us love to encourage and help our neighbor in distress. And give hope to all who cling to your Son for dear life. Grant that we, with all whom you have redeemed, may sing with joy and worship you forever.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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.**

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Reflection

Dale Hooey

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 Holy Eucharist Prayer A

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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 him 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are integrated into the music as follows:

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.

Please be seated.

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:

Christ has died. Christ has 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Let us pray,

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that through thy grace, the words which have heard this day may be grafted inwardly in our hearts and bring forth in us the fruit of good living, and the gifts of your Kingdom, to the honor and praise of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

| Recessional Hymn | <i>Give to the winds thy fears</i> | Dale Hooey |
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| 1. | Give to the winds your fears, hope and be undismayed; God hears our sighs and counts our tears, God shall lift up our head. Through waves, and clouds and storms, He gently clears our way. Wait then, His time so shall this night soon end in joyous day. | |
| 2. | Leave to His sovereign sway to choose and to command; So shall our wondering own His way, how wise, how strong His hand. Far, far above our thought our counsel shall appear, When fully He the work has wrought that caused our endless fear. | |

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: To the worship team that brings the Good News to those inside and outside the Church, especially Christi Marshall, Ginger Shipp, Elijah Marshall, Alison Jones, Ethan Marshall, Rev. Maggie Gat, Dale Hooey.

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.

Discussion Group, the article for discussion with the Men's and Women's group is available on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

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

Tidings If you are not receiving our electronic newsletter, Tidings, or if you have changed your email address, please email marialove@allangelslbk.org to be added.

Video The service today will be recorded and made available on YouTube and on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Reflection

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After a long, pandemic-driven hiatus, Holy Communion is being offered again at All Angels. The hiatus came from this question: How do we share in communion but breathe different air? It is inherently difficult to answer because the sacrament says we are one body because we share one bread and one cup. ... just not the same air?

The solution required some retooling of the service itself. In an environment where we are required to wear masks indoors, I couldn't understand how we were to receive the bread with masks on. To make matters more difficult, some of the communicable airborne disease material I read indicated that one should spend the least amount of time possible sharing indoor air. Since we are unable to create an indoor environment like in commercial airliner or ICU where the air is recycled seven times per minute, I came up with a 45-minute Morning Prayer service. Since communion adds twenty minutes to the service; I had to go back to the basics. Here are the requirements for Holy Communion: proclamation of the Gospel, the Lord's Prayer, the saying of the Nicene Creed (on Sundays), and the Eucharistic prayer. With the help of our worship team, we came up with a Holy Communion service, with music, that goes just over 50 minutes. However, we still had the eat-while-wearing-a-mask problem.

This might sound strange, but I had a dream of administering communion next to a baptismal font. The church in my dreams is always the same – ancient, wooden with tall ceilings, and overflowing with people. Although it is not any church I have ever physically seen, the important part is that in my dream I was giving out communion standing next to the baptismal font. During the day, something triggered a memory of my dream and that's when it hit me, I need to administer communion next to our baptismal font; which, in our awesome church, is outside.

One unique aspect of All Angels is that our baptismal font is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Anyone can visit at any time. Every other baptismal font I have seen is locked inside a church. Ours is exactly the opposite and is much more representative of the river Jesus was baptized in – outside, in nature, fed by rain water, with leaves, and God's creatures all around it which includes the black snake that lives in the garden – that's not figurative, we actually have a friendly black snake which I believe keeps away poisonous snakes and rodents. Anyway, the point is, where others have been baptized, we now receive the Body of Christ. Communicants are invited to take and then eat somewhere on campus in their own individual outdoor air.

Unofficially speaking, the other requirement of Holy Communion is fellowship. That unofficial but important part of communion we will be working on next. Perhaps it'll take another dream to see the answer that is right in front of me.

- Fr. Dave