

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 am



**But in fact Christ has been
raised from the dead, the first
fruits of those who have died.**

1 Corinthians 15:20

February 16, 2025

Prelude

Hope is God

James Southbridge

Opening Hymn

All Praise to Thee

1982 Hymnal #477

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,
2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;
3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou
5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,
2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;
3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,
4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,
5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.
2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.
3 hum - bling thy self to death on Cal - va - ry.
4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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

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

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: as your light shines through the life of Jesus, so shine in us, that we may become beacons of compassion, enlightening all creation with deeds of mercy and peace; 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*

Introduction: The theme for this week's Bible lessons is about two ways of living – those who trust in God and those who trust in themselves and their own strength.

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Jer. 17:5-8

The Lord proclaims:

Cursed are those who trust in mere humans, who depend on human strength and turn their hearts from the Lord. They will be like a desert shrub that lives in the parched places of the wilderness, in a barren land where no one survives.

Happy are those who trust in the Lord, who rely on the Lord.

They will be like trees planted by the streams, whose roots reach down to the water.

They will not fear drought when it comes; their leaves will remain green.

They will not be stressed in the time of drought or fail to bear fruit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 1

Psalm 1

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,

**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**

Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on his law, day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water,

bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked is doomed.

A reading from the Letter to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain.

We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised.

For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised.

If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.

Then those also who have died in Christ have perished.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Hymnal #398

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Christ.*Luke 6:17-26*

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God, verse 3*

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known;
 and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne;
 while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
 and everywhere that I could be, thou, God, art present there.

The Nicene Creed *All standing*

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*

God of Light and Life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith. *Silence*

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, One God, in you we live and move and have our being; thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those blessings that are difficult to see.

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

As the psalmist declared, *happy are they who trust in the Lord*, we pray for all who protect us both at home and abroad, especially those who are injured in the line of duty and for their families who support them.

Bless our communities, and the whole world, with your peace.

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

Shed the light of your healing love on all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for those with chronic illnesses, especially Downs IV, Holden, Victoria, Kim, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Joan, John and Diana. And for those who we name now. *Silence*

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

Send your healing light and joy on those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, and Lou.

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

Knit together in your love all whose relationships have frayed, that they may find reconciliation and new beginnings.

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

Send healing and peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy and Julie.

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

Bless all who work to improve the health of others, that they may bring hope, care, wisdom, and skill to all they serve.

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

Hold in the palm of your hand all who are near death and all who care for them, that they may know the peace that passes all understanding. We pray for those in hospice care especially Jeanne and Anne.

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

You are the Lord who does wonders;

You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life;

Heal us and make us whole.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

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 always with you. **And also with you.**

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory

Foundations of Faith

Joseph M. Martin

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.

The people may remain standing or kneel or sit as they are able.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.
Bring us to your Table for solace and for strength; for pardon and for renewal.
Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ,
that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Communion Music

David Stasney

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

Closing Hymn*Jesus Shall Reign*

Hymnal #544

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.

The Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**Postlude**

Postlude on "Michael"

DLS

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.



Announcements

Confirmation Classes are starting on Sunday, February 23rd. If you are interested in seeking confirmation in the Episcopal Church, please let Fr. Dave know. All are welcome.

Turning Points Visit We have the honor of having Margie Dawson, Director of Development from Turning Points with us on February 23 to speak about Turning Points.

New to You ART Sale

Hours:

Mon.- Thurs. 9-1

Sun. 12-3

Saturday Feb.22 10-4

Sunday Feb. 23 12-4

We are accepting your Old Art. Our sale depends on donations from our parishioners, your friends, and your neighbors. We accept gifts of Art, Jewelry, Knick Knacks, Carvings, Statues and all forms of good old Art.

100% of sales will be donated to Turning Points in Bradenton., an amazing organization that helps people not become homeless. Drop off items to Linn or Nancy in the office.

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.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 am.

Handbell Choir rehearsals on Thursdays 11:15 am.

New members are always welcome!

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

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Today's Presenters

8:00 am

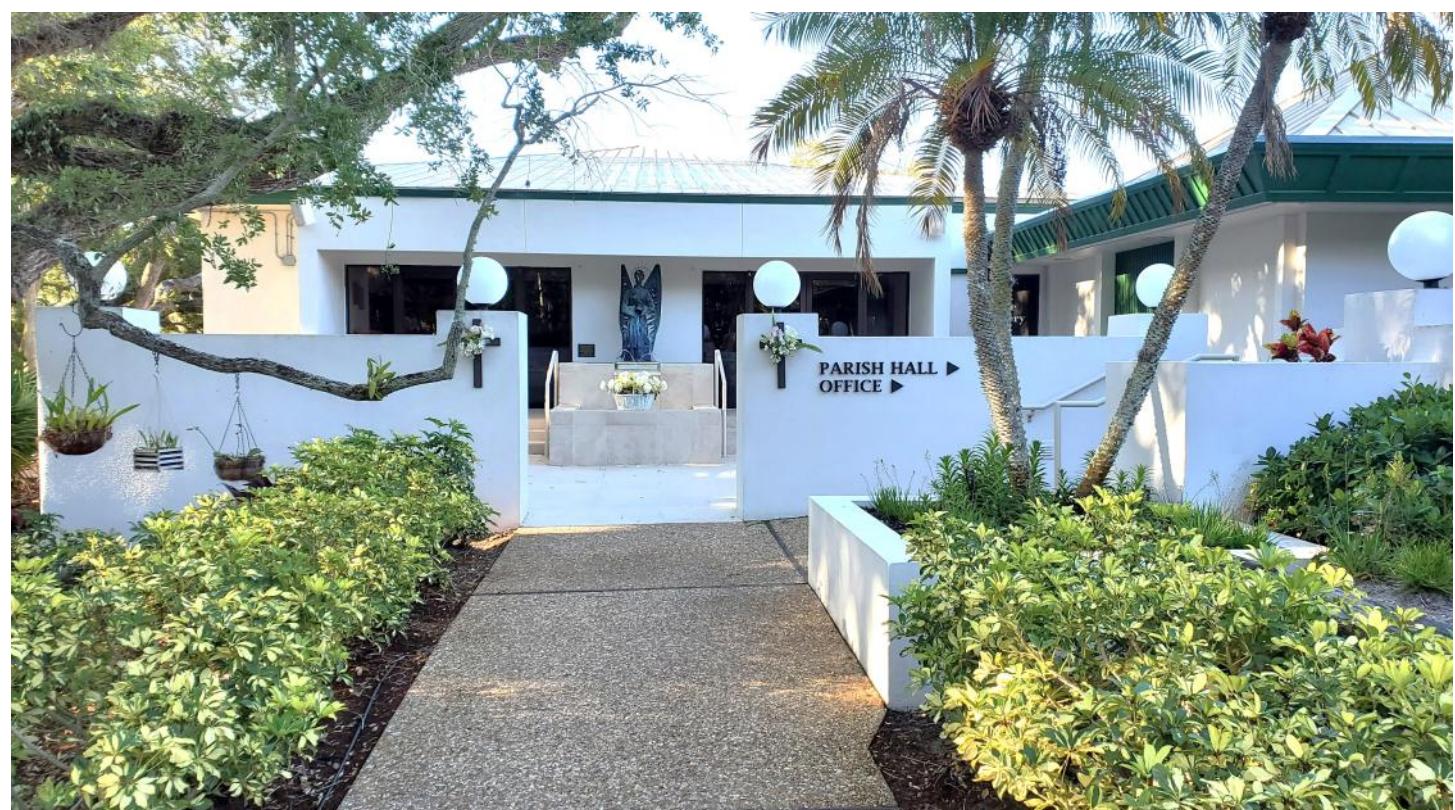
Tina McGrath — Chalice
BJ Bishop — Lector
Bob Dixon — Prayers
Patrick McGrath — Usher

10:00 am

Ed Upshaw — Chalice
Terry Cobb — Lector
Carol Erker — Prayers
Phil Deming, Russ Callahan — Ushers
Ethan Marshall — Acolyte
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host
Daphne Walker — Altar Guild
Pam Elder — Flowers
Laurel Vaughn — Offering Counters
Nancy Boyd — Coffee Hour
The Very Rev. David J. Marshall
David Stasney, Music Director
The Rev. Fred Emrich, Retired Clergy

Vestry

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

Reflection

Self-inquiry Prayer

How do you know what you know?

I pray, a lot. I believe that God hears prayers; all of them – from devoted believers to unbelievers; the joyful and those who mourn, the faint and overborne, sin-sick and sorrow-worn – God hears all prayers.

I believe this without proof.

I believe there are three major categories of prayer: *thanks, help, wow.*

What I've been experiencing, however, is a fourth category that I call self-inquiry prayer.

Deep inside me there are two voices: one is self-serving, self-protecting, and acts for the well-being of myself. The other voice is empathetic, caring, and acts for the well-being of others. They are in a tug-of-war for my attention. God is the moderator between these two voices. The Moderator listens to my private, quiet internal voice and makes inquiries about what is not being said. This self-inquiry prayer is how the Moderator helps me discern. In other words, the Moderator helps me know what I know.

I knew when it was time for me to get a driver's license and where to go to college. I believe self-inquiry prayer will show me when it is time to give it up. My dad knew when it was time to begin oncology treatment and when it was time to discontinue it.

This is how I experience self-inquiry prayer: It begins in a place where I will not be interrupted (which nowadays is sitting in traffic on my way home). I recite internally a passage of Scripture like, "For everything there is a season and a time under heaven." Or, "With God, all things are possible." I then hold in my mind a question and allow the self-inquiry process – the tug-of-war – to take place. From that wrestling match, my mind will wander off on a tangent. From my experience, that tangent is when the Moderator is speaking and it's time for both sides of my mind to listen and explore.

There is no proof that God hears our prayers. But I do know the push and pull of my inner thoughts; I imagine you experience that too. If I offer those thoughts in prayer, I find that I already know the answer. One thing I have come to know is that there is a time and season for everything under heaven and that, with God-the-Moderator, all things are possible.

- Fr. Dave