

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

October 11, 2020



*He makes me lie down
in green pastures
and leads me
beside still waters.*

Psalm 23:2

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

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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."

Mark 12:29-31

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.**

Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King* verse 1

Hymnal #400

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia
Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silvery moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, our beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. May we live in the power of his resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your vineyard which is love, compassion and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Philippians

Philippians 3:17-21 - 4:1-9

Brothers and sisters, become imitators of me and watch those who live this way—you can use us as models. As I have told you many times and now say with deep sadness, many people live as enemies of the cross. Their lives end with destruction. Their god is their stomach, and they take pride in their disgrace because their thoughts focus on earthly things. Our citizenship is in heaven. We look forward to a savior that comes from there—the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his glorious body, by the power that also makes him able to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord.

Loved ones, I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice!

Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

From now on, brothers and sisters, if anything is excellent and if anything is admirable, focus your thoughts on these things: all that is true, all that is holy, all that is just, all that is pure, all that is lovely, and all that is worthy of praise. Practice these things: whatever you learned, received, heard, or saw in us. The God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 23. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 612. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23

He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:23-32

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and elders of the people came to him as he was teaching. They asked, "What kind of authority do you have for doing these things? Who gave you this authority?"

Jesus replied, "I have a question for you. If you tell me the answer, I'll tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things. Where did John get his authority to baptize? Did he get it from heaven or from humans?" They argued among themselves, "If we say 'from heaven,' he'll say to us, 'Then why didn't you believe him?' But we can't say 'from humans' because we're afraid of the crowd, since everyone thinks John was a prophet." Then they replied, "We don't know." Jesus also said to them, "Neither will I tell you what kind of authority I have to do these things."

"What do you think? A man had two sons. Now he came to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 'No, I don't want to,' he replied. But later he changed his mind and went. "The father said the same thing to the other son, who replied, 'Yes, sir.' But he didn't go. "Which one of these two did his father's will?"

They said, "The first one." Jesus said to them, "I assure you that tax collectors and prostitutes are entering God's kingdom ahead of you. For John came to you on the righteous road, and you didn't believe him. But tax collectors and prostitutes believed him. Yet even after you saw this, you didn't change your hearts and lives and you didn't believe him."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. Comfort and guide your Church. Help us to shepherd others to your goodness and show your peace.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters. Comfort persecuted Christians throughout the world. Lead them to be calm in the midst of turmoil and make the hearts of their enemies lie down in your pasture so they can humbly accept you and repent of their ways.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord revives my soul and guides me along right pathways for the sake of his Name. Comfort those who are struggling with illness, guide those who care for others, bring your wisdom to all research scientists who are working for the health and wellbeing of all.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil. Comfort first responders, those who protect us both here and abroad, and give courage to those who provide relief for the vulnerable in our world — refugees and children.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord is with me, his rod and staff comfort me.

Comfort especially: Downs IV, Holden, Nikolai and Brian. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery especially Jim Thomas who received a new hip. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Ginny, Alex and Colleen.

Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord has spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me. Comfort us when we think about and pray for our enemies, those who wish to do us harm, and those in our lives who have harmed us.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Lord has anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over. Conform and guide all those who have been anointed with power in our local governments, our state, our nation and the world. Through their decisions, help them to govern with equanimity so that all cups will run over.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Surely the goodness and mercy of the Lord shall follow me all the days of my life. With gratitude and affection, we entrust our faithful departed into your care. *Silence* Comfort all whose grief runs deep. Help and guide us, so that we may help one another through the sorrows and dangers of this life.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

We thank you Lord for caring for us as a shepherd cares for the sheep. In the name of our Lord Jesus we pray. **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 B

BCP 367

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 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.

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 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 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.**

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 we 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 #556

1982 Hymnal

Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud;
while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. *Refrain*

Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go,
from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. *Refrain*

Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array,
as warriors through the darkness toil, till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: To the anonymous donors who have paid for our chalices to be refinished. Jesus said to bring out treasures new and old for the Kingdom of Heaven!

Veterans Day Parade, sponsored by the Rotary, November 11th, 11 am, Bay Isles Road. For more information and to make a donation for veterans: www.LongboatKeyRotary.org

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.

Book Study St. Benedict's Tool Box, Wednesdays at 10 am on Zoom

Artist of the Month - The artist for October is Linda Loen. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. All checks should be written to "All Angels by the Sea."

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

A Garrison of Peace

If you have seen my liturgical style, you may have noticed that I do not pray the Eucharistic prayer by memory. Some clergy recite it from memory, but, I choose not to. Some of this style has to do with being an underwriter in a corporate culture that insisted one is not memorize the insurance policy; but rather to read it. It didn't matter if we had read a particular section hundreds of times, we must read it when making a determination. In college, I studied a Supreme Court case that decided whether a police should read or recite the Miranda rights. The court ruled that the arresting officer must read the rights, not recite it from memory.

In seminary, we were advised to memorize two parts of the service – the absolution and the benediction. In the bulletin this Sunday, the benediction isn't in print, it just says, "The Blessing". I don't memorize stuff well; in fact, some have made fun of me for not remembering the lyrics to the most common Christmas hymns. But, for the benediction, I will be just fine as long as I remember these words: *the peace of God*. If I can remember those words, I can recite the rest from memory – "[the peace of God] which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord."

The words of the benediction came from Sunday's reading — chapter 4, verse 7, of Paul's letter to the Philippians. This past Tuesday, I was reading the chapter in Greek. Normally I'd speed through the words I already know but something made me stop and look at them in verse 7. Wouldn't you know, I saw something that I've never seen before. The word that stuck out for me is the verb "to keep". The Greek word Paul used is phroureo; it means to keep, to guard, to set-a-garrison. The transliterated Greek reads this way: the peace of God which exceeds all thought set-a-garrison-around your heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

Upon reading that, my mind was blown. I had never imagined God's peace setting a garrison/fortress around my heart and mind in Christ. Visually speaking, the peace of God for me had always looked like a tranquil lake, or an orange setting sun over a blue ocean, not a stone wall. In fact, when I think of the verb to-keep, I think of it in a possessive transaction; like keeping something. But, medieval architecture shows a keep is a strong tower. Here I was thinking that God's peace keeps-transactionally our hearts and minds in Christ. Where, in Paul's day and time, he wrote that God's peace sets a garrison or a strong tower to hold our hearts and minds in Christ. Now, that certainly does pass all understanding!

- Fr. Dave