

# All Angels Episcopal Church

"He restores my soul."  
Psalm 23:3



May 11, 2025

**Prelude**      *Andante* (from Sonata VI) Felix Mendelssohn      Mr. Robert Woody

**Opening Hymn**      *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*      1982 Hymnal #645

- 1    The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;  
     I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.
- 2    Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
     and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
- 5    Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;  
     and oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6    And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
     Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

*Celebrant*    Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*      **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Acts

*Acts 9:36-43*

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm reading for this morning is from Psalm 23

*Ps 23*

The Lord is my shepherd;

**I shall not be in want.**

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.**

A reading from Revelation

*Rev 7:9-17*

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**      *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*      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.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*John 10:22-30*

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

**The Sermon**

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

**Reflection Hymn**      *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*      1982 Hymnal #342

**The Nicene Creed**      *(The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

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)*

Almighty God, today we give thanks to you for the divine gift of motherhood in all its forms. We thank you that you are our Source of Life: you created us and nurtured us, and you call us again and again to return to you for peace and restoration. Receive our prayers, as we respond to each petition with, “Hear our prayer.”

We pray in gratitude for our own mothers. We thank you for their love, their care for us, for the joy that mothers bring every day. We pray for God’s peace for all those who have mothers who were not able to offer unconditional love and for those who are in conflict with their mothers.

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

We pray for those among us who are parents, that in parenting they would find a deeper connection to the God who loves us with an unending maternal love.

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

We pray for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated.

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

For all who have mothered others in any way, especially for foster and adoptive parents. For those who have been our substitute mothers.

We pray for all those in our lives who need love and care, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Ian, Joan, Diana, Anne, Alyssa, Joe, Denise, Zachary and Chris.

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

We pray for the earth that provides us with our sustenance and for all who tend the land and feed the nations with the fruits of their labor. Make them wise and faithful stewards of your bounty. Grant sun and rain in due measure, and preserve your good land from blight, drought, flood, wind, and fire.

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

Give comfort to all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, and Kim. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy, Julie, George, Denise, Mark and John.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Jeanne and Regina.

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

We pray for parents and grandparents who have experienced the death of a child. Give them the assurance that although their child has passed from their sight, that they are always in the arms of our Lord.

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

We pray for mothers who parent in difficult situations especially those who live in shelters, in cars or on the street; those in inner cities, refugee camps and those living in war-torn places especially Gaza, Israel and Ukraine. We ask that God bring peace to those regions and bring peace in our country, our communities, and in our families.

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

We pray for those whose mothers have passed away, and for all who have died, that they find rest in the arms of God. We pray especially for those we name now. *(Silence)*  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this all in the name of God, who loves us like a mother. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the strengthen us to do you will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Confession is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter.*

The Peace of the Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

**Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

**Offertory Anthem**

**The Doxology**

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

**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 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

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 before he died for us, 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.**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. 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.

*Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.*

**Communion Music**

Mr. Robert Woody

**Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray.  
**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymnal #708

1 Sa - vior, like a shep - herd lead us; much we need thy  
2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa - vor, ear - ly let us

ten - der care; in thy plea - sant pas - tures feed us;  
learn thy will; do thou, Lord, our on - ly Sa - vior,

for our use thy folds pre - pare. Bless - ed Je - sus!  
with thy love our bos - oms fill. Bless - ed Je - sus!

Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.  
Bless - ed Je - sus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

**The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**

**Postlude**

*Offertoire for Easter* by Francois Dandrieu

Mr. Robert Woody

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





## Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Laurel and Jeff Vaughn  
in honor of their loving Hollywood Mothers.



## Announcements

**Gallery Artist** The Gallery Artist for May is Zerbe Sodervick. 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.

**Chancel Choir** rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 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](mailto:lt@allangelslbk.org)

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**Today's presenters**

Bob Erker, Alison Jones — Chalice

Terry Cobb — Lector

Carol Erker — Prayers

Reuben Fernandez, Cathie Wilt — Ushers

Mr. Robert Woody — Organist

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Ginny Upshaw — Altar Guild

Daphne Walker — Flowers

Cathie Wilt — Offering Counters

Paula Norwood & Allen McGee — Coffee Hour

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to those inside and outside the church.

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Reuben Fernandez

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David Stasney

*Music Director*

Fr. Fred Emrich

*Retired Associate*

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall,

*Rector*



## Reflection

### *The Leper and the Gossiper*

Does it seem like movies and shows on television use more profanity now than in the past? Study after study shows we can definitively (and unfortunately) say “yes” to that question. There’s one word in particular that has shown a substantial increase from 511 times in 1985 to 22,000 times in 2023. During the same time, violent images in movies and television have tripled in content.

Christians share a holy responsibility to partner with God as protectors and healers. That responsibility starts with us protecting and healing ourselves. The Bible instructs us to avoid being influenced by forces that harm. In the first century, people of the Jewish and Christian faith were told not to bring idols from the Romanized world into their home. Teachings of that era instructed the faithful to be careful of the words we use when talking about ourselves and others. Words, in our Abrahamic faith, are to lift up, to find common ground, to express the truth and to worship God. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, we should be wary of the negativity we bring into our homes and senses through the media. We are asked to ponder if our words are used for breaking down or for building up.

At first read, the Book of Leviticus (third book of the Bible) seems to be full of archaic purity laws. But a closer read shows Leviticus is helping us to be protectors and healers. This week I read a Levitical teaching about *metzora* (Hebrew) which is loosely translated as “skin disease”. Two lengthy chapters are dedicated to a hyper-focused detail about the spectrum of dermal infections and the priestly role as healer. Someone with *metzora* must be cut off from interactions with others until a priest declares the disease to have passed. There is a similar Hebrew word to *metzora*; it is *motzi shem ra* – the act of gossip. *Metzora* is about outer body decay. *Motzi shem ra* is about spreading decay of the community through gossip, assumptions, lies.

In the Biblical era, Temple priests were a reliable source to declare who was free from skin disease. In the Gospel, Jesus healed some men of *metzora* and they were required to go to a priest to be declared clean. But what about *motzi shem ra*? Gossip infects and travels quicker than infection skins diseases and can cause rapid decay of the body of the community. Jesus uses some of the harshest language possible to tell people not to speak poorly of others – to avoid *motzi shem ra* – and instead to use words wisely to build up the community. Case in point, the trial Jesus was subjected to (that led to his crucifixion) was full of *motzi shem ra*. The early Church lived into being protectors and healers by avoiding the spread of gossip. Instead, they used words to build up and heal.

The good news is we have eradicated *metzora*, for the most part, in North America. The bad news? *Motzi shem ra* still exists. If we are to live into our role as protectors and healers, Jesus reminds us that it starts with the words we use – not to break down but to build up. We need to protect what we take in to know what is true and what is *motzi shem ra*. And, like our spiritual ancestors, we need to remember to use words to heal and mend ourselves, our homes, and our communities. While media content of the 21<sup>st</sup> century continues to use more profanity and violent images, we are to do our best to heal and protect ourselves and our community.

- Fr. Dave