

All Angels Episcopal Church



*Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.*

May 26, 2024

Prelude

Love of God

Franklin Ashdown

Opening Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

1982 Hymnal #362

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

Ear - ly in the morn - - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim
on - ly thou art ho - ly;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!
Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
fall - ing down be - fore thee,
there is none be - side thee,
Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - - i - ty.
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - - ri - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - - i - ty.

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

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship You: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Is 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew.

And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Canticle 13. Let us read it responsively. *Canticle 13*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Intro: In this section of the letter to the Church in Rome, St. Paul writes about active belief in Christ. He believes we have an obligation to actively live for the Spirit and not our own selfish thoughts. When he writes, “With this Spirit, we cry *Abba, Father*” he wrote in Aramaic – *Abba* – which means father to the Jewish readers. For the Greek readers, he wrote “*Pater*” which means father. This signifies the Spirit of unity he is conveying to his readers.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Romans 8:12-17

Brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it is not an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. All who are led by God’s Spirit are God’s sons and daughters. You didn’t receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, “*Abba, Father*.” The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God’s children. But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God’s heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn*Alleluia Sing to Jesus*

1982 Hymnal #460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Christ.*John 3:1-17*

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

1982 Hymnal #324

Please remain seated

1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

- 2 King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood
he will give to all the faithful his own self for heavenly food.
- 3 Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of Light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.
- 4 At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye
veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

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*)

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

A brief silence

Make your Church radiant with your holiness. Keep it steadfast in faith; sound in doctrine; loving in service; generous in giving; ardent in worship; and holy in living. Make it a lamp filled with the light of your presence, welcoming and guiding many to salvation in your holy Name.

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

We remember those who have given their lives for service to their country especially those we name now. *Silence*

Keep them ever in your care. Hasten the day when war shall be no more, and your eternal peace reigns undisturbed in every heart.

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

There is no other God beside you. Give faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially those who take counsel for the nations. Conform the hearts of all people to your will and grant us grace to love one another as you love us.

And we urgently pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

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

Breathe health, wholeness, and hope into the hearts of all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Amelia, Dennis, Alice and Angie. Help those recovering from injury, especially Joseph. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With your mighty hand and outstretched arm, protect, guide, and defend all those who stand in harm's way on behalf of others. Use them to establish safety and order in places of danger and chaos; and bring them home safely and soon.

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

Give the comfort of your Holy Spirit to all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie and Nancy.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, we praise you for welcoming into your presence all who died trusting in you.

Keep our hearts firmly fixed on you, the Lord and Giver of life. Bring us, with the whole company of the redeemed of every time and place, every nation, tribe, and tongue, into your presence, where we shall forever adore: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Gracious Father, through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we are bold to ask these things in Jesus' name. Whatever is in accordance with your will, grant us for your dear Son's sake. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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 with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem *Holy Trinity Prayer* Paul Ayres

Holy Trinity in whose name we worship, give us such love, that alone and together, today and every day we may reverence the Father, radiate the presence of the Son, and live in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen..

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 C

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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 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might,
Heav'n 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 sit or kneel or remain standing as you are able.

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 Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebeka, Jacob and Rachel; 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.

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 Hymn

Meditation Music

David Stasney

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

Immortal, Invisible

1982 Hymnal #423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Holy Trinity

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



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by David Stasney:
Holy Trinity; in whose name we worship, give us such love,
that alone and together, today and every day we may reverence the Father,
radiate the presence of the Son, and love in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Today's presenters

Bob Erker, Ed Upshaw — Chalice

Don Judd — Lector

John Gill — Prayers

Phil Deming, Reuben Fernandez — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Judy Reed — Altar Guild

Katzy Nager — Flowers

Debi Nettlow — Offering Counters

The Doeneckes — Coffee Hour

David Stasney — Organist

The Rev. David J. Marshall

Vestry

Barbara Pickrell, *Senior Warden*

Brian Davis, *Junior Warden*

Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*

Cade Sibley

Ginny Upshaw

David Bishop

Donna Henkel

Larry Elder

Reuben Fernandez

Hank Kochan

The Rev. David J. Marshall,

Rector

Announcements

Gallery Artist Our featured artist for May is iconographer Christine Hales. 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.

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

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

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

Reflection Pets

I saw this prayer on a coffee mug: *Lord, help me to be the person my pet thinks I am.*

This past Sunday after Coffee Hour, I did a service in our pet memorial garden. By a statue of St. Francis, we placed in rest the ashes of a much beloved pet named Reba. The black standard poodle, Reba, had a very good life. She was a trained therapy dog, lived on a canal on Anna Maria Island, and had two very good roommates – Ginny and Ed – who kept her fed, groomed and most importantly, loved. Occasionally, Reba would come to All Angels where she did her favorite activity of chasing lizards.

Prior to her passing, Reba visited me for the last time. I was thankful that her chauffeurs (Ed and Ginny) brought her. She was afflicted with sores and a quickly spreading cancer. She was wearing a red shirt so that she didn't feel the need to lick her fur. As always, Reba was happy-go-lucky and was pleased to see me. We all sat in my office, I offered some prayers, mostly for her handlers, but also for her to have a holy and peaceful ending. The prayer ended with thanksgiving to God for blessing us with such a wonderful creature and that we are now returning her back to our Creator.

The dog had a ministry. She was able to bring comfort and joy to people who were in the last stage of life. Hospice pet-therapy dogs provide people with joy. They also reduce the feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depression. I have seen where a pet-therapy animal takes a patient's mind off their situation and the hopelessness they may feel. The presence of a pet encourages family members to share stories and open up about their own feelings. Maybe pet-therapy animals are like a coffee table book that helps break the ice. Or perhaps they have a special, spiritually tuned gift. Reba did both. She had so much positive energy that people would naturally feel uplifted by her presence. She would greet each person and wait to be petted on the head, which would help break the ice of doubt and confusion that hospice can bring.

Pets have a way of being in tune with their owners, or guests, that can help them open up in a safe way. I have had tough days in ministry that were softened greatly by the purr of a cat and a good lap fix. Although I clean the two cat boxes every day and give Oscar and Jellybean their “crunchies”, I think I receive more from our two cats than what I give. In that way, our pets have a ministry to their owners – they bring attention and calm. Jellybean was a Covid cat – we needed/wanted another cat because our much beloved cat, Pancake, was in his final stage of life, and couldn't imagine going through a pandemic with just one cat, Oscar.

Speaking of Oscar, now in his 14th year, he is starting to say goodbye to us in the way that pets do when they know their time is coming. Normally fastidious about his shiny black coat, he is starting to look a little scruffy. He's becoming thinner too. Yet, being a cat, he still has energy to play chase with our orange and white cat (Jellybean).

The way I read the Bible, it appears that humans went through “The Fall” but animals did not. We found ourselves separated from God, but I don't think animals do. Like their human companions, each pet has a particular gift or set of gifts. We call Oscar our Big Baby because he always wants to be on our lap and loves to purr. He also likes guests and will quickly jump on their lap and wait to be petted too. He's like the welcome party of the Marshall household. And this is what makes saying goodbye to pets so difficult. They give us so much and ask for little in response. They don't need books for college, or braces, or need driving lessons. Pets are quick to forgive and give lots of love.

While Reba's ashes were being placed in the Memorial Garden, I said, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done.” She ran her race on this planet by giving love to others, especially strangers. Our pets give us an example of how to live and love and how to treat one another. May we all be the kind of person our pets think we are.

- Fr. Dave