

# All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

September 13, 2020



*Lord, how many times should I forgive?*

*Matthew 18:21*

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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*

**Hymn of Praise** *Praise to God, Immortal Praise*, verse 3

Hymnal #288

As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;  
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;  
Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Creator God, your forgiveness transcends all the wrongs we have done. Grant us the courage to forgive others, and to practice reconciliation by the kindness of our speaking, the sharing of our resources, and honoring of your desire for goodness to shine through all people. In Jesus' loving name, **Amen**.

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

A reading from Romans

*Romans 14:1-12*

Welcome the person who is weak in faith—but not in order to argue about differences of opinion. One person believes in eating everything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Those who eat must not look down on the ones who don't, and the ones who don't eat must not judge the ones who do, because God has accepted them. Who are you to judge someone else's servants? They stand or fall before their own Lord (and they will stand, because the Lord has the power to make them stand). One person considers some days to be more sacred than others, while another person considers all days to be the same. Each person must have their own convictions. Someone who thinks that a day is sacred, thinks that way for the Lord. Those who eat, eat for the Lord, because they thank God. And those who don't eat, don't eat for the Lord, and they thank the Lord too. We don't live for ourselves and we don't die for ourselves. If we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we belong to God. This is why Christ died and lived: so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. But why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you look down on your brother or sister? We all will stand in front of the judgment seat of God. Because it is written,

*As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me,  
and every tongue will give praise to God.*

So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 103:8-13. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 733. Let us read it responsively by half verse. *Psalm 103:8-13*

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,  
**slow to anger and of great kindness.**

He will not always accuse us,  
**nor will he keep his anger for ever.**

He has not dealt with us according to our sins,  
**nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
**so is his mercy great upon those who honor him.**

As far as the east is from the west,  
**so far has he removed our sins from us.**

As a father cares for his children,  
**so does the Lord care for those who follow him.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, how many times should I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Should I forgive as many as seven times?”

Jesus said, “Not just seven times, but rather as many as seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle accounts, they brought to him a servant who owed him ten thousand bags of gold. Because the servant didn’t have enough to pay it back, the master ordered that he should be sold, along with his wife and children and everything he had, and that the proceeds should be used as payment. But the servant fell down, kneeled before him, and said, ‘Please, be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ The master had compassion on that servant, released him, and forgave the loan. ‘When that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him one hundred coins. He grabbed him around the throat and said, ‘Pay me back what you owe me.’ ‘Then his fellow servant fell down and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I’ll pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he threw him into prison until he paid back his debt. ‘When his fellow servants saw what happened, they were deeply offended. They came and told their master all that happened. His master called the first servant and said, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you appealed to me. Shouldn’t you also have mercy on your fellow servant, just as I had mercy on you?’ His master was furious and handed him over to the guard responsible for punishing prisoners, until he had paid the whole debt.

“My heavenly Father will also do the same to you if you don’t forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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.

Almighty God, you have not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our wickedness. We are your debtors in so many ways. Thank you for being so willing to cancel our debt. Keep us ever mindful of the costly generosity of your beloved Son. Give us his grace and strength, to willingly forgive the debts of those who have wronged us, as you have forgiven our debts.

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

As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our sins from us. Teach your universal Church how to be a school for forgiveness and a hospital of mercy. Equip its members to pray for and share the forgiveness you give through the death and resurrection of Jesus. And shape the people of this congregation to be rich in mercy, abounding in kindness, tireless in good works, and joyful in praising you.

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

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so is his mercy great upon those who honor him. Guide, strengthen and bless those in health care, teachers and administrators, diplomats, the military, law enforcement and the courts, to be instruments of your peace. Help them to heal, to teach, to bring safety, freedom, and justice. Heal their bodies, minds, and spirits when they are worn down. By their labors, lay the groundwork for peace to grow and flourish.

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

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness. Be merciful to this broken world. Help our leaders to rule with justice tempered with mercy and compassion. Bestow on all of us a spirit of patience, forbearance, humility, and kindness. Teach us to outdo one another in showing mercy and righteousness.

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

As a parent cares for a child, so does the Lord care for all who follow him. Graciously answer the prayers of everyone who calls upon you for help, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Heidi, Cynthia, Brian and Nikolai who was born premature. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery, especially Carol, Carlos, Pearl, Susan,

and Tom. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Colleen and Ginny. 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, especially Ward.

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

Most holy Protector and Guide, you show goodness and mercy toward all; especially those who die trusting in you. Thank you for redeeming their lives from the grave. We pray for those who have died and those who grieve. *Silence*

Make your ways known also to us; renew our strength; and take away our sin. Lead us in the pathways of your loving-kindness, and teach us to forgive rather than to pass judgment upon one another. Grant that whether we live or die, we know that we are yours. Raise us to that perfect and glorious life which you bestow upon all whom you have redeemed.

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

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, hear our prayers 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

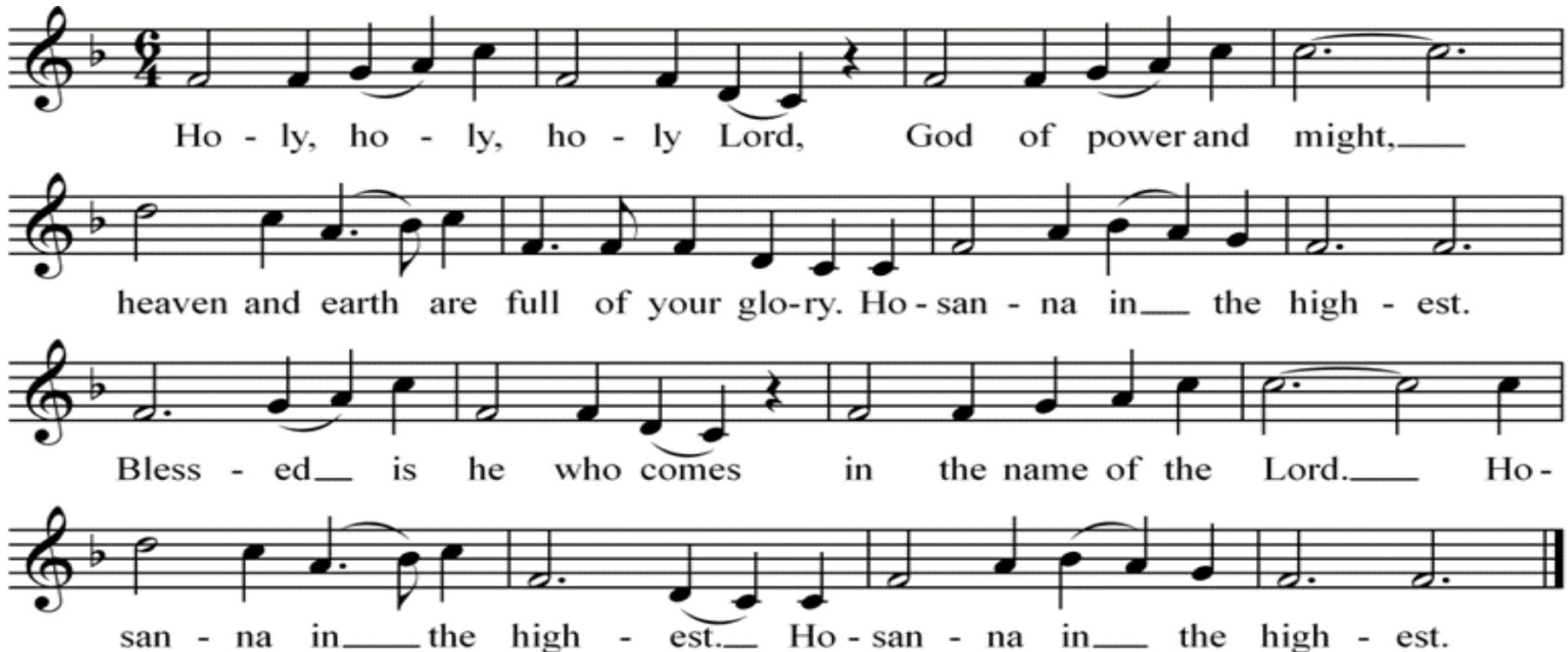
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,**  
**Praise him all creatures here below,**  
**Praise him above ye heavenly host:**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### **The Holy Eucharist Prayer A**

BCP 361

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.



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. 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 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** *O bless the Lord, my soul!*

Hymnal #411

- 1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee proclaim!  
And all that is within me join to bless his holy Name!
- 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mercies bear in mind!  
Forget not all his benefits! The Lord to thee is kind.
- 3 He will not always chide; he will with patience wait;  
his wrath is ever slow to rise and ready to abate.
- 4 He pardons all thy sins, prolongs thy feeble breath;  
he healeth thine infirmities and ransoms thee from death.
- 5 He clothes thee with his love, upholds thee with his truth;  
and like the eagle he renews the vigor of thy youth.
- 6 Then bless his holy Name, whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days: O bless the Lord, my soul!

## Announcements

**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, starting Wednesday, Sept 23, 10 am on Zoom

**Pet Blessing** - two days, Thursday, October 1 at 2 pm, and Sunday, October 4 at 10 am

**Discussion Group**, the article for discussion with the Men's and Women's group is available on our website: [www.allangelslbk.org](http://www.allangelslbk.org).

**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)

**Tidings** If you are not receiving our electronic newsletter, Tidings, or if you have changed your email address, please email [marialove@allangelslbk.org](mailto: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](http://www.allangelslbk.org).

## Reflection

### *The Church's One Foundation*

I recently received an email of a local house listing from a friend, Tim, in North Idaho. Here is the description: A floating wedding chapel has been transformed into a luxury houseboat and is on the market for \$400,000. The unique two-bedroom property is currently docked on the Manatee River in Palmetto, Florida. The vessel was formerly a wedding venue known as *Chapel On The Bay* but now it can be your dream home.



Just think of the possibilities of a floating church – it is a rectory, a portable office, a commuter car during the busy season, a vessel of outreach, a blessing barge and ark wedding center. I could skipper it to the annual Diocesan convention held in Port Charlotte which just happens to have a dock. In fact, I could even dock at DaySpring Camp and Conference Center, located conveniently on the Manatee River, for clergy conference or when I have a meeting with the bishop. In fact, I could have him over for lunch and a swim. How about a Bible study with lessons on walking on water or casting nets on the other side of the boat. I could hang a sign on the side of the church/boat that says, “Get your fishing license blessed here.”

There is a famous church hymn that begins with, “The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word.” If I could take “by water” literally, it would make sense to have a floating church. Speaking of the foundation, the church-houseboat is 33 tons and sits upon a 30’x60’ fiberglass catamaran hull. A dual hull design is similar to the dual nature of Christ, right? She is powered by two Cummins diesel engines for a max speed of 6 knots (just about 7 mph – a holy number). I can imagine that instead of a baptismal font, there would be a baptismal water slide. We could even install holy water cannons to bless unsuspecting boaters at local sandbars. The last thing I have to say about this is if All Angels by the Sea wanted to have a satellite campus, a boat would make sense. Her name would be, of course, All Angels on the Sea.

For as much fun as it would be to tie up to Plymouth Harbor in a floating chapel, it does sound a little dinghy. In all seriousness, we have a church with a strong foundation, Christ is the chief cornerstone. We are fellow travelers on this journey through life. We don’t need a floating church because Christ goes with us wherever we are – on land and on water. But, holy water cannons do sound fun.

- Fr. Dave