

All Angels Episcopal Church


8:00 and 10:00 am




*Be still before the Lord
and wait patiently for him.*

Psalms 37:7


February 23, 2025



1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart, a - wak - ing, cries,
2 When mirth for mu - sic longs, this is my song of songs:
3 No love - lier an - ti - phon in all high heaven is known



1 may Je - sus Christ be praised! When eve - ning sha - dows fall,
2 may Je - sus Christ be praised! God's ho - ly house of prayer
3 than, Je - sus Christ be praised! There to the e - ter - nal Word



1 this rings my cur - few call, may Je - sus Christ be praised!
2 hath none that can com - pare with: Je - sus Christ be praised!
3 the e - ter - nal psalm is heard: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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 Lord, you have taught us to act with love and to forgive as we have been forgiven: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, so that we may accomplish what you command, for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

Introduction: Today’s reading from Genesis is about Joseph and his brothers. They were envious of him (and his technicolored coat) so they sold him into slavery. Later, Joseph became the second most powerful man in Egypt. There was a famine across the entire region. Joseph saved enough grain so that everyone traveled there to buy food – including his brothers. In this passage, Joseph confronts his brothers. He does it with love and forgiveness. It teaches us to forgive and trust in God’s plan.

A reading from the book of Genesis *Genesis 45:3-11*

Joseph said to his brothers, “I’m Joseph! Is my father really still alive?”
His brothers couldn’t respond because they were terrified.

Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me,” and they moved closer. He said, “I’m your brother Joseph! The one you sold to Egypt. Now, don’t be upset and don’t be angry with yourselves that you sold me here. God sent me before you to save lives. We’ve already had two years of famine in the land, and there are five years left without planting or harvesting. God sent me before you to make sure you’d survive and to rescue your lives in this amazing way. You didn’t send me here; it was God who made me a father to Pharaoh, master of his entire household, and ruler of the whole land of Egypt.

“Hurry! Go back to your father. Tell him this is what your son Joseph says:

‘God has made me master of all of Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay. You may live in the land of Goshen, so you will be near me, your children, your grandchildren, your flocks, your herds, and everyone with you. I will support you there, so you, your household, and everyone with you won’t starve, since the famine will still last five years.’”

He kissed all of his brothers and wept, embracing them.

After that, his brothers were finally able to talk to him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 37

Psalm 37:1-7

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass,

and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;

dwelling in the land and feeding on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord,

and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,

and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light

and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord

and wait patiently for him.

A reading from the Letter to the Corinthians

1 Cor. 35, 44-50

But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? What kind of body will they have when they come back?”

Since there’s a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. So it is also written, *The first human, Adam, became a living person*, and the last Adam is a spirit that gives life. The

physical body comes first, not the spiritual one — the spiritual body comes

afterward. The first human was from the earth made from dust; the second human is

from heaven. The nature of the person made of dust is shared by people who are made

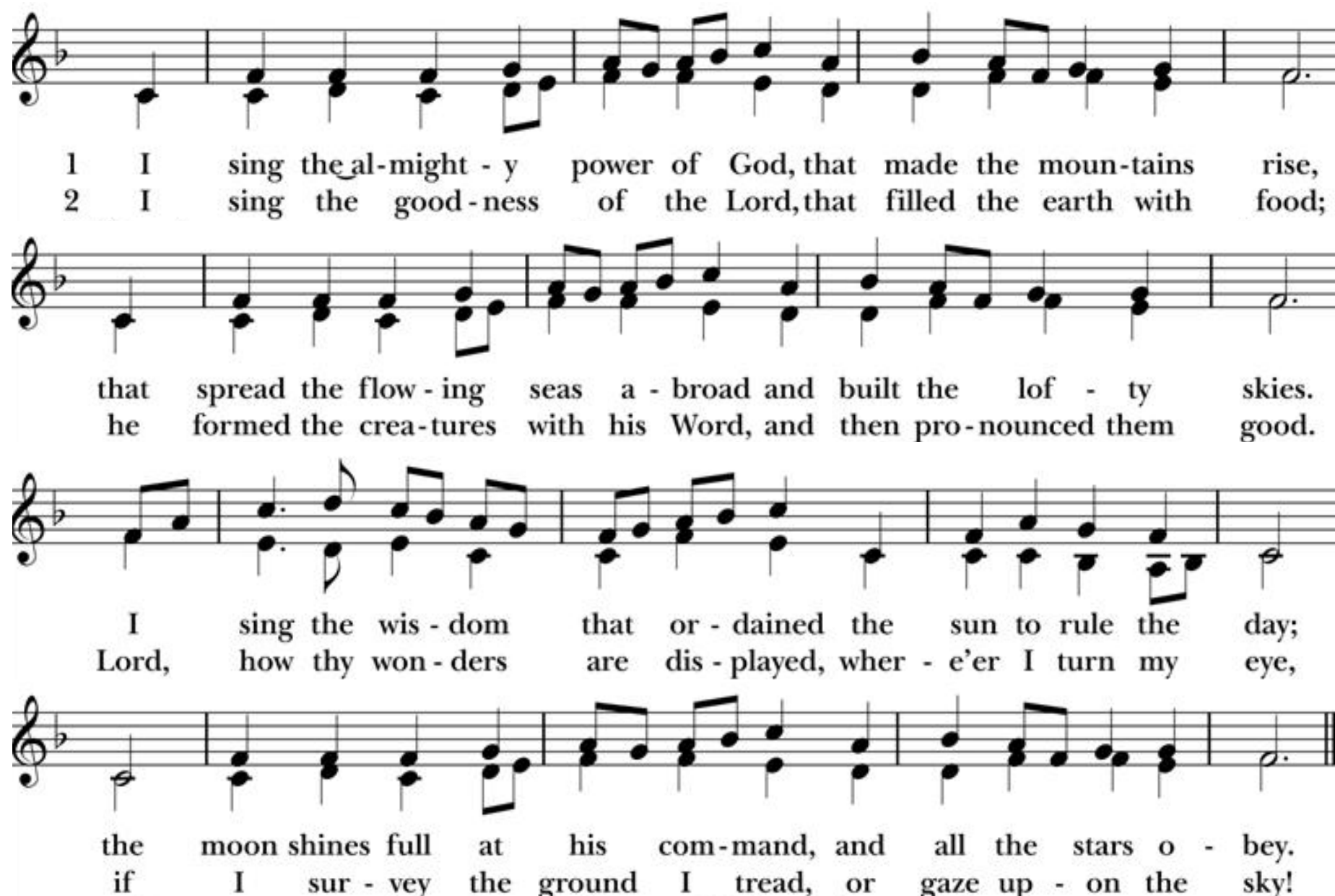
of dust, and the nature of the heavenly person is shared by heavenly people. We will look

like the heavenly person in the same way as we have looked like the person made from dust.

This is what I’m saying, brothers and sisters: Flesh and blood cannot inherit God’s kingdom. Something that rots cannot inherit something that does not decay.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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 Sermon

The Very Rev. Dave Marshall

Reflection Hymn

Morning Has Broken

The Angel Ringers

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, *trust in the Lord and do good*, 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 and Doris.

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

Concerto on Hyfrydol

arr. by Hal Hopson

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,

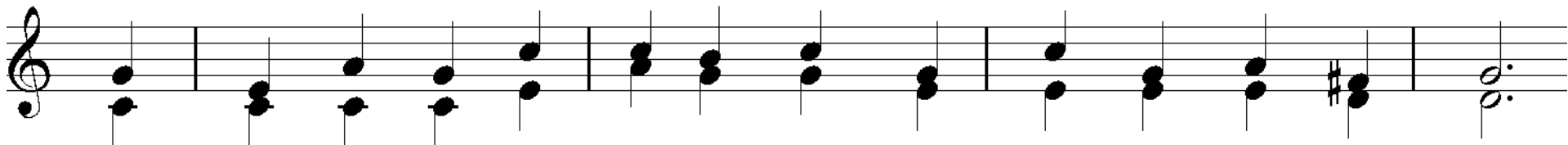
**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

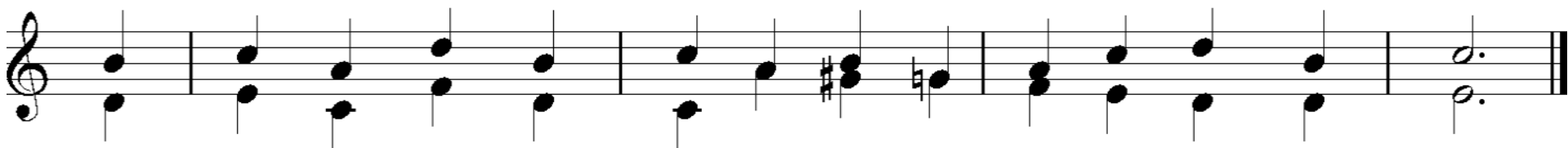
Closing Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Hymnal #680



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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 “St. Anne”

arr. D. Stasney

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



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given in honor of Ginny West (Mrs. Douglas M. West)
and in memory of Barbara Hansen
(who is Julian's late wife and Ginny's lifelong friend.)
Their birthdays are/were Feb.3 and Feb. 26, both in 1928.
Given by daughters Jane and Dicie Hansen



Announcements

Turning Points Visit Please join us today after the 10:00 service, when we will have the honor of having Margie Dawson, Director of Development from Turning Points with us to speak about Turning Points.

Confirmation Classes are starting today. If you are interested in seeking confirmation in the Episcopal Church, please let Fr. Dave know. All are welcome.

Pet Blessing! Saturday, March 8th, from 10:30 to 1 pm, All Angels will have a booth at the **LBK Open House**. Stop by and bring your pet, and a friend's pet, for a blessing. If you are interested in helping us with our booth, please let Fr. Dave know.

Memorial Service for C.J. Nager is on **Sunday, April 6th at 1 pm**. The reception for him is during coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service.

Bridging Lent to Easter: *What is Jesus Teaching Us* is our study of the five Lenten Gospel lessons. The discussion begins on Wednesday, March 5th at 10 a.m. Bring your questions and a friend. All are welcome.

New to You ART Sale

Hours:

Mon.- Thurs. 9-1

Sun. 12-3

Saturday Feb.22 10-4

Sunday Feb. 23 12-4

100% of sales will be donated to Turning Points in Bradenton., an amazing organization that helps people not become homeless.

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

Today's Presenters

8:00 am

BJ Bishop — Chalice
Tina McGrath — Lector
Barbara Pickrell — Prayers
Dave Bishop — Usher

10:00 am

Bob Erker — Chalice
Mackenzie Marshall — Lector
John Gill — Prayers
Hank Kochan, Reuben Fernandez — Ushers
Ethan Marshall — Acolyte
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host
Eve Wickwire — Altar Guild
David Stasney — Flowers
Hank Kochan — Offering Counters
Paula Norwood and Allen McGee — Coffee Hour

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall
David Stasney, Music Director
The Rev. Fred Emrich, Retired Clergy

Vestry

Cade Sibley
Carol Erker
Allen McGee
David Bishop
Donna Henkel
Larry Elder
Reuben Fernandez
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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those
inside and outside the church.

Reflection

Epistemology Welcomes You

What do you know for sure? What do you know deep in the core of your being?

Epistemology is the study of knowing what we know. For instance, there is evidence that shows if a mother elephant had visited a watering hole, but never showed her offspring, they will still know where it is. Some believe it is genetic memory passed from one to another, but no one really knows for sure how it works. There is evidence of genetic memory in most (if not all) species from monarch butterflies to chickens and even bacteria.

So what do you know for sure?

I asked that question to a discussion group. One person answered with this: we know what we experience. It reminded me of the Anglican three-legged stool of God's revelation to humankind – one leg is the book of Scripture, the second leg is the book of nature, and the third leg of God's revelation is found in the book of reason. I would argue there is a fourth leg and it is the book of experience. My dad was a biology teacher. He believed studying science in a textbook (using reason) can only take a student so far; at some point, you must go experience nature.

Since I've argued for a fourth leg, I'd like to add a fifth leg to the Anglican stool of God's revelation which is this: witness. We know what we know from others' testimony or witness of what they have experienced. Back to the mother elephant, she witnessed a water source; her offspring did not, yet they know where that source is based on the mother's witness.

I am in the sacred order of priests in the 21st century. In the first century, (Saint) Peter walked with Jesus and experienced life with him. Jesus laid his hands on Peter's head and commissioned him to serve God. Peter laid his hands on the individual heads of the apostles; they laid their hands on others from generation to generation. Eventually, those hands landed on me. Most of my faith life is based on witness and experience from others. It's how I know what I believe.

I wonder what have others experienced and shared with you?

What have you experienced?

What do you plan to pass along to others?

Once (formerly doubting) Thomas saw Jesus's pierced hands, he believed. Jesus said: *Blessed are those who have not seen yet believe*. The *not-seen-yet-believe* group is you and me. Our believing is based on what others have seen and testify to. And blessed are we.

If I may expand on the Savior's words, blessed are you who pass along what you have seen and experienced for that is how others know what they know. It's our epistemological Christian genetic memory and you are a part of it.

- Fr. Dave