

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

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Christ died for us, so that we could live with him,
whether we are alive or dead when he comes.

That's why you must encourage and help each other.

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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

Prelude

Dale Hooey

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

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 *For All the Saints* verses 1 & 8

Hymnal #287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

A reading the first book of Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

I don't need to write you about the time or date when the Lord will return from heaven. You surely know that the Lord's return will be as a thief coming at night. People will think they are safe and secure. But destruction will suddenly strike them like the pains of a woman about to give birth. And they won't escape.

My dear friends, you don't live in darkness, and so that day won't surprise you like a thief. You belong to the light and live in the day. We don't live in the night or belong to the dark. Others may sleep, but we should stay awake and be alert. People sleep during the night, and some even get drunk. But we belong to the day. So we must stay sober and let our faith and love be like a suit of armor. Our firm hope that we will be saved is our helmet.

God doesn't intend to punish us, but wants us to be saved by our Lord Jesus Christ. Christ died for us, so that we could live with him, whether we are alive or dead when he

comes. That's why you must encourage and help each other, just as you are already doing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 123. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 780. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who was leaving on a trip. He called his servants and handed his possessions over to them. To one he gave five valuable coins, and to another he gave two, and to another he gave one. He gave to each servant according to that servant’s ability. Then he left on his journey.

“After the man left, the servant who had five valuable coins took them and went to work doing business with them. He gained five more. In the same way, the one who had two valuable coins gained two more. But the servant who had received the one valuable coin dug a hole in the ground and buried his master’s money.

“Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five valuable coins came forward with five additional coins. He said, ‘Master, you gave me five valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Excellent! You are a good and faithful servant! You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

“The second servant also came forward and said, ‘Master, you gave me two valuable coins. Look, I’ve gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done! You are a good and faithful servant. You’ve been faithful over a little. I’ll put you in charge of much. Come, celebrate with me.’

“Now the one who had received one valuable coin came and said, ‘Master, I knew that you are a hard man. You harvest grain where you haven’t sown. You gather crops where you haven’t spread seed. So I was afraid. And I hid my valuable coin in the ground. Here, you have what’s yours.’

“His master replied, ‘You evil and lazy servant! You knew that I harvest grain where I haven’t sown and that I gather crops where I haven’t spread seed? In that case, you should have turned my money over to the bankers so that when I returned, you could give me what belonged to me with interest. Therefore, take from him the valuable coin and give it to the one who has ten coins. Those who have much will receive more, and they will have more than they need. But as for those who don’t have much, even the

little bit they have will be taken away from them. Now take the worthless servant and throw him out into the farthest darkness.'

"People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

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.

Make your Church wise and faithful, rejoicing as we await our Savior. Make this congregation to shine with your light and love. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, so that we may constantly share your grace with others.

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

We pray for those who are persecuted for their faith. Bring the strength of your angels to defend and protect them.

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

Give teachable minds and willing hearts to the leaders of the nations. Remind them that they must give you an account of their stewardship of power, and talents. Do not let them squander these gifts through hardened hearts, misuse, or disuse. Give to each of us the gifts of kindness, humility, and generosity, so that all our lives may be touched by happiness and brightened by hope.

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

We pray for all who have honorably served their country. Grant wisdom, courage, integrity, and sound judgment to everyone serving in the military, and to all who risk their lives on behalf of community and country. Use their skills to bring freedom, safety, and justice wherever they serve. Keep them safe; shield their loved ones from grief and fear; and grant them a swift and joyful homecoming.

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

O Lord our helper and deliverer, do not tarry for all who call upon your name for help, especially Downs IV, Holden, Nikolai, Brian and Heidi. We give thanks for the healing

of Jean and her return home with Brian. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Ginny, Alex, Colleen and Jack. 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.**

Almighty God, we grieve for our dead, but not without hope. Thank you for receiving them into your merciful care, especially Lynne Woo and those we name now. *Silence* Renew our confidence in your goodness in this time of our earthly pilgrimage. Help us to encourage and help one another along the way. Lead us, by the Cross of Jesus, into the Kingdom which you have prepared for all who have been redeemed by him.

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

Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

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

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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 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.

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 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

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

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.

Announcements

ECW and the Outreach Commission announces: Due to your generosity and giving spirit ECW. is able to fund 100 frozen turkeys with all the trimming for a special holiday dinner for 50 families through the ThankFull program at All Faith's Food Bank. Manatee Meals on Wheels Plus has a similar program and received funding for the remaining 50. The Outreach Commission is providing monies to the Sarasota Meals on Wheels for 250 dinners to be delivered on Thanksgiving Day to those who are alone or can not leave their homes.

Flowers and Music for Christmas

There are 4 easy ways to contribute to the upcoming holiday season decorations and music:

1. For on-line giving chose the Christmas Donation button on the All Angels website
- 2 Send a check to the office made out to All Angels by the Sea with Christmas in the Memo Line
3. Put your check in offering plate with the above designations
4. Or, stop by or call the office, 941-383-8181, with donation information.

If you would like to designate as Memorial or Thanksgiving of name, please enclose that information for the bulletin.

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.

Artist of the Month - The artist for November 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

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

I am writing to you on Veterans Day. We have a small hurricane, parked off the coast and it is dumping rain and lots of wind. At the same time, I am listening to patriotic hymns – from outside the church! Our brand new, six speaker, all-weather, 180 watt sound system is now broadcasting outside the church. Rotary volunteers wearing parkas, shorts, flip flops and face coverings are keeping the soaking flags from falling and greeting veterans as they drive by. The soundtrack to this event is provided by All Angels.

In Washington State, where I grew up and went to college, there is a tradition to play music outside when the weather gets nice. On those rare days, neighbors, college students, anyone really, will put speakers into the open windows and play their favorite tunes. I would shoot baskets while listening to an album by Duran Duran. My brother would wash his car to Lynard Skynard. In college, on sunny days, the dorms would erupt with music all designed to be heard outside.

As a camp counsellor, we would have a dance on the final night of each camp session. Our preferred place was the outdoor basketball court. Can you guess who would set up the speakers outside; yep, yours truly. I imagine the camp's neighbors prayed for rain.

Flash forward to 2020, southwest Florida. I conducted an Easter morning service in front of Blake Hospital because the country went into a lockdown. For the rest of the Easter season, we held in-church services but they were not open to the public. Bob Erker and I hauled some old Pevey loudspeakers out of storage and, with Ethan's help and ingenuity, we set up the drive-up and outdoor church. As the season of Easter moved into Pentecost and the season after, we realized outdoor church was going to continue. The Vestry dreamed up all sorts of possibilities including having fellowship outside, the Mardi Gras party outdoors, and other events. They decided we needed something permanent. This is southwest Florida, after all, and unlike Washington State, we have lots and lots of nice days especially in the "winter" season.

After some discussion with the city of Longboat Key, we now have outdoor speakers that will be used on Sunday morning for our services, for the upcoming Blue Christmas and Christmas Eve service. We are offering organ music in the park every Thursday from 11 am to noon for the public to come by and enjoy uplifting music. I can see us offering quiet Advent/Christmas music for pilgrims to Longboat who want to rest in the evening under the shade of our beautiful oak trees. And, just imagine this: we can actually start next year's Palm Sunday procession outside. I do not have a crystal ball, but, I imagine that even on the last Sunday of March, 2021, there will be people who prefer to remain outdoors to worship.

If you had told me when I was 17 years old that what I learned about playing music outside would one day fit into the mission statement of a church that I would serve and lead in Florida, I would have thought you were nuts. And now, we're running around in a near-hurricane, listening to organ music and thanking veterans for their service; I guess we are pretty nutty after all.

- Fr. Dave