

All Angels Episcopal Church



**You have a pure
and enduring inheritance
that cannot perish**

1 Peter 1:4

April 12, 2026

Opening Hymn

He is Risen

1982 Hymnal #180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
 *3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
 joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
 ra - diant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,
 let the whole wide earth re - jice: death is con - quered,
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er
 we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God, the Lord is One.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second commandment is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

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

Introduction: Today's first lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles. Peter and the eleven apostles are addressing a large crowd that included people who handed Jesus over to Pontius Pilate. Peter addresses the crowd with forgiveness and openness. The central theme of this passage is that King David referenced Christ Jesus in some of the psalms.

A reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles *Acts 2:14, 22-32*

Peter stood with the eleven apostles and spoke in a loud and clear voice to the crowd: Listen to what I have to say about Jesus from Nazareth. God demonstrated that he sent Jesus to you by having him work miracles, wonders, and signs. All of you know this. God had already planned and decided that Jesus would be handed over and put to death on a cross. But God set him free from death and raised him to life. Death could not hold him in its power.

What David said are really the words of Jesus,

'I always see the Lord near me, and I will not be afraid with him at my right side. Because of this, my heart will be glad, my words will be joyful, and I will live in hope.

The Lord won't leave me in the grave. I am his holy one, and he will not let my body decay.

He has shown me the path to life, and he makes me glad by being near me.'

My friends, it is right for me to speak to you about our ancestor David. He died and was buried, and his tomb is still here. But David was a prophet, and he knew that God had made a promise he would not break. He had told David someone from his own family would someday be king.

David knew this would happen, and so he told us Christ would be raised to life. He said God *would not leave him in the grave or let his body decay.*

All of us can tell you that God has raised Jesus to life!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Today's Psalm is 16. As we recite it responsively by half verse, you are invited to imagine how Peter attributed this psalm to the experience Jesus had in his passion.

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer,

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life;
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Introduction: Peter wrote to the Church at the end of his ministry. There was a crisis in the community that caused some to doubt their faith. He is writing to them so that they remain steadfast in faith even through trials and doubts.

A reading from the First Letter to of Peter

1 Peter 1:3-9

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed!

On account of His vast mercy, He has given us new birth. You have been born anew into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

You have a pure and enduring inheritance that cannot perish — an inheritance that is presently kept safe in heaven for you. Through His faithfulness, you are guarded by God's power so that you can receive the salvation He is ready to reveal in the last time.

You now rejoice in this hope, even if it is necessary for you to be distressed for a short time by various trials. This is necessary so that your faith may be found genuine. (Your faith is more valuable than gold, which will be destroyed even though it is itself tested by fire.) Your genuine faith will result in praise, glory, and honor for you when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have never seen Him, you love Him. Even though you do not see Him now, you trust Him and so rejoice with a glorious joy that is too much for words.

You are receiving the goal of your faith: your salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1982 Hymnal #209

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has two lines of lyrics. The second staff has two lines of lyrics. The third staff has two lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them.

Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

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3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

4 That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

The Sermon

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn

Jesus Love Me

arr. Charles Callahan

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)*

Deacon: Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Leader: Lord Jesus, thank you for being patient with the Apostle Thomas and with us. Thank you for breathing your Spirit and peace upon him and us.

Give us the faith, hope, and love to serve you and our neighbors.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit upon your Church. Pour your Holy Spirit into your persecuted followers. Help us grow our faith in you and become your witness to the world.

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

Breathe your gracious Spirit upon this congregation. Give us grace to be patient and persistent as we invite others to taste and see your goodness.

Help us to love you by serving others in your name.

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

The apostles sought out Thomas when he was doubting and brokenhearted.

Breathe your Spirit upon doubters, and all whose confidence in your grace has been shaken by tragedy. Help us to lead them into your house.

Transform their unbelief into unshakeable faith in you.

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

Breathe your peace on all the leaders of the nations.

Give them the peace which the world cannot give.

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

Breathe your spirit of healing on all those who suffer in body or spirit; especially Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Annette, Charles, Anne, Ellie, Patricia, Bob, Agie, Eric, Amy, Trude, Donna, Beverly, Carling, Carol, and Rafaela.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, and Kelsey.

We pray for those in Hospice.

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer.

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

Lord Jesus, you have been raised from death to life, and you promise your resurrection to all whom you have redeemed. We entrust into your care those for whom we love but see no longer. *(Silence)*

Wipe away the tears of all who grieve. Turn our doubt into confidence. Grant that all whom you have redeemed may see you face to face and cry out in adoration and joy, "My Lord and my God!"

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

Celebrant: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

Deacon: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

William Bradley Roberts

Thank you for your offering to God through All Angels.
If you would prefer to make an electronic offering,
please scan the QR code.



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

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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.

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:

**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.**

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

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

Christ is Alive!

1982 Hymnal #182



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Postlude on "Camp Steven"

arr. D. Stasney

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

Announcements

Spring Fling Coffee Hour Today!

America is turning 250! Join Interfaith 250 on Saturday April 18th.

8:30 am Adopt-a-Highway clean-up on Gulf of Mexico Drive.

9:30 am Breakfast & Fellowship at Temple Beth Israel

10:00 am Interfaith Service. Celebrating American freedom with sacred texts, prayers and reflections on the red, white and blue.

Sign up and get an All Angels t-shirt.

Gallery Artist Our featured artist through April is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels.

Choir Rehearsals Thursday mornings at 10 am. New members are ALWAYS welcome!

Prayer List If you'd like a loved one to be on the list, please contact Maria or Linn, and please specify if it is for general prayers, for cancer treatment, or for hospice.

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.

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.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.



Today's presenters

Ed Upshaw - Chalice
Justus Doenecke - Lector
Carol Erker - Prayers
Russ Callahan, Philip Deming - Ushers
The Rev. Tom Morelli - Guest Deacon
Deacon Associate, St. Nicholas
Episcopal Church, Newark, DE
Antonio Leal - Seminarian
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Linda Fletcher - Altar Guild
Daphne Walker - Flowers
Philip Deming, Russ Callahan - Offering Counter
Spring Fling Coffee Hour

Vestry

Cade Sibley
Carol Erker
Allen McGee
David Bishop
Hank Kochan
Larry Elder
Sandy Wood
Reuben Fernandez
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Jeff Vaughn
Junior Warden

David Stasney
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Reflection

From “What If” to “Even If”

Raise your hand if you have ever lost sleep over worry. Have you ever obsessed over something and no matter how many times you thought about it nothing changed? (And then it is 3 a.m. and you are still awake and frazzled and are worried about how much you are obsessing.)

Worry was the discussion theme for this past week. It was the central theme of my Easter Sunday message when we handed out over 150 cards that read, “Do not be afraid.” The most often repeated message of the Bible – be not afraid – is a reassurance and not a command. Yet, human development has brought us to a point where fear keeps us alive. At the same time, constant fear (obsessing) is apparently as damaging to one’s heart as smoking multiple packs of cigarettes. So, we humans are caught with the conundrum of fear as a way of keeping us from doing stupid, life-ending things (like eating any random mushroom we see growing in a field) and also fear diminishes peace and joy and longevity. What are we to do?

One of the discussion group participants said there is a simple, and very difficult, thought process that helps. When I am obsessing about something, identify what it is that I am asking “what if” about and switch it to “even if”.

I’ll go with something simple, *what if the boat motor stops running*. Let’s switch the “what if” to “even if”. *Even if the boat motor stops running, all on board will be safe. Even if... they will still love me.*

Even if... *at least we’re out on the water enjoying the day.*

Even if... *I will be clear headed and will know exactly what to do.*

“Even if” helps us to focus on resilience. We can look back at past challenges as a reminder of our ability to cope and move forward. For instance, I have been stuck on the water and survived (and came up with a really good sermon idea) so even if the motor stops, which is unlikely, I will be okay.

A friend I correspond with in a different state was obsessing about an upcoming doctor’s appointment based on a blood test he took. He was rattling off *what ifs* in his mind – what if it’s cancer, what if I am diabetic, what if there is a blockage, what if it’s more tests and more questions without any answers. After he was exhausted from the unanswerable “what if” questions, he tried switching one to “even if”. *Even if it’s cancer, I will be loved by my wife and family. Even if it’s a blocked artery, I will still have my faith.* He told me, “Even if it is... God is not giving up on me and I’m not giving up on him.”

Humans in general like to be in control of things. Obsessing makes it feel like we’re in control because “what if” thinking is an activity. But switching to “even if” does not give up control. “Even if” reminds us of our identity, what we control, and where our love is. *Even if the Seattle Seahawks move to another city, I’ll still choose to be a fan.*

My out-of-state friend met with his doctor. There is a treatment plan in place and all will be well. The MD said he took the news surprisingly well. My friend replied: It’s because, regardless of what you told me doc, I know that I am loved and supported.

- Fr. Dave