All Angels Episcopal Church



I will put my breath in you, and you will live. Ezekiel 37:14

Opening Hymn

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind



Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, **Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Ezekiel

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The Lord's power overcame me, and while I was in the Spirt of the Lord, he led me out and set me down in the middle of a certain valley. It was full of bones. He led me through them all around, and I saw that there were a great many of them on the valley floor, and they were very dry.

He asked me, "Human one, can these bones live again?" I said, "Lord God, only you know." He said to me, "Speak over these bones, and say to them, Dry bones, hear the Lord's word! The Lord God proclaims to these bones: I am about to put breath in you, and you will live again. I will put sinews on you, place flesh on you, and cover you with skin. When I put breath in you, and you come to life, you will know that I am the Lord."

I spoke just as I was commanded. There was a great noise as I was speaking, then a great quaking, and the bones came together, bone by bone. When I looked, suddenly there were sinews on them. The flesh appeared, and then they were covered over with skin. But there was still no breath in them.

He said to me, "Speak to the breath; speak, human one! Say to the breath, The Lord God proclaims: Come from the four winds, breath! Breathe into these dead bodies and let them live."

I prophesied just as he commanded me. When the breath entered them, they came to life and stood on their feet, an extraordinarily large company.

He said to me, "Human one, these bones are the entire house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope has perished. We are completely finished.' So now, speak and say to them, The Lord God proclaims: I'm opening your graves! I will raise you up from your graves, my people, and I will bring you to Israel's fertile land. You will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you up from your graves, my people. I will put my breath in you, and you will live. I will plant you on your fertile land, and you will know that I am the Lord. I've spoken, and I will do it. This is what the Lord says."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is from Psalm 104. Let us read it responsively.

Psalm 104:1, 25, 31-35, 37

Hallelujah! Bless the Lord, O my soul;

O Lord, how excellent is your greatness! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;

and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;

may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles;

he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him;

I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul.

Hallelujah!

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

[At the Last Supper,] Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

"I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

"I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine

1982 Hymnal #516

Please remain seated

- Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.
- And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

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

Come Holy Spirit! Set our hearts on fire with love for God one another.

Kindle our tongues to speak words of grace, truth, and life.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Purify the Church with your holy fire. Descend upon the hearts and minds of everyone in this congregation. Cause us to shine the light of Christ on the lives of those who need him most. Conform us ever more perfectly to his blessed likeness.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Strengthen and guide all who risk their lives on behalf of others. Grant healing to the wounded, honor to those who sacrificed their lives, patience and hope to their families. When they return home, grant them ways to help build a better world for all. And we urgently pray to bring the day when war will be no more. We pray especially for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Come, Creator Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. Teach, purify and perfect the minds of all people entrusted with power and authority; and bestow the blessings of peace, health, and tranquility upon us all.

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.**

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.**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for breathing your eternal life into all the faithful departed, especially those we name now. *Silence*

Breathe the love of Jesus into us. Renew our minds and set fire to our hearts. Give us grace to enter into the blessed company of the redeemed, and by your power, to worship the Father in union with his dear Son, our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Confession is traditionally omitted during the season of Easter.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Anthem

A Mighty Wind

Simon Andrews

A mighty wind invades the world, so strong and free on beathing wing: It is the Spirit of the Lord from whom all truth and freedom spring. The Spirit is a fountain clear – Forever leaping to the sky, who's waters give unending life, whose timeless source is never dry.

The Spirit comes in tongues of flame, With love and wisdom burning bright; The wind, the fountain and the fire combine in this great feast of light. O Holy Spirit, bring us peace, with God the Father and the Son; We praise you blessed Trinity, unchanging and forever One. 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 B

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The Lord be with you. And also with you.

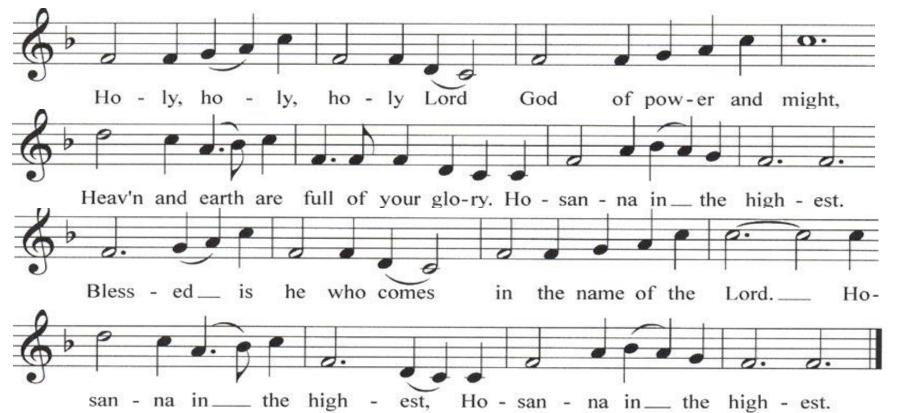
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:



Please sit or kneel or remain standing as you are able.

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.

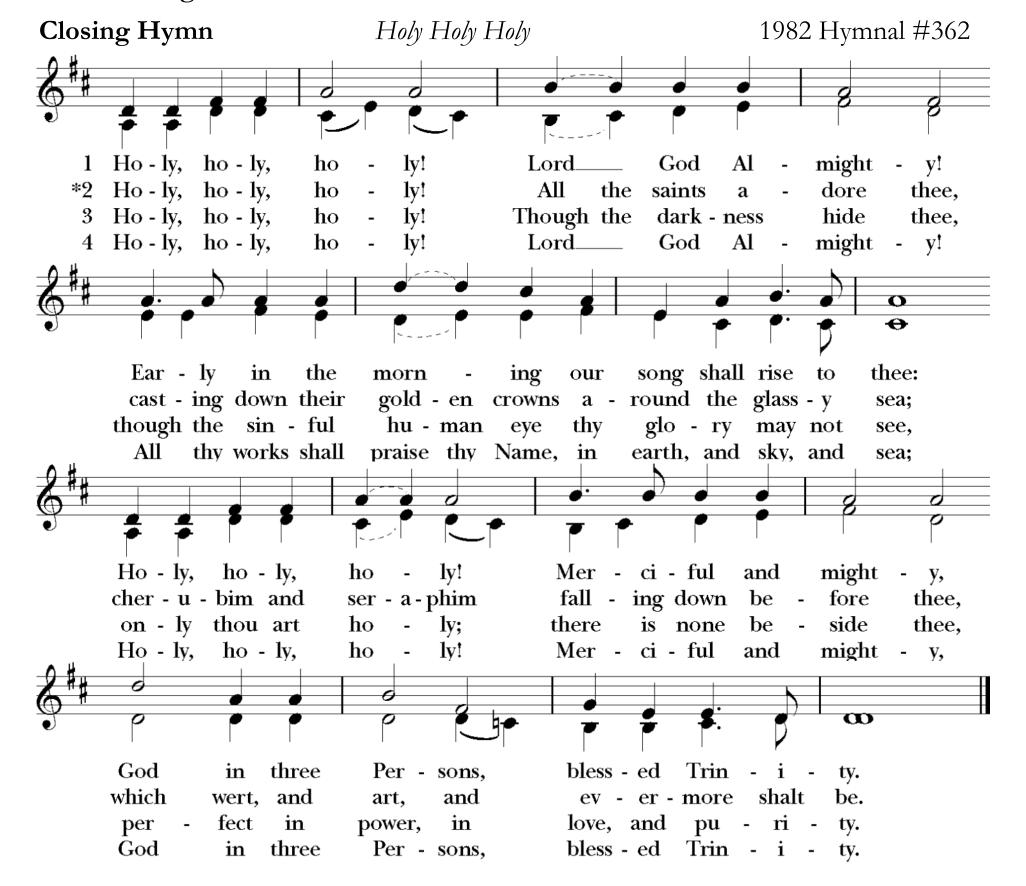
Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

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



The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Postlude on 'Finnian''

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



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Barbara Pickrell in honor of her mothers, Veronica, Adela, Mary, and Pleasance.



Today's presenters

Bob Erker, Ed Upshaw — Chalice
Terry Cobb — Lector
Mackenzie Marshall — Prayers
Hank Kochan, Phil Deming — Ushers
Ethan Marshall — Acolyte
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host
Daphne Walker — Altar Guild
Heidi Thomas — Flowers
Hank Kochan — Offering Counters
Reuben Fernandez — 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*



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

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

Reflection Orca Alley

My first interaction with a whale was at the Vancouver Aquarium in British Columbia. They had an underwater viewing area with a thick glass wall that allows for viewers to see the whale in its environment. What first caught my attention was the sheer size of the creature. I had been around horses and one elephant (thanks to a traveling circus that came to Tacoma) but nothing prepared me for something that big to effortlessly swim by. The second thing, which I remember vividly, was the whale's eye. It was looking at us while we were looking at it. This was no fish eye – which I had seen plenty of thanks to a childhood full of fishing – that doesn't seem to have intelligence behind it. The whale's eye showed me that it is intelligent, curious, and (this might sound weird) compassionate. My mom was caught up in the experience. She placed her left hand on the glass and the huge creature swam up and placed its head where my mom was touching. They stood there staring at each other. Mom started to tear up. I had a feeling that she was going to say to us, "Get comfortable, this is our new home."

Where I grew up, in Puget Sound, there are three residential pods of Killer Whales, named J, K and L. I have seen the J pod, they are the rock stars of the Orca world. As you can imagine, I am interested in whales. There is a storyline that I have been following for a few years about a sub-pod of Orca whales in the Strait of Gibraltar. Called the Orca Thugs, or the Gibraltar Gang, this pod is known to attack sailing vessels in the region. Years ago, I read a harrowing story of a couple that was harassed by them over an 18-hour period. The juvenile orcas started pushing on the 48' sailboat's keel, tipping it back and forth by five to ten degrees. It made it difficult to be on deck because they were worried they would fall off. The couple went below deck to hold on. As soon as they were out of sight, the orcas started making high pitch sounds and then would continue to push on the hull. The sounds made it painful to stay below. They took the sails down and drifted. The orcas then started to hit their rudder; eventually damaging it enough that they could not sail.

Reports like this have been coming more frequently. Two people were rescued this past Sunday after a group of orcas caused enough damage to sink their boat. It was the fifth sinking in waters off the Iberian Peninsula in recent years. The earliest recorded episode was taken in Spain in 2020. Since then, there have been around 500 incidents with physical damage occurring 20% of the time. The motivations of this pod are unclear, but their actions are obvious.

Orcas are some of the most studied whales (although they are technically dolphins, not whales). They do not intentionally harm humans; despite their name. SeaWorld has stopped their orca encounters because of the death of the trainer, Dawn Brancheau. Again, it is believed she was not killed intentionally but because of what has been described as juvenile mischief. The parallel is that the sub-pod in the Strait of Gibraltar is also made up of fifteen juvenile orcas.

A favorite hymn at All Angels goes as follows: *All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small... the Lord God made them all.* We have been gifted with memory, reason, and skill. We are tasked to be stewards of the earth. One of the difficult tasks of that responsibility is to remove our human way of thinking and to study with curiosity and openness all creatures great and small. When we label this sub-pod of orcas as the bullies-of-the-Maghreb, or the gangsters-of-Gibraltar, or the hoods-of-Morocco, those are all human attributes which might allow us to treat the orcas harshly. This sub-pod is in distress. Their food sources are becoming scarce. They are not reproducing in the numbers as they used to. While I don't think they are taking-it-out-on-passing-ships, as some have suggested, they are opening our eyes to explore their world. In doing so, we will see our world, our interactions with one another, and our role as stewards of the environment, in a new way.