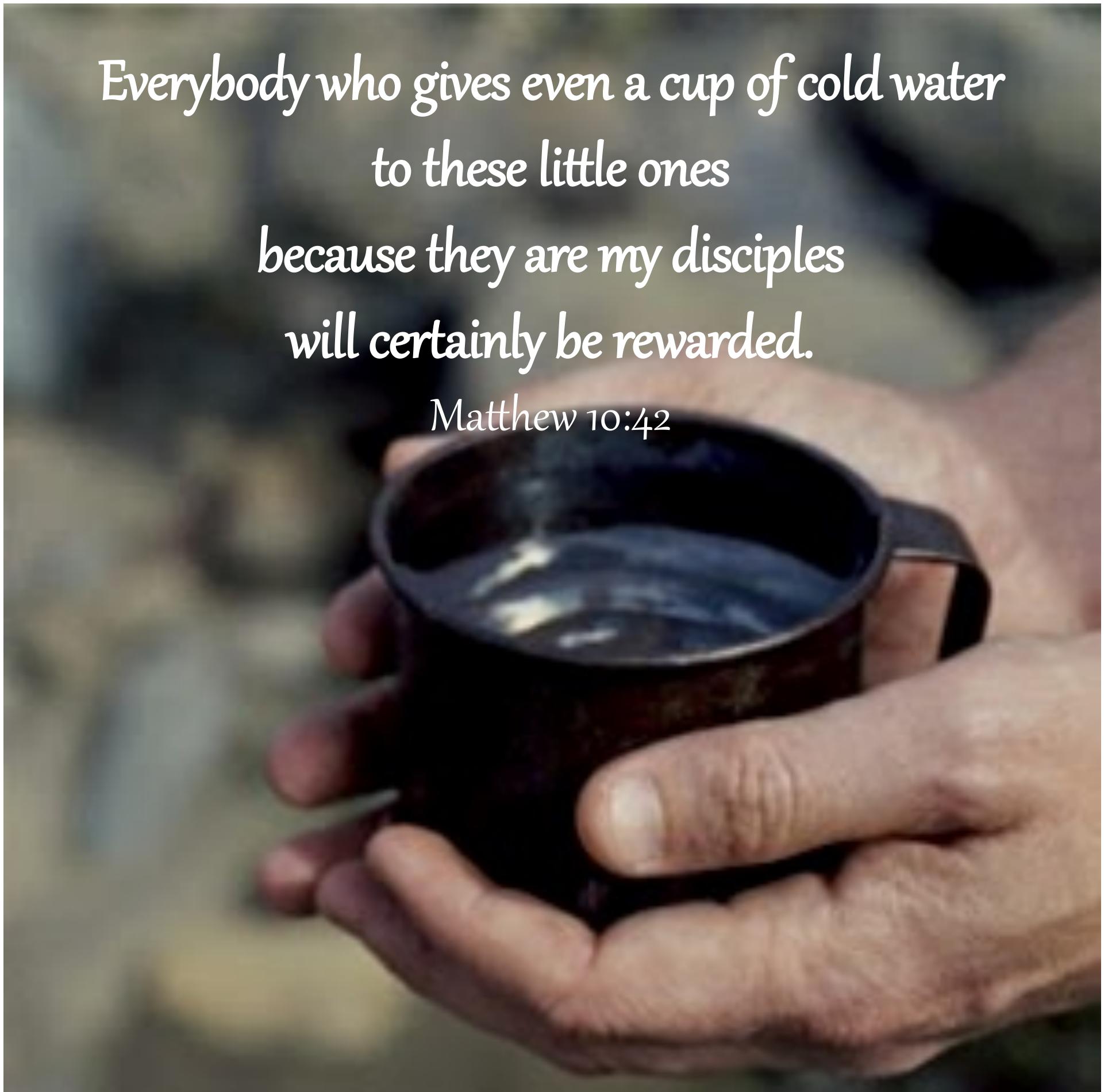


All Angels Episcopal Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 and 9:15 a.m.

*Everybody who gives even a cup of cold water
to these little ones
because they are my disciples
will certainly be rewarded.*

Matthew 10:42



June 28, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooey

BCP 78

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122:1*
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.**

Lord, open our lips.

And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

BCP 82 & Hymnal 1982, #S39

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 89, verses 15-18. It can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 714. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

15 Happy are the people who hear the joyful call to worship! *

they walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *

they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *

and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the LORD is our ruler; *

the Holy One of Israel is our King.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from Jeremiah

Jeremiah 28:5-9

[Introduction: In the previous chapter of this book, a dispute arose between two prophets – Jeremiah, for whom this book is named, and Hananiah. During Jeremiah's lifetime, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon invaded the territory of Judah, destroyed Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem, and took the Judeans into captivity.

In the aftermath of the destruction, Hananiah claimed to be a prophet from God and, in Jeremiah's words, "persuaded the people to believe a lie" that things were going to return to normal within two years. Today's reading is Jeremiah's response to Hananiah.]

The prophet Jeremiah responded to Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the Lord's temple.

The prophet Jeremiah said:

"Indeed. May the Lord do just as you have said!

May the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back from Babylon the equipment of the Lord's temple and all the exiles to this place.

However, listen closely to what I have to say to you and all the people:

The prophets who came before you and me long ago

prophesied war, disaster, and disease against many lands and great kingdoms.

So the prophet who prophesies peace is recognized as one who is actually sent by the Lord only when that prophet's message is fulfilled."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be God.

A reading from Matthew

Matthew 10:37-42

[Introduction: Today's lesson contains some of Jesus's strongest language. He is speaking to the disciples who will be joining him in ministry over the next several years and gave them this warning: to represent Jesus is both a privilege and a danger. The danger of following Jesus, as predicted by the prophet Micah (7:9), will be division in their families and will cost them their lives; the privilege is to receive Him and to change the world. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to God's people.]

Jesus said, “Don’t think that I’ve come to bring peace to the earth. I haven’t come to bring peace but a sword. I’ve come to turn a man *against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. People’s enemies are members of their own households.*

Those who love father or mother more than me aren’t worthy of me.

Those who love son or daughter more than me aren’t worthy of me.

Those who don’t pick up their crosses and follow me aren’t worthy of me.

Those who find their lives will lose them, and

those who lose their lives because of me will find them.

Those who receive you are also receiving me, and

those who receive me are receiving the one who sent me.

Those who receive a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward.

Those who receive a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. I assure you that everybody who gives even a cup of cold water to these little ones because they are my disciples will certainly be rewarded.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 97

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;
Your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of petition with thanksgiving

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. Those who lose their lives for me will find them.” We pray for those who are sick, those who suffer; we pray for all who protect us both here and abroad, and for those on our prayer list; especially, Downs IV, Ruth, Timothy, Lynne, Don, Bill, Dorothy Jo, Valerie, Sue, Elizabeth, Kay, Vicki, Jim, Barbara, Ward, Krista, John, Cynthia, Linda, Andres, Ginny, Mary Ann, Ed, Sofia and Victoria. We pray for those who have been hospitalized, especially Susan Bovet, John Maxheim, and Tom Thomas. We pray that the Holy Spirit protect and watch over Holden. We pray that the Holy Spirit comfort those who cannot visit their loved ones, and for those who cannot be visited, and we pray that the wisdom and love of the Holy Spirit descend upon those who care for those who are sick.

We pray for those we name now either silently or aloud. *Silence*

We pray for those who have died, and for all who mourn, especially those we name now. *Silence*

Bring us the Living Bread that is broken and shared for the world; Lord God, help us find peace in you. **Amen.**

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh, and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful gathered around the world today, I offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

And particularly for the blessings given me that I name now ... *Silence*

I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot receive communion at this time, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom in me, in my family, and in my community, let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart; guide me along the right pathways; and, conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep my heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ my Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with me now and always. Amen.

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Hymn *Come Thou Font of Every Blessing* #686 1982 Hymnal, vs 1, 3

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Let us Bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Dale Hooey

Announcements

Worship services in-doors Seating is limited and reservations are required for indoor services. Please contact Maria (marialove@allangelslbk.org) or Linn (941-383-8161) by Wednesday of each week for your reservation

Thank You to our Vestry - Bob Erker, Ed Ortiz, Sandy Wood, Laurel Vaughn, Cathie Wilt, Jerry Bowles, Elaine Smith and Larry Elder - for all the additional work you are putting in to lead and serve the church during this extraordinary time and for your forward thinking in how to continue to bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the church.

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.

Discussion Group, the article for discussion with the Men's and Women's group is available on our website: www.allangelslbk.org. All discussion groups are currently on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> Meeting ID: 595 570 1807

The Big Yellow Bin Outside of the main entrance to the church by the angel fountain is the Manatee Food Bank drop off for nonperishable items. ECW and the Outreach Commission wants to thank you for your support of this effort; however, here are some guidelines that are especially important now that the bin is outside.

- 1. No glass jars**
- 2. No cardboard boxed items until the bin can be inside. Moisture is a problem with the humidity.**
- 3. Please check expiration dates.**

What is especially needed:

Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon
Peanut butter or jelly (plastic container)
Canned soups, stews, chili,
Canned vegetables or fruit
Trail mix or dried fruit
Powdered milk
Dried beans
Infamil formula, baby food in plastic containers, diapers, baby wipes, Desitin cream

It may be more feasible right now to contribute money to the food bank. To give a donation go to: Meals on Wheels Plus.org or call 941-747-3663.

Big thanks to Linn who checks the bin every week for items that may not meet these guidelines. Please make her job easier by checking out what you are putting in the bin to see if they are on the list.

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

Baby CD

This past week, the discussion group participants defined rage with phrases like “unbridled and blind anger,” and “irrational, without-restraint.” We talked about experiencing rage, how it felt, and how it can cause destructive action. One of the most common experiences is road rage – a blind, irrational anger against another (usually clueless) driver. Another example is computer rage – a blind, irrational anger against a computer, phone, tablet, or the entire internet that may end with a particular device being thrown.

Last Sunday, after successfully posting our 9:15 service on YouTube, I received a “flag” warning – we had used an unlicensed song. Now, to be fair, this can, and does happen. On Palm Sunday, I played a prerecorded song, *You Say*, by Lauren Daigle. YouTube flagged it and gave me the choice to not monetize the video – which means I can’t run ads on it – or they can remove the song from the video. We don’t run ads so I went the non-monetized route. For this past Sunday, however, we were flagged for our closing hymn, *Be Thou My Vision* (#488 in the 1982 Hymnal) performed live by our accomplished organist, Dale Hooey. Suddenly, I felt a flash of rage. I thought, this is a CHURCH hymn performed in a CHURCH for CHURCH goers. After the brief flash of rage passed, I looked up the particulars of this hymn. The name of the tune is Slane and is an old Irish folk tune. It was first published in a 1909 hymn book titled, “Old Irish Folk Music and Songs” with Patrick Joyce being credited as the composer. The words themselves are based on an Irish monastic litany of prayers from the 8th century. The hymn book from 111 years ago of self-described “old Irish music,” and the lyrics themselves, clearly have passed the 100-year mark, generally considered to be longest covered under copyright law.

The complaint came from CD Baby Sync Publishing. Thinking that someone’s CD-for-baby music claimed the rights to the song, I wrote a strongly worded response to YouTube about how we have every right under the sun to play that hymn and, if I might go so far as to assert, some fly-by-night CD company who recorded that hymn for babies to fall asleep to are the ones who should cease and desist from using it! Okay, I admit, not very priestly of me.

Still fired up about it on Wednesday, I decided to look up this Baby CD company. As it turns out, it is worse than I thought. From what I can gather on their company website, one could buy the licensing for particular songs. I believe artists should be paid for their work and distribution companies should also receive compensation for what they do. However, this seems to have gone too far.

Still angry about the situation, I sent a tersely worded email to the company just stopping short of saying, “How dare you...” Surprisingly, I received an answer back within an hour. After having a friendly, multi-email exchange, I sent them the link to the video where it clearly shows Dale playing the hymn. They removed the block.

Rage affects relationships and our own being. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Ephesians, “Be angry, but do not sin.” (4:26) I’m not saying rage is a sin, but, it can cause me to sin. However, focused anger, as I have learned through this exercise, can make positive change.

- Fr. Dave