

# All Angels Episcopal Church

10:00 am



We give thanks to you  
for the divine gift of  
motherhood  
in all its forms.  
We thank you  
that you are our  
Source of Life

May 14, 2023



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us  
4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our  
5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your  
7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing  
4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and  
5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that  
7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,  
4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:  
5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:  
7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.”

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

Loving God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to stay in tradition with them, that we may have deep love for you and for one another and for our shared faith to be full of hope; 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.*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*Acts 17:22-31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘*In him we live and move and have our being*’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘*For we too are his offspring*.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is 66

*Psalm 66:14-18*

Come and listen, all you who honor God,  
**and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth,  
**and his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had found evil in my heart,  
**the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me;  
**he has attended to the voice of my prayer.**

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,  
**nor withheld his love from me.**

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

*1 Peter 3:13-22*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you — not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.     **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn**     *Jesus is Lord of all the Earth*     1982 Hymnal 178

*Refrain:*    Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
                 Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *Refrain*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.    *Refrain*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**     *John 14:15-21*

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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*Refrain:*    Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
                 Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. *Refrain*

**The Sermon**     The Rev. David J. Marshall

**Musical Reflection**    *Canon in D by Johann Pachelbel*     Cynthia Tate, Flutist

**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)*

Almighty God, today we give thanks to you for the divine gift of motherhood in all its forms. We thank you that you are our Source of Life: you created us and nurtured us, and again and again we return to you to be healed and restored.

Receive our prayers, as we respond to each petition with, “Hear our prayer.”

We pray in gratitude for our own mothers.

We thank you for their love, their care for us, and for the joy that many mothers bring every day. We pray for God’s peace for all those who have mothers who were not able to offer unconditional love, for those who are in conflict with their mothers, and for those who had to distance themselves from their mothers.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those among us who are parents, that in parenting they would find a deeper connection to the God who loves us with a love that is fiercely maternal.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated; and for all mothers who have lost children.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For all who have mothered others, especially for foster and adoptive parents and guardians. For those who have been our substitute mothers and for those who step into the parental role for children.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those in our lives who need love and care, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Anne, Victoria and Anne Louise. For those going through cancer treatments, especially, Margaret, Bill, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Georgiana, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Joni and Heather.

Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

For our nation and all those who protect us at home and abroad.

For the earth that provides us with our sustenance and for all who tend the land and feed the nations with the fruits of their labor. Make them wise and faithful stewards of your bounty. Grant sun and rain in due measure, and preserve your good land from blight, drought, flood, wind, and fire.

Lord in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those whose mothers have passed away, and for all who have died, that they find rest in the loving arms of God.

We pray especially for those we name now.

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

We pray this all in the name of God, who loves us like a mother. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept our prayers and strengthen us to do you will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Holst/Perry

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

*Refrain:* **Christ, our God to thee we raise, this our sacrifice of praise.**

For the wonder of each hour, of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. *Refrain*

For the Joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight: *Refrain*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild: *Refrain*

For each perfect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven; for thyself, best gift divine, to our world so freely given: *Refrain*

## **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.

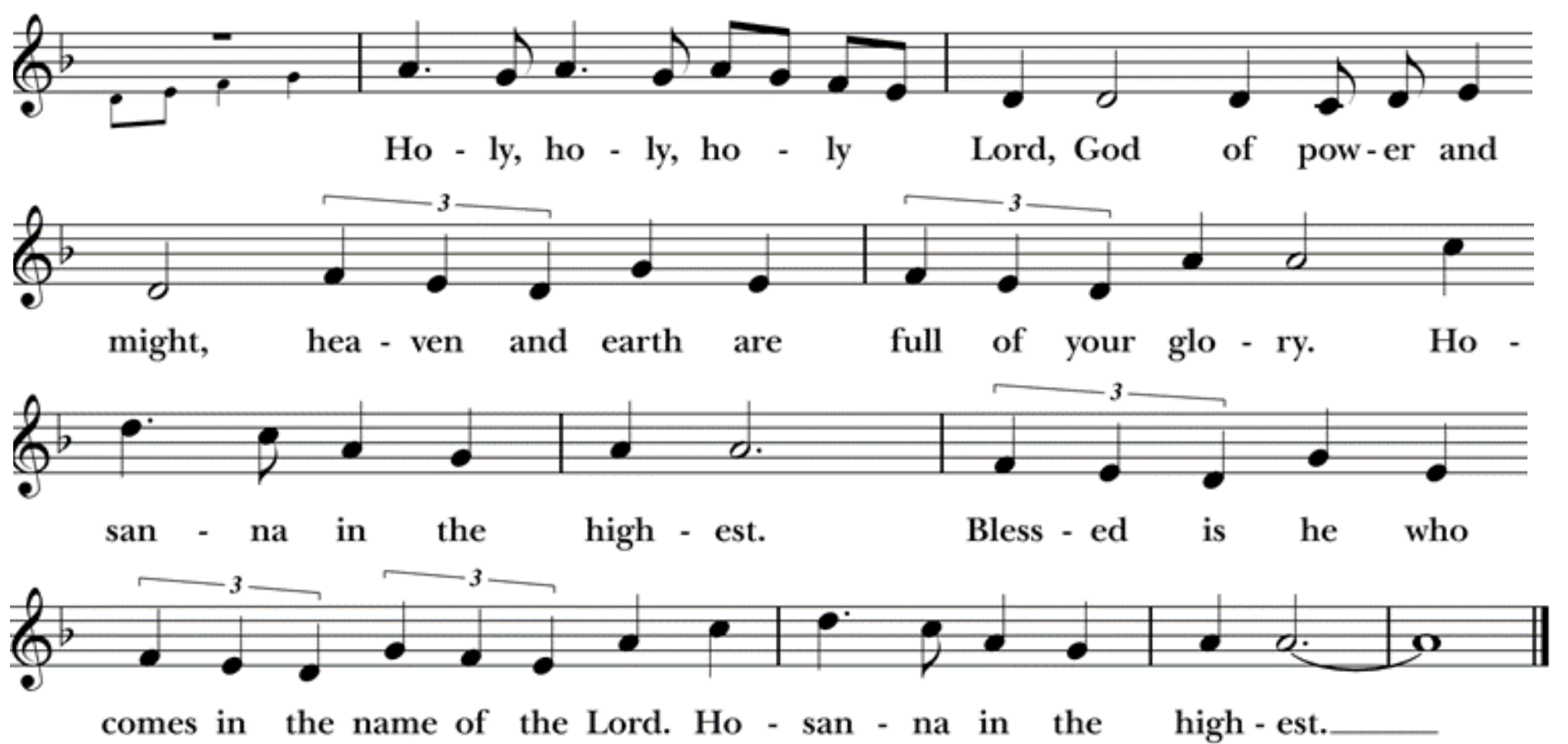
**We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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 prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.*

**Communion Hymn** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* 1982 Hymnal #324



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Let all mortal flesh keep

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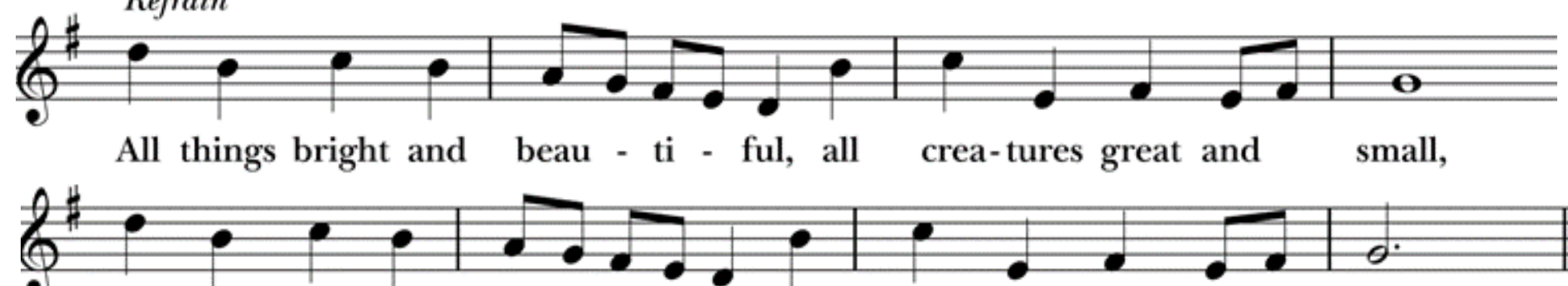
Prayer After Communion

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     *All Things Bright and Beautiful*     1982 Hymnal #405

*Refrain*




All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,  
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude     *Postlude on “Ash Grove”*     Anon

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

# Announcements

**Food Bank of Manatee** Please consider donating food to help the Food Bank of Manatee, especially those of you who are leaving the island for the summer. Perhaps you need a place to bring that food you didn't use. Please make sure food has current dates.

**Gallery Artist** Our featured artist for April through June is Frances Powers. 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](mailto: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](http://www.allangelslbk.org).

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## Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Ann Mumford  
in memory of her mother Lyla A. Paulsrud  
and her mother-in-law Anna M. Mumford.



**Today's presenters:**

Bob Erker, Barbara Pickrell — Chalice  
Don Judd — Lector  
John Gill — Prayers  
Cathie Wilt, Phillip Deming — Ushers  
Ethan Marshall — Acolyte  
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech  
Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host  
Nancy Boyd — Altar Guild  
Bev Henry — Flowers  
Paula Norwood, Cathie Wilt — Offering Counters

David Stasney — Organist  
Cynthia Tate — Flutist  
The Rev. Dave Marshall  
The Rev. Fred Emrich  
The Rev. Maggie Gat

**Vestry**

Cathie Wilt, *Senior Warden*  
Brian Davis, *Junior Warden*  
Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*  
Barbara Pickrell  
Hank Kochan  
Cade Sibley  
Ginny Upshaw  
David Bishop  
Donna Smith  
The Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*

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



## Reflection

### *Trinitarian Voice*

There are some folks in the congregation who have been asking me to write up my Sunday messages so they can have a copy. I have learned that saying yes to that request is much easier said than done. This Reflection is about a theological discovery I had during the process of converting a sermon to written form.

I have been working on my writing voice since seminary. More than a writing style, a writing voice is the way the reader hears the written word; like the writer is speaking to you. It takes a lot of writing to develop one's voice and I'd like to think I am well on my way.

This past Monday, I was pleased to see that the technology worked and my sermon was converted into written form. I was pleased and utterly shocked – shocked that the technology actually worked and shocked at how different my preaching voice is from my written voice. I know the sermon well, and remember delivering it; but, in written form, it felt like it came from a different person. It made me wonder how I am able to have two different communication styles but remain the same person.

I have been pondering how a person can have two vastly different voices and remain the same person. Then, while I was talking with various business leaders in our community – some who I met for the first time and others I have been getting to know during my weekly business networking group – a light bulb turned on inside my head. It dawned on me that my conversational voice is different than my writing and preaching voice; vastly different. Yet, it's all from the same person, like the Trinity.

One of the greatest mysteries of the Christian faith is that of the Trinity – the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Or, as found in Scripture – the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. This Trinity is one of the first things you hear at any Sunday service with words something like this: *through Jesus Christ who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.*

We believe two things: there is one God and God has three distinct personhoods, faces, identities and actions. Unlike polytheistic belief systems with a variety of gods that have a sort of push and pull relationship with one another, we have a monotheistic faith – one God. We believe the three distinctive images of God are in complete unity, synergy and relationship with one another.

After reading my preaching voice, I think I am a step closer to understanding the Trinity. I have three distinct voices – writing, preaching and conversational – but one personhood.

Here's another way to look at it. I have a friend, she holds a public office, and she is a lector at church. The "voice" she uses during a public meeting is different than the voice she uses at church and is different than the voice she uses when we're relaxing at lunch. Yet, she's the same person. She's also a mom, a grandmother and a wife. I imagine those are different voices too, but, the same person that I call friend.

This is how I see it with God – there are many voices, or personhoods of God, but there is one God. And, one of those voices I call friend.

- Rev. Dave