

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

February 28, 2021



**If any want to become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me.**

Mark 8:34

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

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Lord, Who Throughout These 40 Days*

Dale Hooey

1982 Hymnal #142

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering overpast,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.”

Mark 12:29-31

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Bring all who have gone astray from your ways with steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast to your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was 99 years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am The Lord. Walk with me and be trustworthy. I will make a covenant between us and I will give you many, many descendants.” Abram fell on his face, and God said to him, “But me, my covenant is with you; you will be the ancestor of many nations. And because I have made you the ancestor of many nations, your name will no longer be Abram but Abraham. I will make you very fertile. I will produce nations from you, and kings will come from you. I will set up my covenant with you and your descendants after you in every generation as an enduring covenant. I will be your God and your descendants’ God after you. As for your wife Sarai, you will no longer call her Sarai. Her name will now be Sarah. I will bless her and even give you a son from her. I will bless her so that she will become nations, and kings of peoples will come from her.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is 22, verses 26-30. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 612. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 22:26-30

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Church in Rome

Romans 4:1-3, 13-25

So what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy? Because if Abraham was made righteous because of his actions, he would have had a reason to boast, but not in front of God. What does the scripture say? *Abraham had faith in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.* The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.*

But the scripture that says *it was credited to him* wasn't written only for Abraham's sake. It was written also for our sake, because it is going to be credited to us too. It will be credited to those of us who have faith in the one who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. He was handed over because of our mistakes, and he was raised to meet the requirements of righteousness for all of us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 8:34-38

[After teaching that he was going to be arrested, killed, and then rise again] Jesus called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed (*All standing*)

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*)

Let us pray for God's kingdom to be made known in our world today.

Lord God, because Jesus tells us turn from selfish ways and to trust the Good News, we hold to His word and pray as he taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, therefore, trusting solely in God's grace and mercy, we pray:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Show us your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths; give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Give us today our daily bread.

Remember not the sins of our youth, remember us according to your love; Guide the people of this land; Lord, guide your Church; and guide all the nations in the ways of justice and peace; that we may see Christ in one another and serve the common good.

Forgive us our sins.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

As we forgive those who sin against us.

You command us to learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, care for the sick, and to be content with what we have.

Save us from the time of trial.

Jesus was tempted by the evil one for 40 days and the angels tended to him; strengthen us to walk the way of Christ in our own day.

Deliver us from evil.

Jesus said, "If you are tired come to me and I will give you rest," 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, Holden, Brian and Robert.

Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Victoria, Andres, Alex, Colleen, Jack, Connie, John, Douglas and Tom. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care. And, we pray for people that we name now; either silently or aloud.

We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn, may they find peace within you.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us.

Open our ears to hear it, our voices to proclaim it, and use our hands to serve you. This we pray in Jesus' name. **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 A

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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. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts., to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

The people may kneel or sit as they are able.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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

Recessional Hymn

Take My Life, and Let it Be

Hymnal #707

- 1 Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.
- 2 Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

Announcements

Lenten Studies Fr. Dave will be offering two different studies —a weekly meditation on the stations of the cross based on the book, *Walking the Way of Sorrows* by Katerina Whitley and a weekly book study of *Proof of Heaven* by Eben Alexander, M.D. The book study is on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. both in person in the church, and on-line.

Art Sale today is the **LAST DAY** to purchase new-to-you art in the Gallery. Many prices have been reduced up to 50%. A Big Thank you to all who participated, either in donating or in purchasing the wonderful art. This has been an awesome event thanks to our wonderful parishioners! As of today we have raised over \$900.

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

Vestry 2021 Please welcome our Senior Warden, Cathie Wilt, Junior Warden, Ed Ortiz, and our newest Vestry members Barbara Pickrell and Hank Kochan.

Video of Today's Service, Organ Concerts, Discussion Group Articles and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Today's presenters:

The Revs. Maggie Gat, Fred Emrich, Cathie Wilt, *Senior Warden* Ed Ortiz, *Junior Warden*
& David Marshall, Christi Marshall Laurel Vaughn, *Secretary* Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*
Ethan Marshall, Ginger Shipp, Elaine Smith, Barbara Pickrell,
Justus Doenecke Hank Kochan, Larry Elder, Jerry Bowles
Pam & Graham Toft — Ushers The Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech
Dale Hooey — Organist

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Reflection

BSC

In October, 2020, at the 52nd Convention of the Diocese of Southwest Florida, Bishop Dabney Smith told the lay and clergy delegates that he was retiring and therefore calling for the election of a successor bishop. I will have a front row seat to the process of electing a new bishop, which includes studying the diocese, screening and selecting candidates, and ultimately electing a Bishop Coadjutor, because I have been elected to the Bishop Search Committee (BSC). Our first retreat is this weekend. The election date for the new bishop will be April 2, 2022. The BSC has between this weekend, and April next year, to get our work done.

If you are into numbers, here they are: The Diocese is 52 years old, Bishop Smith is our 5th bishop, he was elected in December 2006, consecrated in March of 2007, was “seated” 6 months later, and has served for 14 years. The average length of an episcopate (serving as diocesan bishop) is 8.9 years. The bishop must retire before, or within 90-days after, turning 72. The average age of retirement is 66. By the 2nd century, three orders of ordained ministry had been identified: bishops, deacons and priests; with priests being the last order to be created. The Episcopal Church believes our bishops stand in an unbroken line going back 21 centuries to the Apostles; this line is called Apostolic Succession.

Bishop Smith said the bishop search will be a time of renewal for the diocese. Like a parish going through a clergy transition, the BSC will discern who we are and, perhaps more importantly, how we see ourselves ten years from now. I have been told by those who have served on parish or diocesan search committees, it is a time of renewal for those who serve. I have also been told that on one hand, I get to experience the mysteries of the Holy Church of God and, on the other hand, I’ll see how the sausage is made.

There are a number of things that have the highest level of confidentiality within the process and a number of things that will be, more or less, shouted from the rooftops; in a reserved and contemplative Episcopal manner. It is my desire to share with you those things that I can about the process.

I can understand why someone would want to be a U.S. Senator. It’s prestigious, one gets to travel the state and represent its interests, as well as negotiate treaties and vote on Supreme Court nominees. It would be pretty cool. On the other hand, I, for the life of me, cannot understand why someone would willingly run for the office of President. My bias heading into the BSC is this: being a rector is a wonderful position – he or she gets to make an impact in the lives of the congregants and the community, and, gets to serve at the altar of God. Why would someone want to give that up to then deal with all the other things (the sausage making) of the Church. I suppose that over the next year, I’ll be in very close contact with people who feel called to do just that. May God help them, and our diocese, as we go through this time of renewal and new life.

- Fr. Dave