

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

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*Keep alert,
because you don't know the day or the hour.
Matthew 25:13*

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

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. *2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A brief silence

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.**

Hymn of Praise *For All the Saints* verse 8

Hymnal #287

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of captives and pilgrims, you brought your people home from despair and gave them a land of freedom and plenty. Look with mercy on us, deliver us from the prison of selfishness and sin, and bring us home to justice, caring, and compassion, in the realm you promised all the world in Christ Jesus the Savior. **Amen.**

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

A reading the first book of Kings

1 Kings 19:1-15

King Ahab told his wife Jezebel that the prophet Elijah had killed her prophets. She sent a message to Elijah: "You killed my prophets. Now I'm going to kill you! I pray that the gods will punish me even more severely if I don't do it by this time tomorrow." Elijah was afraid when he got her message, and he ran to the town of Beersheba in Judah. He left his servant there, then walked another whole day into the desert. Finally, he came to a large bush and sat down in its shade. He begged the Lord, "I've had enough. Just let me die! I'm no better off than my ancestors." Then he lay down in the shade and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel woke him up and said, "Get up and eat." Elijah looked around, and by his head was a jar of water and some baked bread. He sat up, ate and drank, then lay down and went back to sleep. Soon the Lord's angel woke him again and said, "Get up and eat, or else you'll get too tired to travel." So Elijah sat up and ate and drank. The food and water made him strong enough to walk forty more days. At last, he reached Mount Sinai, the mountain of God, and he spent the night there in a cave.

While Elijah was on Mount Sinai, the Lord asked, “Elijah, why are you here?” He answered, “Lord God, I’ve always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets. I alone am left, and now they are trying to kill me!” “Go out and stand on the mountain,” the Lord replied. “I want you to see me when I pass by.” All at once, a strong wind shook the mountain and shattered the rocks. But the Lord was not in the wind. Next, there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. Then there was a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. Finally, there was a gentle breeze, and when Elijah heard it, he covered his face with a cloth. He went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. The Lord asked, “Elijah, why are you here?” Elijah answered, “Lord God, I’ve always done my best to obey you. But your people have broken their solemn promise to you. They have torn down your altars and killed all your prophets, except me. And now they are even trying to kill me!” The Lord said: Elijah, go back to the desert near Damascus. And when you get there, appoint a new king, Hazael, to be king of Syria.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 70. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 682. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

O God, deliver me;

Psalm 70

O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed;

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back,

because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

But as for me, I am poor and needy;

come to me speedily, O God.

You are my helper and my deliverer;

O Lord, do not tarry.

Please stand

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten young bridesmaids who took their lamps and went out to meet the groom. Now five of them were wise, and the other five were foolish. The foolish ones took their lamps but didn’t bring oil for them. But the wise ones took their lamps and also brought containers of oil.

“When the groom was late in coming, they all became drowsy and went to sleep. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Look, the groom! Come out to meet him.’

“Then all those bridesmaids got up and prepared their lamps. But the foolish bridesmaids said to the wise ones, ‘Give us some of your oil, because our lamps have gone out.’ “But the wise bridesmaids replied, ‘No, because if we share with you, there won’t be enough for our lamps and yours. We have a better idea. You go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ But while they were gone to buy oil, the groom came. Those who were ready went with him into the wedding. Then the door was shut.

“Later the other bridesmaids came and said, ‘Lord, lord, open the door for us.’

“But he replied, ‘I tell you the truth, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore, keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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 be seated*

Let us pray for the church, the world, and all people according to their need.

Make your Church wise and faithful, rejoicing in the approach of her Bridegroom and Savior. Make this congregation into lamps shining with your light and love. Fill us to overflowing with your Holy Spirit, so that we may constantly share your grace and favor with those whose lights are flickering out.

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

We pray for Temple Beth Israel and all people of the Jewish faith in our community and around the world; bring the strength of your angels to defend and protect them.

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

Let your justice roll down like waters upon this parched world. Let your righteousness fill the hearts and minds of all who are entrusted with authority. Especially we pray for our newly elected leaders. Give them your Spirit of wisdom and understanding so that they may bring concord, peace, prosperity, justice, and healing to our land.

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

We pray for all who have honorably served their country. Grant wisdom, courage, integrity, and sound judgment to everyone serving in the military, and to all who risk their lives on behalf of community and country. Use their skills to bring freedom, safety, and justice wherever they serve. Keep them safe; shield their loved ones from grief and fear; and grant them a swift and joyful homecoming.

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

O Lord our helper and deliverer, do not tarry for all who call upon your name for help, especially Downs IV, Holden, Nikolai, Jean and Brian. Grant healing and recovery for

all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Ginny, Alex and Colleen. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

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

Almighty God, we grieve for our dead, but not without hope. Thank you for receiving them into your merciful care, especially those we name now. *Silence*

Renew our confidence in your goodness in this time of our earthly pilgrimage. Help us to encourage and help one another along the way. Lead us, by the Cross of Jesus, into the Kingdom which you have prepared for all who have been redeemed by him.

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

Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 B BCP 367

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. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,___

heaven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

Bless - ed___ is he who comes in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -

san - na in___ the high - est.____ Ho - san - na in___ the high - est.

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 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 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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 #68 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

1982 Hymnal

Rejoice! rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear! The evening is advancing,
and darker night is near. The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil; look now for your salvation,
the end of sin and toil. The marriage-feast is waiting, the gates wide open stand;
rise up, ye heirs of glory, the Bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear; arise, thou Sun so longed for,
above this darkened sphere! With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
the day of earth's redemption, and ever be with thee!

Announcements

Flower Guild News, announcing the return of live flowers for the Christmas season.
Red poinsettia and live Christmas flowers will come again to All Angels.

You will be receiving an email or letter shortly with an explanation about how you can give
for flowers, music, or a special Christmas offering and to whom you wish to remember or
give thanks.

Veterans Day Drive-thru Parade, sponsored by the Rotary, November 11th, 11 am, Bay
Isles Road. For more information and to make a donation for veterans:
www.LongboatKeyRotary.org

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.

Artist of the Month - The artist for November is Linda Loen. Please stop by and enjoy the
work of this talented artist. All checks should be written to "All Angels by the Sea."

Discussion Group, the article for discussion with the Men's and Women's group is
available on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

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

All Things New

Several Fridays ago, our organist and music director, Dale, sounded troubled on the phone. He asked if I was sitting down and then explained to me that the organ didn't start. It sounded like he was describing a death in the family. He went on to explain that the organ repair company said that we're looking at a possible \$20k repair, or substantially more; the repair could take months and we would need a loaner organ at \$1,000 per month. Dale prepared to conduct Sunday's service on the piano.

The next day he called and sounded much better. He tried the organ again and it worked. Since that time, the organ works when it wants to. This past Sunday, he was supposed to play a music reflection after the prayers of the people. After the prayers, I didn't hear any music so I started to stand for the announcements but then I heard the hymn so I sat back down. As it turned out, Dale had started playing right after the prayers at the appointed time, but the organ decided to wait and then play.

As far back as theologians and anthropologists can tell, music has always been a part of worship. Many people read the beginning of Genesis this way: "God *sang*, 'Let there be light.'" Scripture references heaven as a place with lots and lots of music. In our church, music is important to our worship. Even with the 8 am service, that has no formal music, the silence and reverence felt in the service is its own music.

The Vestry reviewed two bids to replace the organ – one from Allen and the other from Rogers which is a new version of our existing organ. In their factory just outside of Allentown, Pennsylvania, Allen Organ is the last 100% American made organ manufacturer. They are one of the finest electronic organs companies in the world. Although the bids were similar – both around \$125,000 – we decided on the Allen. It will be ready by the end of March. Until then, we have a loner Allen organ that was installed on Monday. When I heard it, I thought we actually had pipes in the church. The sound is amazing... and this is just the loner.

Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the Church. Our new organ will plug directly into our on-line streaming system and into our soon-to-be installed outdoor speakers. This will substantially improve the sound of the organ for those outside of the church.

Starting on Veterans Day and then running every Thursday morning from 11 to noon, Dale will play an outdoor organ concert. Each week, he will offer a different theme. Stay tuned for the music calendar selections. We will offer our garden-like campus as a place of rest with uplifting music each Thursday. With Christ, all things are made new. As we bring the living Christ to others, it makes sense that we will be creating familiar tunes and ancient hymns in old and new ways.

- Fr. Dave