

All Angels Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:15 a.m.

Mother's Day

I am the bread of life.
Whoever comes to me
will never go hungry,
and whoever believes in me
will never be thirsty.



May 10, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooley

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **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. The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Venite

BCP 83/Hymnal 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 31, verses 1 through 5. It can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 622. Let us read it responsively by half verse; please respond after the asterisk.

Psalm 31:1-5

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

A reading from Peter's first letter

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like a newborn baby, desire the pure milk of the word. Nourished by it, you will grow into salvation, since you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Now you are coming to him as to a living stone. Even though this stone was rejected by humans, from God's perspective it is chosen, valuable. You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Thus it is written in scripture, Look! I am laying a cornerstone in Zion, chosen, valuable. The person who believes in him will never be shamed.

So God honors you who believe. For those who refuse to believe, though, the stone the builders tossed aside has become the capstone. This is a stone that makes people stumble and a rock that makes them fall. Because they refuse to believe in the word, they stumble. Indeed, this is the end to which they were appointed. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light. Once you weren't a people, but now you are God's people. Once you hadn't received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from John

John 6:28-40

The crowd asked Jesus, "What must we do in order to accomplish what God requires?"

Jesus replied, "This is what God requires, that you believe in him whom God sent."

They asked, "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written,

He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

Jesus told them, "I assure you, it wasn't Moses who gave the bread from heaven to you, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. The bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said, "Sir, give us this bread all the time!"

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. But I told you that you have seen me and still don't believe. Everyone whom the Father gives to me will come to me, and I won't send away anyone who comes to me. I have come down from heaven not to do my will, but the will of him who sent me. This is the will of the one who sent me, that I won't lose anything he has given me, but I will raise it up at the last day. This is my Father's will: that all who see the Son and believe in him will have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

I Am the Bread of Life

Joyce Hooey, Soloist

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger; they who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life.

They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live for ever. *Refrain*

Yes, Lord, we believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God who has come into the world. *Refrain*

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 Mother's Day

On this Mothers' Day we give thanks to God for the divine gift of motherhood. Let us pray for all the mothers among us today; for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away; for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully; for all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hopes to have children have been frustrated; for all mothers who have lost children; for all women and men who have mothered others in any way – those who have been our substitute mothers and we who have mothered others in need. We pray this all in the name of God. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being:: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid: I am the bread of life; anyone who comes to me I won’t send away; I will lift them up.”

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, Ruth, Timothy, Lynne, Don, Bill, Dorothy Jo, Valerie, Sue, Elizabeth, Georgia, Kay, Vicki, Jim, Barbara, Ward, Krista, John, Cynthia, Linda, Andres, Jonathan, Ginny, Mary Ann, Ed, Carling, Sofia, Victoria, Carolyne, and Lorraine.

We pray for John Maxheim who will be having surgery for tongue cancer on Tuesday, we pray for Jonathan Detwiler who was hospitalized on Thursday with a serious bacterial infection that is affecting his heart and lungs, and we pray in thanksgiving that Alex's back surgery was successful and that he is now off pain narcotics and doing much better.

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 sick.

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

We pray for those who have died, and those 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.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

BCP 100

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

O God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you; for all the wrongs I have done and for the good I have not done. Especially I confess these things now... Forgive me for Jesus’ sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life. Amen.

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful gathered around the world today, I long to 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 ...

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; be my wisdom and 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.

Reflective Hymn *The Call*

soloist, Joyce Hooey, accompanist Dale Hooey

Concluding prayer

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Hymn *For All the Saints*

Hymnal #287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.

Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia, alleluia!

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!

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Dale Hooey

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: For all who pray our prayer list. We received a special note this week that the prayers we prayed for Lorainne in England that, although terminal, she has responded well and they are making a difference.

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

Food Bank Barrel Please bring non-perishable items for the Food Bank. The yellow barrel is next to the angel fountain.

Leave a Puzzle, Take a Puzzle During this puzzling time, the Marshalls are working on a variety of puzzles to have a quiet moment away from a busy household. We'd like to share puzzles with you. Near the Food Bank barrel, let's have a leave-a-puzzle/take-a-puzzle for anyone who'd like to try a new puzzle.

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

Spiritual Communion

This is a strange time. One thing I have learned from it is that I have taken two things for granted about church – socializing and receiving communion. The two go hand-in-hand and there are times when I'd be hard pressed to say which one is personally more important. What I do know is that I value, and miss, both socializing and communion now.

This is a strange time, and having church on-line is not easy; but, I am learning how my clergy friends lead services. And, thanks to an alert on my Facebook feed, I found myself watching a service at St Patrick's in Dublin (yes, the very same cathedral in which Oliver Cromwell stabled his horses to show his disdain for Anglicanism). Another learning opportunity of our strange time is that the clergy of the diocese are in a Zoom meeting with the bishop every two weeks for mutual support and communication. Last week we talked at length about Eucharistic theology (Eucharist = communion). I imagine for most passers-by it would be a pretty boring conversation; but for us, it was important. The main question was this: how/when will we have communion again? The bishop restricted us from offering "virtual Eucharist" which allows people at home to hold up bread and wine in front of their computer screen while the priest consecrates it on-line. There are Eucharistic rubrics (rules) that prohibit that. However, our Bishop allowed for "spiritual communion" which recognizes that there are times when one can't physically receive communion but can spiritually receive the benefits of it. The concept of it comes from a prayer book attributed to St. Augustine (354-430). Although from the 5th century, it addresses our time now when we can't receive physically receive communion.

My personal Eucharistic theology prohibits me from receiving communion unless it is offered to all baptized people. As such, I have been offering Morning Prayer. On the flip side, several clergy colleagues are offering a Holy Communion service. They receive the consecrated host but do not offer it off the altar. Although that practice is not my particular theology/ecclesiology, I don't think what they are doing is wrong; rather, it is simply not how I feel called to celebrate the Eucharist. In this strange time, I don't know how to offer the Eucharist off-altar because it requires that we share the same air. I suppose I could serve my family off the altar because we share the same air at home. But, that seems pretty exclusive for a sacrament in which Jesus gave us no bounds when he said, take, break, eat, share. This is a liminal time – there will be a day when we will be able to receive communion again. It may not be until we are all vaccinated, but the time is coming when we will all be able to share in the body of Christ through the receiving of bread and wine.

This Sunday, taking a page out of St. Augustine's prayer book, we are going to participate in spiritual communion, which, is worth repeating, is receiving the spiritual blessings of communion when one can't physically receive it. And, unlike traditional Sunday morning Eucharist services, you can receive spiritual communion whenever and wherever you would like by watching and participating in Sunday's service. It is a strange time indeed, but, there are some things we can learn, perhaps receiving spiritual communion is one of them.

- Fr. Dave