

All Angels Episcopal Church

7:45 and 9:15 Sunday Morning

*Be on fire in the Spirit
as you serve the Lord!*

Romans 12:11



August 30, 2020

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*

Hymnal #376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things:
Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion;
nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Romans

Romans 12:9-21

Be sincere in your love for others. Let go of everything that is evil and hold tight to everything that is good. Love each other like the members of your family.

Be the best at showing honor to each other. Don't hesitate to be enthusiastic — be on fire in the Spirit as you serve the Lord!

Be happy in your hope, stand your ground when you're in trouble, and devote yourselves to prayer. Contribute to the needs of God's people, and welcome strangers into your home.

Bless people who harass you — bless and don't curse them.

Be happy with those who are happy, and cry with those who are crying.

Consider everyone as equal, and don't think that you're better than anyone else.

Instead, associate with people who have no status. Don't think that you're so smart.

Don't pay back anyone for their evil actions with evil actions, but show respect for what everyone else believes is good.

If possible, to the best of your ability, live at peace with all people.

Don't try to get revenge for yourselves, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath. It is written, *Revenge belongs to me; I will pay it back, says the Lord.*

The Scriptures also say,

If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink.

By doing this, you will pile burning coals of fire upon his head.

Don't be defeated by evil, but defeat evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 26. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 616. Let us read it responsively by whole verse. *Psalm 26:1-8*

Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;

I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;

examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes;

I have walked faithfully with you.

I have not sat with the worthless,

nor do I consort with the deceitful.

I have hated the company of evildoers;

I will not sit down with the wicked.

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,

that I may go in procession round your altar,

Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving

and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

Lord, I love the house in which you dwell

and the place where your glory abides.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he had to go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and legal experts, and that he had to be killed and raised on the third day. Then Peter took hold of Jesus and, scolding him, began to correct him: “God forbid, Lord! This won’t happen to you.” But he turned to Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan. You are a stone that could make me stumble, for you are not thinking God’s thoughts but human thoughts.”

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will find them. Why would people gain the whole world but lose their lives? What will people give in exchange for their lives? For the Human One is about to come with the majesty of his Father with his angels. And then he will repay each one for what that person has done. I assure you that some standing here won’t die before they see the Human One coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

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.

Grant that your Church never be a hindrance to your Son nor a stumbling-block to those whom he came to save. Center its life and proclamation in the Cross of Jesus. Cause it to follow wherever Jesus leads. By its witness and example, draw many hearts to faith in Christ, and to the desire to overcome the world's evil with his good.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Help this congregation to live out the words of Saint Paul: Let our love be sincere. Make us turn from evil but hold fast to the good. Help us to rejoice with the joyful and to weep with those who weep. Make us joyous in hope, patient in tribulation, and constant in prayer.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Keep in your care all victims of violence and injustice, especially when evil has been done to them in the name of religion. Stir up all your true servants to give them aid, comfort and shelter; for you are glorified by deeds of goodness, mercy, hospitality, and peace, not by acts of cruelty, violence or hatred. And quickly fulfill your promise to take them from the hands of the wicked.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give integrity, wisdom, and humility to those entrusted with power and the authority over communities, corporations, and nations. Help them to do what is honorable, just, and generous. Help everyone to find honorable employment, and the means to support themselves and their loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Strengthen and help the many entrepreneurs, employees, and businesses facing massive challenges to stay open. So much rides on the goods and services, the wages and products that they provide; help us to seek ways to help them to prosper justly and creatively, for the good of all.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. Graciously answer the prayers of everyone who calls upon you for help, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Heidi and Cynthia.

Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery, especially Alex, Carlos, Virginia, Pearl, Susan, and Tom.

Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres and Ginny. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don and Barbara.

Be near to all who are in hospice care, especially Ward.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Most gracious Father, we praise and glorify you because your love endures forever.

We pray for those who have died and those who grieve. *Silence*

Lead us into your promised Kingdom which you have prepared for all whom you have delivered from the power of sin and death.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, hear our prayers and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. This we ask for Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

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.**

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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.

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.

Please be seated.

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:

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.

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 *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Hymnal #432

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3 To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: to Scott Wuesthoff for hosting the Zoom worship broadcast and fellowship each Sunday.

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.

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 *Cautionary Practices*

A group of concerned citizens convinced the Manatee County Commission to modify its mask mandate to exempt churches effective immediately. Although I have some strong feelings on this exemption, it does not affect All Angels for many reasons – first and foremost, we’re in Sarasota County (Longboat Key is oddly in both counties), the city has a mask mandate and the Bishop has said each rector and Vestry should continue in cautionary practices.

We are dealing with a contagious airborne virus that is often spread by non-symptomatic people. Most of the congregation would self-identify as being in a high risk category. Just because Manatee County is reporting a 4% infection rate doesn’t mean we are in the clear. Speaking of infection rates, Longboat Key has gone weeks without a new reported case. Despite that success, the city commissioners have wisely, in my opinion, decided to continue with the cautionary practices that have kept the infection rate at or near zero.

There is an interesting case from a Starbucks in South Korea. An unmasked, asymptomatic customer enjoyed her drink while sitting underneath a blowing a/c vent. She infected 27 people in the establishment. Contact tracing has shown those 27 have infected 36 more, so far. The customer and the 27 people most likely had masks but were not wearing them because they were eating and drinking. Yet, the four Starbucks employees who wore masks did not become infected. Epidemiologists have shown masks significantly reduce the chance of asymptomatic spread; this particular case, however, shows how non-N95 masks can even hold back the virus from the wearer. It seems as if wearing a mask helps your neighbor and yourself.

Manatee County Commission said there has been no evidence of virus transmission stemming from church participation in the county... thus, masks are not required. Unfortunately, evidence suggests otherwise; churches around the country have experienced blooming transmission from unmasked church participation. It raises the question for me that perhaps no Manatee County church transmission has occurred because masks are required. I get little comfort knowing that epidemiologists in the future will study what happens here.

The group of concerned citizens against wearing masks in church said that it was governmental overreach, prohibited free worship, and, if the government could dictate what they could wear, perhaps the government could limit the number of people who can attend. This author would like to point out that those clauses – clothing and maximum number in a building – currently exist. Also in existence is the fact that mask or no mask I still cannot visit parishioners at Sarasota Memorial Hospital or Plymouth Harbor. To our brothers and sisters of the faith in Manatee County, we are all members of one body. The Apostle Paul writes that we need to weep with those who weep and celebrate with those who celebrate. I think he’d also write that we need to wear masks for those who medically cannot wear them and for those who are at the most risk. Perhaps the best expression of free worship is this: to voluntarily practice cautionary practices, like wearing a face covering, to help others.

- Fr. Dave