

All Angels Episcopal Church
Third Sunday after Pentecost
7:45 and 9:15 a.m.



*Come to me, all you who are struggling hard
and carrying heavy loads,
and I will give you rest.*

Matthew 11:28

July 5, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooey

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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, open our lips.

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.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

Come let us adore him.

Venite *Psalms 95:1-7*

BCP 82 & Hymnal 1982, #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 145, verses 8-15. It can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 802. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 145:8-15

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power;

That the peoples may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and merciful in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

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.

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Church in Rome *Romans 7:13-25*

[Introduction: there is a conflict in the Roman church about following the Law of Moses, Roman Law, and following Christ. Paul asserts that death nullifies the law – like in marriage – and, as such, Jesus' death cancelled the Law for his followers because we die in our baptism to be raised by Christ. Nevertheless, Paul wrestles with the force of sin inside his body that makes him sin and will sentence him to death. The life of Christ shows Paul what to do, but, because of his internal sin, he is unable to accomplish what is good. Paul therefore depends upon God's grace, not his own fortitude, to do what is right.]

We know that the [Mosaic] Law is spiritual, but I'm made of flesh and blood, and I'm sold as a slave to sin. I don't know what I'm doing, because I don't do what I want to do. Instead, I do the thing that I hate. But if I'm doing the thing that I don't want to do, I'm agreeing that the Law is right. But now I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it's sin that lives in me. I know that good doesn't live in me—that is, in my body. The desire to do good is inside of me, but I can't do it. I don't do the good that I want to do, but I do the evil that I don't want to do. But if I do the very thing that I don't want to do, then I'm not the one doing it anymore. Instead, it is sin that lives in me that is doing it.

So I find that, as a rule, when I want to do what is good, evil is right there with me. I gladly agree with the Law on the inside, but I see a different law at work in my body. It wages a war against the law of my mind and takes me prisoner with the law of sin that is in my body. I'm a miserable human being. Who will deliver me from this dead corpse? Thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then I'm a slave to God's Law in my mind, but I'm a slave to sin's law in my body.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be God.

Jesus said, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like a child sitting in the marketplaces calling out to others, ‘We played the flute for you and you didn’t dance. We sang a funeral song and you didn’t mourn.’ For John [the Baptizer] came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ Yet the Human One came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunk, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved to be right by her works.”

Then he began to scold the cities where he had done his greatest miracles because they didn’t change their hearts and lives. “How terrible it will be for you, Chorazin! How terrible it will be for you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles done among you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have changed their hearts and lives and put on funeral clothes and ashes a long time ago. But I say to you that Tyre and Sidon will be better off on Judgment Day than you. And you, Capernaum, will you be honored by being raised up to heaven? No, you will be thrown down to the place of the dead. After all, if the miracles that were done among you had been done in Sodom, it would still be here today. But I say to you that it will be better for the land of Sodom on the Judgment Day than it will be for you.”

At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you’ve hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness.

“My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I’m gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 Our Country

BCP 820

Almighty God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Those Who Influence Public Opinion

BCP 827

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect In Times of Conflict

BCP 824

O God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of petition with thanksgiving

Jesus said, "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 all healthcare workers.

We pray for those on our prayer list; especially, Downs IV, Holden, Heidi and Cynthia.

We pray for all who are in skilled nursing, especially Ruth, Timothy, Don and Barbara.

We pray for all who are in hospice care, especially Ward.

We pray for healing and recovery for Susan, John and Tom. We pray for those going through cancer treatments, especially Victoria, Andres and Ginny.

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 the sick.

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

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

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

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful gathered around the world today, I 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 ... *Silence*

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; 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.

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Hymn *God Bless Our Native Land*

Hymnal #716

Our father's God to thee, Author of Liberty,
To thee we sing.

Long may our land be bright, with freedom's holy light,
Protect us by thy might, great God our king.

Bless Thou our native land—Firm may she ever stand,
Thro' storm and night.

When the wild tempests rave, ruler of wind and wave,
Do Thou our Country save, by Thy great might.

Let us Bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Dale Hooley

Announcements

Worship services in-doors Seating is limited and reservations are required for indoor services. If you have not made a reservation, please go to the welcome table and if there is room, sign yourself in.

Thank You to the newly formed Maintenance Committee - Cathie Wilt, Don Judd, Jeff Vaughn, Jerry Bowles, Sandy Wood; with BJ Bishop and Bob Erker as consultants - who will assist our Junior Warden, Ed Ortiz, in his ministry of taking care of our beautiful facility and campus.

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

The Big Yellow Bin Outside of the main entrance to the church by the angel fountain is the Manatee Food Bank drop off for nonperishable items. ECW and the Outreach Commission wants to thank you for your support of this effort; however, here are some guidelines that are especially important now that the bin is outside.

- 1. No glass jars*
- 2. No cardboard boxed items until the bin can be inside. Moisture is a problem with the humidity.*
- 3. Please check expiration dates.*

What is especially needed:

Canned tuna, chicken, or salmon
Peanut butter or jelly (plastic container)
Canned soups, stews, chili,
Canned vegetables or fruit
Trail mix or dried fruit
Powdered milk
Dried beans
Infamil formula, baby food in plastic containers, diapers, baby wipes, Desitin cream

It may be more feasible right now to contribute money to the food bank. To give a donation go to: Meals on Wheels Plus.org or call 941-747-3663.

Big thanks to Linn who checks the bin every week for items that may not meet these guidelines. Please make her job easier by checking out what you are putting in the bin to see if they are on the list.

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

July 4th

For people like me who grew up in Washington State, the real start of summer is the 4th of July. Growing up with a sailboat meant that we would be up early on the 4th getting the boat ready and then staying out on the water until midnight. Patience, our boat, was moored in Commencement Bay, across from Tacoma. The distance is a little more than two miles, but, as sailing goes, it could be a ten-mile trip. Like a massive amphitheater, the steep streets of Tacoma make Commencement Bay a wonderful place to celebrate Independence Day. Every year there was an impressive fireworks display launched from a barge just off the Tacoma waterfront. The display would cap off a spectacular day of airshows, boat shows, and the usual Americana-celebration found in military towns like Tacoma. Every year it seemed like the Air Force and Army would try to outdo each other with thrilling displays of aerobatics. For as hard as they tried, however, the Navy always took the cake with the Blue Angels. One year I swear the lead Blue Angel captain used our mast as the centering point of the performance. My ears are still ringing. In between aerial performances, the fireboats would turn on their massive water cannons that can throw 20,000 gallons of water per minute more than a football field high and three football fields out. One year, a hook-and-ladder fire truck sprayed their cannon over the beach to see if they could reach the fireboats. Everyone in-between got drenched.

Dad would tell us to always be on watch for dumb boaters which he put into these three categories: drunk boaters, inexperienced boaters, and the showoffs – which can be a combination of the first two. More than once we had to offer a hand to someone in trouble; it was just a part of the 4th of July on Commencement Bay. Dad never treated dumb boaters with anything but compassion and a helping hand. It gave me an example to live by.

By the time it was dark enough for the fireworks show, the drunk and inexperienced boaters had either been towed, arrested or sank, so the trip back to the dock was usually uneventful. There was one year, however, when a showoff in a 30-foot in/out drive cabin cruiser decided to go full speed across the bay after the show. They struck a floating and invisible-at-night log which tore off the entire “out” of the drive. One of the fireboats responded and managed to keep it afloat.

Like everything else in 2020, the Marshalls will have to wait until next year to watch fireworks from the deck of our boat and instead will start a new tradition of setting off fireworks in front of our house. Teaching my boys compassion for helping dumb boaters on the 4th will have to wait until next year.

There is no mention of a pandemic in the Bible. Nevertheless, there were many disruptions that either modified, or invented, religious traditions. This year I have given more thought to what Independence Day means to me. While it is true that not all were made free on July 4, 1776, it began a movement, or process, where our struggling 13 colonies began to shine the light of liberty for others to see. We have come a long way and we have more to go; but this year, I will be thinking about what I am doing with my own freedom to help others.

- Fr. Dave