

All Angels Episcopal Church

7:45 and 9:15 Sunday Morning



**We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.**

Psalm 124:7

August 23, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooey

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.

Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome in our lives and by helping others generously and faithfully in your name. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Romans

Romans 12:1-8

Here's what I want you to do:

Take your everyday, ordinary life — your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life — and place it before God as an offering.

Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.

I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what God does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.

In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole, not the other way around. The body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we? So since we find ourselves fashioned into all these excellently formed and marvelously functioning parts in Christ's body, let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't.

If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else;
if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching;
if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy;

if you're put in charge, don't manipulate;
if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open
and be quick to respond;
if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or
depressed by them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 124. It can be found in your bulletin and in your
prayer books on page 781. Let us read it responsively by whole verse. *Psalm 124*

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now repeat;
If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.
Blessed be the Lord! He has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Matthew 16:13-20*

Now when Jesus came to the area of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Human One is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the other prophets."

He said, "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Then Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because no human has shown this to you. Rather my Father who is in heaven has shown you. I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Anything you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. Anything you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven." Then he ordered the disciples not to tell anybody that he was the Christ.

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.

Almighty God, thank you for Peter! Thank you that he was so very human, and yet you graced him with faith to confess Jesus as your Son and Messiah. Like Peter, help us to do your work of forgiveness in a jaded and disbelieving world.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Keep safe your servants who are persecuted for naming Jesus as the Christ. Visit them with your righteousness and draw near with your protection. Grant that our words and deeds may never hinder or tarnish their witness. We also pray for missionaries, seminarians, and theologians entrusted with rightly proclaiming your word.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Conform the people and programs of this congregation to your will. Help us to not think too highly of ourselves, but with sober judgment to use our talents according to the grace you have given each of us. Build up the body of your beloved Son among us through sound preaching, faithful teaching, generous giving, cheerful service, and loving kindness.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Teach the world's rulers listen to you, the giver of justice and peace. Conform their decisions and actions to your righteous will, so that they care for the lowly and the vulnerable. Heal the divisions that fracture families, communities, and nations; and help us to live at peace with our neighbors.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bless all who risk their lives to protect, defend and rescue others. Like the bird that escapes the snare of the fowler, give them strength to free those who are trapped. Heal their own wounds of body and mind; reunite them swiftly with their loved ones; and crown their labors with the blessing of your peace.

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, Heidi and Cynthia. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery, especially 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*

In your great mercy, draw near and make good your purpose for us. Keep us steadfast in faith, bold in witness, generous in sharing, cheerful in helping, gentle in exhorting, frequent in forgiving, and constant in thankfulness to you, our rock, and our salvation.

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.
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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 *The Church's One Foundation* Hymnal #525, vs. 1,2,3 & 5

1. The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
5. Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: for all the gardeners at All Angels who beautify our campus for others to find rest, peace and enjoyment. Thank you.

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

The Garden

All Angels has a splendid group of gardeners who are willing to lend their talents to beautify our campus. From our hanging orchids to the memorial garden to the walking path through the park-like setting where people come and rest, we have a wonderful, angel-filled grounds.

Anglican tradition believes God is revealed in Scripture, in nature, and reason. Using that our theological tradition, I'd like to introduce you one of our more recent plants. Pictured here is a plant that was on the back side of the church in a spot where it wasn't growing well. The blue vase was in the angel fountain entrance but has been relocated while we imagine a new, more accessible entrance. One of our angel gardeners took the opportunity and transplanted both the plant and the vase so now it is on display on the walking path toward the church entrance. One thing gardeners do is transplant; they take a plant, replant it, and it usually thrives. In a theological sense, so does God.



We have been given a garden and plants as well as memory/reason/skill. We are called to use all of those for the growth of God's garden-gift. Just like a gardener who sees a plant not doing so well in one environment and moves it to a better place, the Holy Spirit, who is The Master Gardener, also transplants us and helps us grow. I was reminded of this the last time I was out on our boat. Elijah drove the boat for the entire outing except for launching it and putting it back on the trailer. Elijah has been transplanted from the San Diego area where he used to ride his bike around a lake by our house. Nowadays in Florida, he is driving a boat around the bay. I think God saw in him something more than a bike rider.

Thinking about the congregation of All Angels, I'd have to say we are all transplants. We have been plucked up from somewhere and established here. Some of our congregation transplants every year – from Florida to the north and then back to Florida again. Yet, whether a parishioner is a year-rounder or a seasonal resident, there is God-given growth in the transplant.

I give thanks to God who has given us a garden and the ability to care for it. I also give thanks to God, The Master Gardener, who transplants and provides for growth.

- Fr. Dave