

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



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because while we
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Christ died for us.*

Romans 5:8

June 14, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooey

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

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.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:
Come let us adore him.

Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Lessons

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 100. It can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 729. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 100

¹ Be joyful in the LORD, all you peoples; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

² Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

⁴ For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the church in Rome

Romans 5:1-8

[In the previous chapter of this letter, Paul wrote that Abraham's faith – to believe that God would provide for him children, despite the ages of Sarah and Abraham – was credited to him as righteousness because Abraham believed before God blessed them with children. Not only was Abraham blessed because of his faith, but all believers are blessed; or, in Paul's words, "made righteous". In that same vein, because of Jesus' faith in God, who raised him from the dead, all believers are made righteous because of Jesus' faith and action. Paul continues,]

Therefore, since we have been made righteous through his faithfulness, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access by faith into this grace in which we stand through him, and we boast in the hope of God's glory.

But not only that! We even take pride in our problems, because we know that trouble produces endurance, endurance produces character, and character produces hope. This hope doesn't put us to shame, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right moment, Christ died for ungodly people. It isn't often that someone will die for a righteous person, though maybe someone might dare to die for a good person. But God shows his love for us, because while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be God.

A reading from Matthew

MT 9:35-10:8

Jesus traveled among all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, announcing the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every sickness. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were troubled and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The size of the harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest."

He called his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to throw them out and to heal every disease and every sickness. Here are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, who is called Peter; and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee; and John his brother; Philip; and Bartholomew; Thomas; and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus; and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean; and Judas, who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent these twelve out and commanded them, "Don't go among the Gentiles or into a Samaritan city. Go instead to the lost sheep, the people of Israel. As you go, make this announcement: 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those with skin diseases, and throw out demons. You received without having to pay. Therefore, give without demanding payment.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

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 the Human Family

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:

Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Prayers of petition with thanksgiving

You are invited and encouraged to say out loud those things that weigh on your heart and the blessings for which you give thanks to God.

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. I am sending to you what my Father has promised.” 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, Kay, Vicki, Jim, Barbara, Ward, Krista, John, Cynthia, Alex, Linda, Andres, Ginny, Mary Ann, Ed, Sofia and Victoria

We pray for 2-year-old Hudson who is facing a kidney transplant.

We pray for John Maxheim who is recovering from surgery for tongue cancer.

We pray that Tom Thomas will continue in his recovery from hip surgery.

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 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.**

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.**

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.

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 *We Plow the Fields*

Hymnal 291, verses 1 & 3

We plow the fields, and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest, our life, our health, our food:
the gifts we have to offer are what thy love imparts,
but chiefly thou desirest our humble thankful hearts.

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Dale Hooey

Announcements

Worship services in-doors Seating is limited and reservations are required for indoor services. Please contact Maria (marialove@allangelslbk.org) or Linn (941-383-8161) by Wednesday of each week for your reservation

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. 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

The Process Oriented God

Have you ever heard this prayer, “God, grant me patience, and give it to me now!” Funny thing, that is not how patience works; nor is it how God does things. In the Anglican world, we often say that we believe in a God of structure and order. As such, our particular style of worship is structured and ordered. Just before processing in one Sunday morning, I joked with the choir, “Well, let’s see what happens this morning.” The choir chuckled because that is not how we do things.

This past Sunday, we heard about Day 6 of creation – when animals and humans were made (chapter 1, Genesis). You and I both know that it took more than a “day” to make all creepy crawlly things as well as humans, but, the author(s) of Genesis set out to show the orderliness of God’s creation. It’s not like God said, “Well, let’s see what happens this morning,” and then created fish before the ocean was made, or birds before air. That’s not how God does it. God Almighty seems to have a process and a plan; or maybe vice-versa.

In 2009, in California, I participated in an interfaith march to object to Governor Schwarzenegger’s budget that greatly reduced walk-up health clinics for the poor and marginalized. Once we reached the clinic, one of hundreds in the state that was scheduled to close, I was asked to start us off with prayer. I opened my prayer book and started – orderly and structured is our way, after all – and was followed by a Franciscan monk who volunteers as a chaplain at the clinic. Standing tall in his brown robe, he invited the large crowd to raise their palms in the air and face them toward Sacramento. He then gave a rousing and spontaneous prayer about the Lord who watches over the least and that our wealthy-movie-star-turned-Governor should do better. After the “amen” he said, “There we have it, God hears every prayer, and our clinic will be saved.” ... which it was, after a lengthy process of negotiations and input from the citizenry. In fact, all the clinics in California were spared. It did not happen overnight, but rather, it took a process.

Healing prayers often work in the same way. There are times when instantaneous healing occurs; which are quite noteworthy; but they are the exception, not the rule. Often when we pray for healing, it occurs after a process of medical intervention and rehabilitation. Some would ask, “Why then pray at all?” The answer is simple – because prayer works. Study after study shows that those who have a good prayer life, and/or have others praying for them, spend less time in a hospital bed. Why is the ever-cost-conscious VA so hospitable toward their chaplains? It is because the chaplaincy core reduces expenses way more than they cost.

God, who created everything, including the planets in their courses and this fragile earth, our island home, did so by an orderly process. Humans have memory, reason and skill. We learn, become wise, and pass skills onto to others – all by process, not instantaneously. There are much needed changes and reforms in this country; in particular, that all citizens should be treated uniformly by their government. But, it can’t happen overnight. Change is a process that can be ugly and messy, often times slow and unresponsive; nevertheless, it is a process.

May God sustain and strengthen our country as we go through the process of change.

- Fr. Dave