

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

October 4, 2020

**God's kingdom will be given
to a people who produce its fruit**

Matthew 21:43



563 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida
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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those
inside and outside the church.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

Mark 12:29-31

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.**

Hymn of Praise *All Creatures of Our God and King* verse 1

Hymnal #400

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia
Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silvery moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God, our beloved, you set before us the goal of new life in Christ. May we live in the power of his resurrection and bring forth the fruit of your vineyard which is love, compassion and forgiveness. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Philippians

Philippians 3:4-14

If anyone else has reason to put their confidence in physical advantages, I have even more:

I was circumcised on the eighth day.

I am from the people of Israel and the tribe of Benjamin.

I am a Hebrew of the Hebrews.

With respect to observing the Law, I'm a Pharisee.

With respect to devotion to the faith, I harassed the church.

With respect to righteousness under the Law, I'm blameless.

These things were my assets, but I wrote them off as a loss for the sake of Christ. But even beyond that, I consider everything a loss in comparison with the superior value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have lost everything for him, but what I lost I think of as sewer trash, so that I might gain Christ and be found in him. In Christ I have a righteousness that is not my own and that does not come from the Law but rather from the faithfulness of Christ. It is the righteousness of God that is based on faith. The

righteousness that I have comes from knowing Christ, the power of his resurrection, and the participation in his sufferings. It includes being conformed to his death so that I may perhaps reach the goal of the resurrection of the dead.

It's not that I have already reached this goal or have already been perfected, but I pursue it, so that I may grab hold of it because Christ grabbed hold of me for just this purpose. Brothers and sisters, I myself don't think I've reached it, but I do this one thing: I forget about the things behind me and reach out for the things ahead of me. The goal I pursue is the prize of God's upward call in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 80, verses 7 through 14. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 703. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 80:7-14

Restore us, O God of hosts;

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt;

you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it;

it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow

and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea

and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall,

so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,

and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine;

preserve what your right hand has planted.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard.

He put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a tower. Then he rented it to

tenant farmers and took a trip. When it was time for harvest, he sent his servants to the

tenant farmers to collect his fruit. But the tenant farmers grabbed his servants. They

beat some of them, and some of them they killed. Some of them they stoned to death.

"Again he sent other servants, more than the first group. They treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. 'They will respect my son,' he said.

"But when the tenant farmers saw the son, they said to each other, 'This is the heir.

Come on, let's kill him and we'll have his inheritance.' They grabbed him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

"When the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenant farmers?"

They said, "He will totally destroy those wicked farmers and rent the vineyard to other tenant farmers who will give him the fruit when it's ready."

Jesus said to them, "Haven't you ever read in the scriptures,

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. The Lord has done this, and it's amazing in our eyes?

Therefore, I tell you that God's kingdom will be taken away from you and will be given to a people who produce its fruit. Whoever falls on this stone will be crushed. And the stone will crush the person it falls on."

Now when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard the parable, they knew Jesus was talking about them. They were trying to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, who thought he was a prophet.

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.

Most holy God, thank you for making us your beloved vineyard. Thank you for grafting us into your pleasant planting, your people Israel; and for uniting us with your true and precious Vine, your dear Son Jesus. Make us abound in the fruits of the Holy Spirit, to your glory and for the nourishment of a world starved for your love.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Uproot from your Church all malice, strife, false teaching, and unrighteousness. By your Word and Sacrament, draw all people to glorify your most holy Name. Defend persecuted Christians throughout the world. Turn the hearts of their enemies toward you in repentance and humble faith. Protect and tend to the ministry and people of Temple Beth Israel and all people of the Jewish faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We pray for all those who toil at jobs that are unpleasant, dangerous, and poorly paid. Help us to honor their labor and to ease their burden. Give them knowledge of the surpassing love of your dear Son. By your Spirit, shape their faithful work into the handiwork of your vineyard.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Give everyone entrusted with power and authority a hunger for justice and a thirst for righteousness. Make them swift to build bridges of respect and concord, and slow to brandish weapons of war. Fill them with wisdom, patience, fairness, and kindness. Spread these virtues among all people, so that bloodshed and injustice cease, and all people live in peace and call upon your name with joy. Protect and defend first responders and those who watch over us at home and abroad.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore the lives of all who cry out to you in their distress of body, mind, and spirit, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Heidi, Cynthia, Nikolai and Brian. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Ginny, Alex and Colleen. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Shine the light of your countenance upon them, that they may be saved.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With gratitude and affection, we entrust our faithful departed into your care. *Silence*
Comfort all whose grief runs deep. Help and guide us, so that we may help one another through the sorrows and dangers of this life. Unite us with your dear Son, so that with all whom you have redeemed by his Cross and Resurrection, we may be welcomed into your pleasant planting, your beloved vineyard; and may rejoice in your presence forever.

This we ask for Jesus' sake. **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 B

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And also with you.

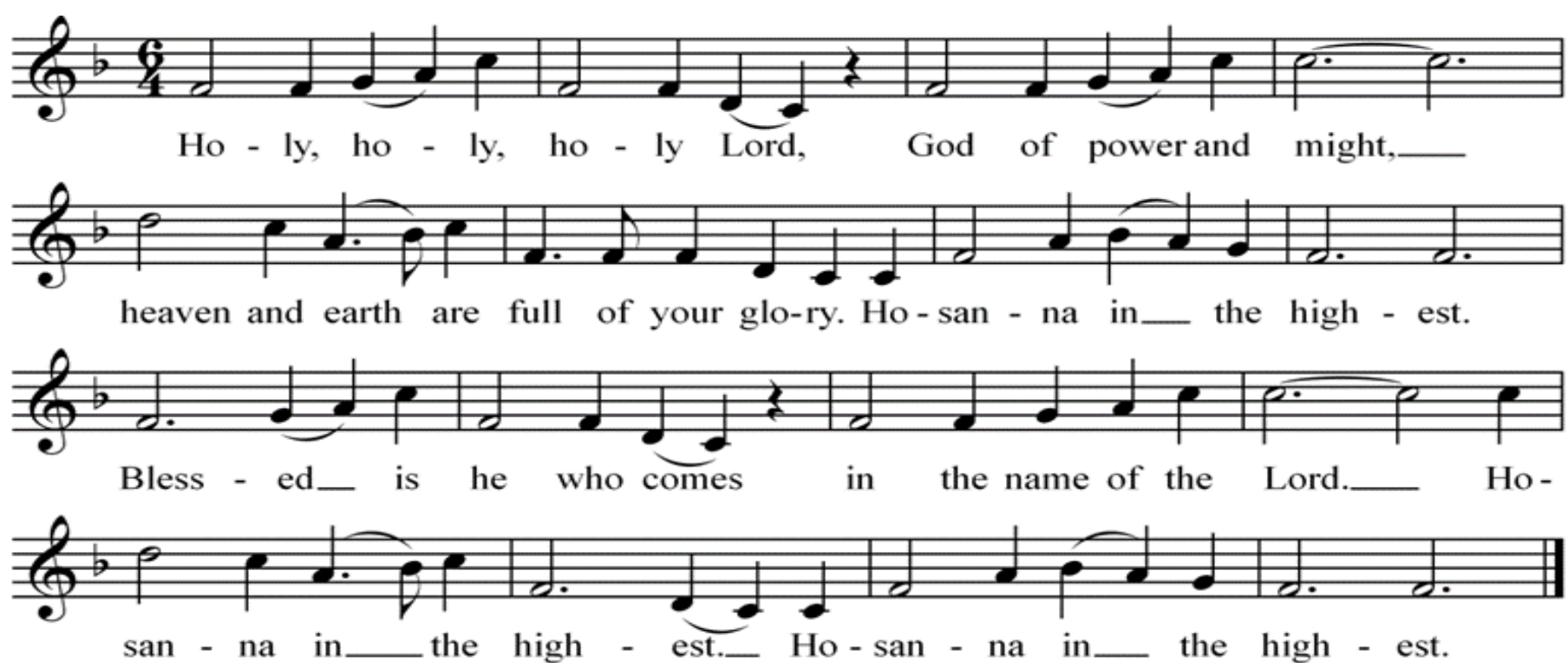
Lift up your hearts.

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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.



Please be seated.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 according to his command, O Father:

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 #424 *For the Fruit of All Creation*

1982 Hymnal

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God;
for the gifts of every nation, thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit, thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Announcements

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.

Book Study St. Benedicts Tool Box, Wednesdays at 10 am on Zoom

Pet Blessing - today at 10 am

Artist of the Month - The artist for October is Linda Loen. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. All checks should be written to "All Angels by the Sea."

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

Replate, Replate!

My friend Tim, after finding out that All Angels needed to have our chalices replated, wrote this joke:

A pastor had two chalices that were in need of refinishing — the silver lining had worn away after years of wear. He found a business that did such things and decided to try them out with one of the chalices and if it worked out okay he would take in the second one. But it turned out the owner of the business was a crook and instead of using silver, he used tin. Upon picking up the poorly refinished chalice, the pastor said to him, “Replate, replate, and tin no more.”

One hallmark of seminary training is field education – doing hands on service at various churches in the area and then reflecting about our experience each week in class. Many of the parishes near the seminary pride themselves on being training churches. There are some, however, that are not used to, nor inclined to, be a teaching parish. I’ll call one such church Smokey Steve’s – an anglo-catholic parish that uses a lot of incense. A friend of mine shared her experience serving at Smokey’s. It was her first time serving with the chalice. Half way through the administration of the cup, the altar guild director reprimanded her by the altar and said she is, “Wiping the chalice wrong” and that she will “wear out the chalice.” When my friend retold this story in class, our professor became indignant. She said, “We SHOULD be wearing out our chalices. What good news: the Episcopal Church actually wore out a chalice from using it too much! Hallelujah!”

My professor would be pleased with All Angels. We have worn out both of our chalices. By some divine design, it happened at the same time. And, it happened during a global pandemic when we are offering only the bread and therefore not using the chalices. What a perfect time to have them replated. Hallelujah!

I am thankful for many things including the fact that we have actually used our chalices enough to wear them out, that we have so many generous parishioners that we have the funds to replate immediately without financial constraint, and, I am thankful that we are passing refinished chalices to the next generation so that they can wear them out too. Hallelujah indeed!

- Fr. Dave