

# All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

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Christ the King Sunday

The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his

Psalm 100:



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he himself has made us,  
and we are his. Psalm 100:3*

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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.**

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation; the old has passed away, behold the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

*2 Corinthians 5:17-18*

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** *For All the Saints* verses 1 & 8

Hymnal #287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading the book of Ezekiel

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

The Lord God proclaims: I myself will search for my flock and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the flock when some in the flock have been scattered, so will I seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered during the time of clouds and thick darkness. I will gather and lead them out from the countries and peoples, and I will bring them to their own fertile land. I will feed them on Israel's highlands, along the riverbeds, and in all the inhabited places. I will feed them in good pasture, and their sheepfold will be there, on Israel's lofty highlands. On Israel's highlands, they will lie down in a secure fold and feed on green pastures. I myself will feed my flock and make them lie down. This is what the Lord God says. I will seek out the lost, bring back the strays, bind up the wounded, and strengthen the weak. But the fat and the strong I will destroy, because I will tend my sheep with justice.

So the Lord God proclaims to them: I will judge between the fat and the lean sheep. You shove with shoulder and flank, and with your horns you ram all the weak sheep until you've scattered them outside. But I will rescue my flock so that they will never again be prey. I will even judge between the sheep! I will appoint for them a single shepherd, and he will feed them. My servant David will feed them. He will be their shepherd. I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David will be their prince. I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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*

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

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.**

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

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

*Please stand*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Matthew 25: 31-40*

Jesus said, "Now when the Human One comes in his majesty and all his angels are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. All the nations will be gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was prepared for you before the world began. I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? When did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you clothes to wear? When did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'

"Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you have done it for me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Rev. Dave Marshall

**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.

O God, you have established Jesus to be the king of creation and head of your holy Church. Bind that Church to Christ with cords of love; make it unswerving in faith and bold in witness to him, especially where it endures persecution for his sake; and use your Church to draw all people to him so that they will acclaim him as Lord, King, and Savior.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

Fill the people of this congregation with your Holy Spirit, so that in all we say and do, among all people we encounter, we resemble Jesus your son.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

You have made this land rich with resources, and resplendent with the virtues of freedom, justice, opportunity, and honesty. Grant that all who live here may be responsible stewards of those resources; tireless examples of those virtues; and thankful sharers of every blessing with which you have graced us.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

You have made your Son Lord of the nations. By your Holy Spirit, conform the hearts of leaders and people to the heart of Christ; and let his peace reign in every land.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

You have made your Son our light, joy, and crown. Grant that his strong saving love might accompany those who serve our country, here and abroad. Fill them with honor, courage, and wisdom; and bring them home in safety.

**Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.**

You have made your Son fairer than sunlight, stars, meadows, or woodlands. Let his beauty, healing, and compassion cause all sorrowing hearts to sing, especially: Downs IV, Holden, 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, Colleen and Jack. 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.

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we grieve for our dead, but not without hope. Thank you for receiving them into your merciful care, especially those we name now. *Silence*

Gracious Father, you have made your Son to shine more brightly than all of heaven's angels. We thank you for the lives of the faithful departed, who already see his glory face to face. Fill us with such faith and love that, in your good time, we shall join them in singing, "Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine."

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Musical Reflection**

Dale Hooey

**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**

BCP 367

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 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.

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*

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 #383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*** 1982 Hymnal

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou God of man the Son;  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

## Announcements

**Children First** Children First, a longtime recipient of ECW fundraising and Outreach grants could use our help this year. For Christmas every child receives a book and pajamas. This may be their only gift this year as many parents have lost their jobs and may not be called back. Please bring your unwrapped gift of pajamas and /or book appropriate for children infant to 5 years to the Christmas bin located in the narthex by December 20. We will see that it is delivered.

Look for additional hours when the church will be open for reflection and prayer so you can safely bring in your items. Questions? Call or email Gail Clay

### Flowers and Music for Christmas

There are 4 easy ways to contribute to the upcoming holiday season decorations and music:

1. For on-line giving chose the Christmas Donation button on the All Angels website
2. Send a check to the office made out to All Angels by the Sea with Christmas in the Memo Line
3. Put your check in offering plate with the above designations
4. Or, stop by or call the office, 941-383-8181, with donation information.

If you would like to designate as Memorial or Thanksgiving of name, please enclose that information for the bulletin.

**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.

**Artist of the Month** - The artist for November 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](http://www.allangelslbk.org).

**Birthdays & Anniversaries** If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at [lt@allangelslbk.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.allangelslbk.org).

## Reflection

### *Pilgrimage*

There has been so much change happening all around us that it is easy to let things slip by. I'd like to take a moment and highlight a change that occurred on Sunday. For the first time in All Angels' history, the terrace was open for people to enter and worship on Sunday. We had four souls who were willing to be test subjects; and, the results are in – they loved it!

The original plan for the church had a wraparound walkway that extended around the church from the memorial garden to the terrace. That would have allowed for the terrace to be used as an emergency exit. But, as buildings and plans go, the walkway did not materialize so the terrace remained a closed space. After decades of having members of the altar guild and flower guild get stuck out on the terrace, after the door closed behind them and locked, three things happened all at once – a global pandemic temporarily restricted indoor worship to 10 people, All Angels started broadcasting our services outside the church, and the Vestry decided to improve the entrances for people of any mobility. In order to improve our ingress/egress plan, we (probably) had to add an emergency exit. The logical place to do that was through the terrace. With the rising popularity of worshipping at All Angels outside, a bold plan was made. A contractor cut into the terrace walls at both north and south ends and then poured an ADA compliant cement walkway that connected into our existing garden pathway. Lastly, all-weather outdoor speakers were installed that carry the audio from inside the church to the outside. And voila, a new era has begun.

The Albert and Bette Spaeth Meditation Terrace has a plaque that reads as follows:  
**Enter + Rest + Pray**

From 1994 until 2020, the only way to enter the meditation terrace was through the doors in nave of the church. And, if they locked behind you, the only way to exit was to jump over the wall. Nowadays, pilgrims seeking to rest and to pray can enter through the walkway; any time of day, any day of the week. We are living into the vision that folks had back when the church was made. The speakers make it so that congregants can sit on the terrace, enjoy fresh outdoor air, and participate in the service. And, for the first time in anyone's recollection, communion was served on the terrace this past Sunday. The first communicant was a parishioner who just celebrated her 97th birthday, Marge Stapleton.

Change can happen like a swinging pendulum. Other change is like passing a navigational point of no return. Now that the terrace is open for anyone to take time to enter, rest and pray, there is no going back. Our proverbial door has been set in the open position with cement. It is another step that all the pilgrims of All Angels are taking to bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the church.

- Fr. Dave

If you would like to follow in the footsteps of Albert and Bette Spaeth and help underwrite the costs of our continuing pilgrimage, click [here](#).

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