

All Angels Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:15 a.m.



*He calls his own sheep by name
They follow him, because they know his voice.*

John 10:3, 4

May 3, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooey

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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. The Lord is risen indeed:

Come let us adore him. Alleluia!

Venite

BCP 83/Hymnal 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 23, found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 612. Let us read it responsively by whole verse – I will read the odd numbered verses and you are invited to respond with the even numbered verses.

Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

A reading from Peter's first letter

1 Peter 2:19-25

Now, it is commendable if, because of one's understanding of God, someone should endure pain through suffering unjustly. But what praise comes from enduring patiently when you have sinned and are beaten for it? But if you endure steadfastly when you've done good and suffer for it, this is commendable before God.

You were called to this kind of endurance, because Christ suffered on your behalf. He left you an example so that you might follow in his footsteps. He committed no sin, nor did he ever speak in ways meant to deceive. When he was insulted, he did not reply with insults. When he suffered, he did not threaten revenge. Instead, he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He carried in his own body on the cross the sins we committed. He did this so that we might live in righteousness, having nothing to do with sin. By his wounds you were healed. Though you were like straying sheep, you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your lives

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from John

John 10:1-10

I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice. They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection *God is my Shepherd* A. Dvorak

Joyce Hooey, Soloist

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

Officiant and People together

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

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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.

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

Govern and uphold them, now and always.

Day by day we bless you;

We praise your Name for ever.

Lord, keep us from all sin today;

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, show us your love and mercy;

For we put our trust in you.

In you, Lord, is our hope;

And we shall never hope in vain.

A Collect for Sunday

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance

of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord:

Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come
may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning:
Drive far from us all wrong desires,
incline our hearts to keep your law,
and guide our feet into the way of peace;
that, having done your will with cheerfulness while it was day,
we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks;
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 the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture; I came so that they could have life” 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, Jonathan, Ginny, Mary Ann, Ed, Carling, Sofia, Victoria and Carolyne.

We pray for John Maxheim who will be having surgery for tongue cancer, for Luanne Collins for her recent surgery and recovery, we pray for Tom Thomas as he recovers from a fall, and we pray in thanksgiving for Andrew and his successful recovery from 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 are sick.

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

Silence

We pray for those who have died, and those who mourn,
especially those we name now.

Silence

Bring us the spring of living water that bubbles up into eternal life;
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.**

Concluding prayer

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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 *Savior, like a shepherd, lead us*

Hymnal #708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!

Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor,
early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
with thy love our bosoms fill.

Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus!

Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Dale Hooey

Announcements

Thank You of the Week From Jessica Rogers at Children First: Please share our sincere thanks to the entire All Angels congregation. I have included a video message below of appreciation from Children First regarding the early impact of your philanthropy. Some of the photos you see are from our food and care package distribution at our Dr. Elaine Marieb Center location yesterday. [Click here](#)

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

Bible Study—the Book of Revelation, Wednesdays at 10 am, on Zoom.
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ECW News

We are happy to report that your generous support and donations to the Marti Gras event are on the way to those in need.

As you recall, we held the monies for Our Little Roses because the situation in Honduras has been so tenuous. They are under marshal law. We have been advised by the home office in Miami that funds are getting through. Their budget is \$70,000 a month to pay staff and buy food. Their income is from donations, which are down, and sponsorships. So our monies are badly needed. "A Godsend ", the director told me, coming at this time. The girls are safe and well cared for and there is no virus at the school..

The ECW executive board decided to send \$5500 in two installments to the Miami home office where it will be wire transferred to their bank in Honduras.

I encourage you to go to their website to see how they are coping. www.ourlittleroses.org The remaining monies, \$5000 was going to be directed to Rev Dee's medical mission to Honduras. In speaking to her, her team will not be returning to Honduras in the foreseeable future. She is in agreement that we should use the funds locally as the need is so great. We assured her that we will support her when it is safe for her and her team to return.

In reviewing locally charities, **the executive board of ECW made the decision to donate \$5000 to the Community Foundation of Sarasota** where it will be matched by the Patterson Foundation. We designated Manatee and Sarasota counties. The funds will assist families directly in need to pay bills and meet their immediate needs.

Please check out their website at : www.cfsarasota.org

Gail Clay, President ECW

Food Bank Barrel Please bring non-perishable items for the Food Bank. The yellow barrel is next to the angel fountain.

Leave a Puzzle, Take a Puzzle During this puzzling time, the Marshalls are working on a variety of puzzles to have a quiet moment away from a busy household. We'd like to share puzzles with you. Near the Food Bank barrel, let's have a leave-a-puzzle/take-a-puzzle for anyone who'd like to try a new puzzle.

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

Solve for X

Now that Elijah and Ethan are learning-from-home I get to see more of Elijah's day-to-day school work. The math that the fourth graders are doing is different than what I learned. I suppose the fundamentals are the same – two plus two still equals four – but the mechanics of it are different. One thing I struggled with in my math lessons growing up was solving for X. Luckily, I have a patient mom who also taught math. I used to get frustrated and say, "Why don't they just tell me what X is!?" As I learned, there are important lessons that one has to go through to figure out what is hiding behind the X.

I thought about this the other day when I felt as if I was risking my life at Publix. Coffee creamer is essential, right? There were two different brands in the cooler. One was on sale but usually has a higher price. I found myself solving for X to see which one was the better buy. Could it be that all those years after I complained about *why do I have to learn this*, could it be that I actually needed to know how to do it?

That got me thinking about the other times in life I had to solve for X. The first thing came to mind was being an underwriter for an insurance company. X is the rate of loss. I knew information on the insured, what they wanted covered, and how much coverage they needed. But, what I didn't know, is if they would have a loss. As it turned out, I had a pretty good sense on how to solve that equation. Likewise, as a sales manager for a home electronic retailer, I got pretty good at approving checks. I saw the customer, what they wanted to purchase, and their check. Solving for X is this: would the check clear or not.

The leadership team at All Angels has been working diligently on solving for X in our time. X consists of a balance of safety, gathering for public worship, spacing and timing. It's a pretty complex X. There will be a time when our doors will be open, but when? People, both those familiar to us and strangers, will be welcomed in. Where will everyone sit? How will we do communion that incorporates both touch and sharing the same air space? These are the X's that we are solving. One of the lessons we have learned in our solving-for-X time is just how important it is for the people of All Angels to be together. I, for one, took for granted the weekly gathering together. The so-called "welcome line" that we did after the service probably won't happen until after 2021's flu season has ended. That "X" is partially solved. What remains is how to greet one another warmly, at a safe distance. Going back to the book of Ecclesiastes, "there is a time for embracing and a time to refrain from embracing." Church history has had to deal with a number of X's; starting with the first one – what to do with a crucified Messiah? From the early Church to now, we continue to solve for X, with God's help. I believe that God is behind the X, in front of the X, to its left and to its right, God is above it and below it, and God is in us as we solve for X.

- Fr. Dave