

All Angels Episcopal Church

7:45 and 9:15 Sunday Morning



*The moment we get tired in the waiting,
God's Spirit is right alongside
helping us along.*

Romans 8:26

July 26, 2020

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.

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

[Introduction: Last week, the lesson from the Apostle Paul to the church in Rome was about how all of creation is pregnant with anticipation for God's restoration. This week's lesson continues that theme of waiting and assurance that nothing can separate us from God's love.

This version is translated by Eugene Peterson as found in his groundbreaking biblical translation *The Message*. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to God's people.]

A reading from Romans

Romans 8:26-39

The moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, it doesn't matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

God knew what he was doing from the very beginning. He decided from the outset to shape the lives of those who love him along the same lines as the life of his Son. The Son stands first in the line of humanity he restored. We see the original and intended shape of our lives there in him. After God made that decision of what his children should be like, he followed it up by calling people by name. After he called them by name, he set them on a solid basis with himself. And then, after getting them established, he stayed with them to the end, gloriously completing what he had begun. So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing

himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger?

The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing, not even the worst sins listed in Scripture:

They kill us in cold blood because they hate you. We're sitting ducks; they pick us off one by one.

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing — nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable — absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning gives thanks and praise to God because the promises God makes, God keeps. Psalm 105, verses 1-11 can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 738. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 105:1-11

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the Lord our God;
his judgments prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant,
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

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 Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MT 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

He told them still another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied.

He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

The Nicene Creed

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 lift our hearts, hands, and voices in prayer to God on behalf of all people.

A brief silence

Make the Church lovely with the goodness of Jesus and your Kingdom. By the gracious power of your Spirit, draw many to faith in Jesus, so they may never be separated from your love.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers, who face trouble, hard times, hatred, hunger, homelessness, threats, backstabbing, and the worst sins listed in Scripture.

Shape them into conquerors through the Cross of Christ; and transform the hearts of those who torment them.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Keep this congregation in your care, knowing that nothing can separate us from your love for us in Christ Jesus. Use our words and deeds to share that love with those around us who need it most.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless the people of the Jewish faith. You chose them not because they were great but because you loved them; and from them you brought forth the pearl of great price, Jesus Christ your Son, and revealed your Kingdom among us. Enfold them in your protective and loving embrace; and bring them and us into the fullness of joy you have prepared for all who love you.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Establish your justice among the nations, O Lord; and do not let the scepter of evil hold sway over us. Establish your justice among rulers of countries and captains of industry; among leaders in every field of inquiry and endeavor; and among your people everywhere. Turn our hearts from evildoing and crooked ways; and fix them firmly upon faith toward you and fervent love toward one another.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for justice, concord, and safety to flourish in this land. We pray for wrongdoers to be held accountable for their deeds, and to repent of them. We pray for wise words and for constructive decisions from those entrusted with authority. We pray for those who risk their lives on behalf of others, that even in difficult circumstances they exhibit integrity and valor. We pray that in all circumstances, your will be done.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick, injured, and dying; for the troubled, confused, lonely, or despairing; and for everyone who struggles with the tribulations of this life. We pray for Downs IV, Holden, Heidi and Cynthia.

We pray for healing and recovery for Pearl, Susan, and Tom.

We pray for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres and Ginny. We pray for all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don and Barbara.

We pray for all who are in hospice care, especially Ward.

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 the sick.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Most Holy Father, we remember before you our departed loved ones, and those who grieve; especially those we name now. *Silence*

Celebrant: Receive and graciously answer our prayers, heavenly Father, for the sake of your dear Son; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, give us the strength and will to accomplish whatever you call us to do. **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

**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.

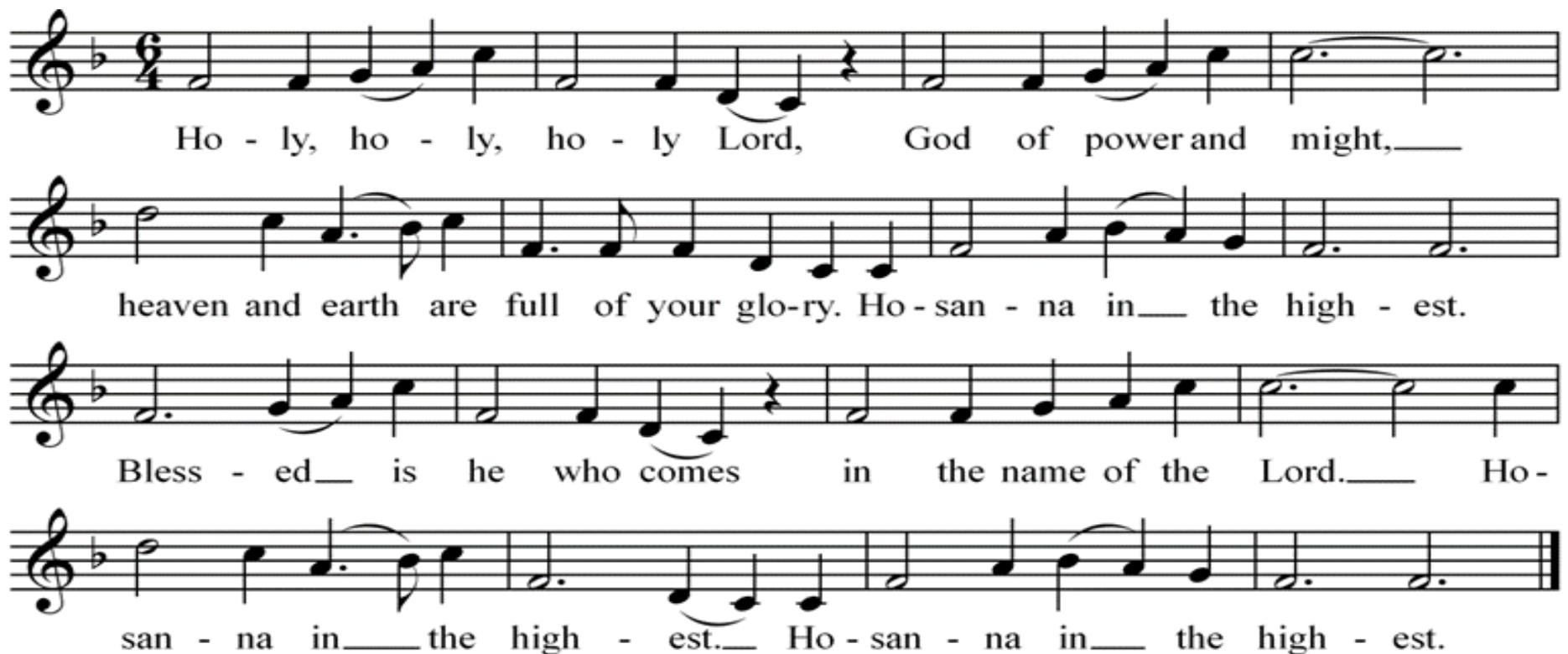
Lift up your hearts.

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



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.

the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

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 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

During the postlude, you are invited to receive communion as you are comfortable. To receive, simply exit through the door on the right of the narthex. If you would prefer Spiritual Communion, please exit through the door on the left and say the prayer below at your leisure.

Postlude *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

Dale Hooey

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful gathered around the world today, I 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 ... *Silence*
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; 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.

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: Many thanks to Rev. Maggie who is leading us in prayers during this tumultuous time in our country. Her patience, humility, and great faith helps all of us lift our hearts and our concerns and praises to God.

ECW News After months of no news from ECW, I am pleased to tell you that we have sent another installment of \$1000 to Our Little Roses in Honduras. As you recall we set aside \$2500 as a result of our fundraising efforts and your generous contributions. Because of the pandemic and unrest in Honduras we sent \$1000 in the spring. It got there and was much needed. I found out that there was a dollar for dollar match if monies could be received by July 15. We met the deadline and your \$1000 became \$2000.

If you would like to see what your contribution is doing to help these girls go to: Our Little Roses Foreign Mission Society olrfms@our littleroses.org

Gift From a Parishioner Recently All Angels received a \$2,000 gift from a parishioner to be used for meals for children during these difficult times. The Outreach Commission elected to provide \$1,000 to Children First and \$1,000 to Meals on Wheels of Manatee County with a request that these gifts were to be used for meals for children.

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
To give a donation go to: Meals on Wheels Plus.org or call 941-747-3663.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelslbk.org

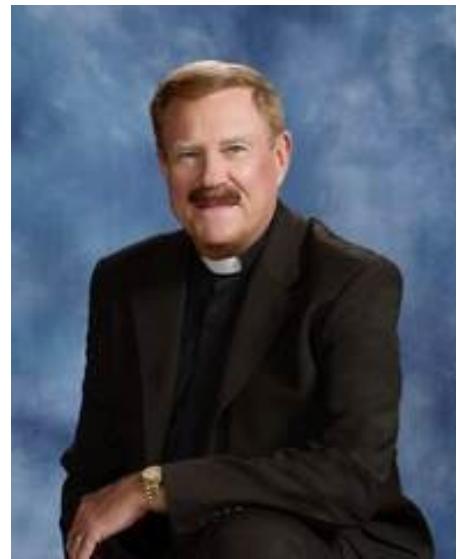
Tidings If you are not receiving our electronic newsletter, Tidings, or if you have changed your email address, please email marialove@allangelslbk.org to be added.

Video The service today will be recorded and made available on YouTube and on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Reflection

Call me Al

They say it's not what you know, it's who you know. For clergy, it's both what and who you know. Experience matters a lot in my vocation; so does knowing people who have been-there/done-that and are willing to share their experiences. As such, I am proud and thankful that I know The Rev. Dr. Al Stott.



Tall, barrel chested and handsome, I met Al in 2012 when I started at Saint John's in Chula Vista. The church and school had gone through tremendous upheaval. Sunday services were lovingly held together by its two retired pastors, known affectionately as the Jack and Al show. Fr. Jack Tolley is a retired Episcopal priest from the San Francisco bay area and Al is a retired Lutheran pastor. Jack and I went to the same seminary and have many things in common. Al, however, is different because, as mentioned, he is a Lutheran pastor who helped save an Episcopal church. But, there is more to it than that. In addition to being a reverend, a professor, and a counsellor, he retired at the rank of captain in the Navy. A Vietnam combat veteran, he, as legend has it, singlehandedly changed the protocol for chaplains in the conflict to be allowed to wear a sidearm. As the story goes, traveling between bases in Vietnam, a roadside bomb flipped his Jeep. He and his driver survived but had one weapon between the two of them and found themselves pinned down under fire until, as he said, "the Calvary arrived to save this sailor and his frightened Army driver." After the Navy, Al started a counselling service in Japan – in a culture that, at the time, thought very little about talk therapy. And, last but not least, he likes muscle cars and has owned multiple vehicles for most of his life.

Prior to meeting him, I had heard of his background and his various titles. When we first sat down together, I asked him what I should call him. He thought about it and replied, "You should call me... when you need to talk; I'd like to be a pastor to you, someone to listen and occasionally offer advice, but, most of all, I'd like to be your friend." And then he said with a smile, "Call me Al." He was each one of those people to me – a pastor, a friend, and someone who gave me great advice.

I was with him when he went through heart surgery and when he celebrated 50 years in ministry. We would have lunch just about every month. He always ordered an open face steak sandwich, rare – very rare; barely warm, as he would call it. And, this is not an exaggeration, he'd go through nearly an entire lemon in wedges with his iced tea. Every year he would invite the men's group to his house for Octoberfest which always featured plenty of meat, beer, desserts and the occasional vegetable. He could robustly sing in German, tell jokes, and, listen with a well-trained ear to hear the whisper of God in depths of a saddened and battle-weary soul.

A couple of weeks ago, I was told that he had a very bad case of pneumonia, non-Covid related, and was on a ventilator. Last night, he passed into glory. There are not many people like Al in this world and I am very glad that I got to have him in my life. The last thing he said to me is that God grant me fair winds and following seas. And now, with tears in my eyes, I say to him, Bravo Zulu sailor, Bravo Zulu.

- Fr. Dave



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to those within and outside the church.



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