

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 & 10:00 am



How often have I desired to gather you as
a hen gathers her brood under her wings.

Luke 13:34

March 16, 2025

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus
Cynthia Tate, flute and Bonnie Wolfgram, piano

arr. Ruth Elaine Schram

Opening Hymn

There is a wideness in God's mercy

1982 Hymnal #470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever.**

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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *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.**

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Genesis

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The Lord's word came to Abram in a vision, "Don't be afraid, Abram. I am your protector. Your reward will be very great."

But Abram said, "Lord God, what can you possibly give me, since I still have no children? The head of my household is Eliezer, a man from Damascus." He continued, "Since you haven't given me any children, the head of my household will be my heir."

The Lord's word came immediately to him, "This man will not be your heir. Your heir will be your very own biological child." Then he brought Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars if you think you can count them." He continued, "This is how many children you will have." Abram trusted the Lord, and the Lord recognized Abram's high moral character.

He said to Abram, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as your possession."

But Abram said, "Lord God, how do I know that I will actually possess it?"

He said, "Bring me a three-year-old female calf, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a dove, and a young pigeon." He took all of these animals, split them in half, and laid the halves facing each other, but he didn't split the birds. When vultures swooped down on the carcasses, Abram waved them off. After the sun set, Abram slept deeply. A terrifying and deep darkness settled over him.

After the sun had set and darkness had deepened, a smoking vessel with a fiery flame passed between the split-open animals. That day the Lord made a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt's river to the great Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm for today is 27. Please respond where bold.

Ps. 27:1-6

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

Though an army should encamp against me,

yet my heart shall not be afraid;

And though war should rise up against me,

yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord

and to seek him in his temple.

A reading from the Letter to the Church in Philippi

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform our humble bodies so that they are like his body of glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

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Refrain:

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal yourself to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy; hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*
2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort; hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Luke 13:31-35

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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- 3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*
- 4 Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

The Sermon

The Very Rev. David Marshall

Cynthia Tate, flute and Bonnie Wolfgram, piano

The Nicene Creed *Please stand as you are able*

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 stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and pray boldly as Jesus taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

The Lord is our light and salvation; the Lord is our strength, of whom shall we be afraid.

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Give us today our daily bread.

Show us your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths.

Guide all the nations in the ways of justice and peace especially in Palestine, Israel and Ukraine. Teach us your paths so that we may see Christ in one another and serve the common good.

Forgive us our sins.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

As we forgive those who sin against us.

As you blessed Noah and his family, bless us to follow your ways, to rescue the oppressed, care for the sick, and to be content with what we have.

Save us from the time of trial.

Jesus was tempted by the evil one for 40 days and the angels tended to him; strengthen us to walk the way of Christ in our own day.

Deliver us from evil.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness. Bring health and hope to all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Victoria, Kim, Barbara, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie, Amy Jo, Carling, Michael, Ian, Joan, Diana, Anne, Doris, Alyssa, Joe and Denise.

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

For those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan, Nancy, Julie, George and Denise.

Be near to all who are in hospice care especially Jeanne.

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

We pray for those for whom we love but see no longer. *Silence*

We pray for those who mourn, may they find peace within you.

And we pray that we may join with you and all the saints in the power of your resurrection.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Celebrant: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our voices to proclaim it, and use our hands to serve you. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory

Love Divine

Fred Gramann

The Angel Ringers

**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 D

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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 God thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise.

Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand, sit or kneel as they are able.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy universal and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, you away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

Communion Music

David Stasney

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Bow your head before the Lord. Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind.

O God, you made us from the dust of the earth. Now raise us up and help us turn toward you with open hearts, beholding your glory, that by your grace we may receive everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn*Lord of All Hopefulness*

1982 Hymnal #482

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
be there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.**Postlude***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

arr. Molly Ijames

Bonnie Wolfgram, piano and Cynthia Tate, flute

New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.**Flower Dedication**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God.



Announcements

Gallery Artist Christine Hales will be speaking about Icons and will be hosting coffee hour. Please stop by after the 10:00 service and learn the spiritual side of their creation.

Today we welcome Megan Howell, founder and executive director of Second Heart Homes, to tell us about her program of housing and supportive services to the homeless and mental health population so that individuals never return to the street.

Memorial Service for Don Judd is on **Friday, April 4th at 10 a.m.** Reception to follow.

Memorial Service for C.J. Nager is on **Sunday, April 6th at 1 pm.** The reception for him is during coffee hour after the 10 a.m. service.

Discussion: *What is Jesus Teaching Us* is our study of the five Lenten Gospel lessons. The discussion is on **Wednesday, March 19th at 10 a.m.** Bring your questions and a friend. All are welcome.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Concert March 17th, 2025

Concert 3:30 pm - Dinner 5 pm

Concert & Dinner - \$40.00 per person - reservations required

Concert only - \$10.00 open to the public

Sign up sheet in the gallery or call the office

Discussion Group Combined Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; in-person and Zoom.

Chancel Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 10 am.

Handbell Choir rehearsals on Thursdays 11:15 am.

New members are always welcome!

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

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.

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

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those inside and outside the church.

Today's presenters

8:00 am

Barbara Pickrell — Chalice

Bob Dixon — Lector

Tina McGrath — Prayers

Patrick McGrath — Usher

10:00 am

Ed Upshaw — Chalice

Ginny Upshaw — Lector

Pam Toft — Prayers

Cathie Wilt, Graham Toft — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Ginny Upshaw — Altar Guild

Pam Elder — Flowers

Laurel Vaughn — Offering Counters

Christina Hales and Linn Torres — Coffee Hour

Guest Musicians

Cynthia Tate, flute and Bonnie Wolfgram, piano

David Stasney, Music Director

The Very Rev. Dave Marshall

The Rev. Fred Emrich, Retired Clergy

Vestry

Cade Sibley

Carol Erker

Allen McGee

David Bishop

Donna Henkel

Hank Kochan

Larry Elder

Brian Davis

Reuben Fernandez

Senior Warden

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall,
Rector

Reflection

Rejection, Lament and Jesus

Rejection stinks. It hurts. When I experience rejection, I question my own abilities and sometimes wonder who I am. Jesus felt rejection too. He felt it deeply.

He was rejected by his community. He was rejected by his family, his friends, and even his best friend, Peter. If you have felt the pain of rejection, Jesus knows what it feels like.

Lament is an expression of deep pain, often resulting from rejection. Sorrow, grief and regret are expressions of it. The Bible is full of lament. Two thirds of the psalms are laments. Every major person in the Bible experienced deep lament – Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Moses and Jonah. Jesus experienced lament, deeply.

When Jesus felt rejected, he would take time, by himself, in prayer and contemplation. He knew (or remembered) he was not alone.

Jesus shared his lament with God and with others.

When Jesus lamented, he focused on others – particularly those in need – and kept their health (and salvation) his primary concern.

He found faith in who he was and his reason for living.

He also forgave those who rejected him. It didn't matter to him if they accepted his forgiveness, he did it anyway (and he may have done it for himself to unburden the pain of sorrow and grief).

How do you handle rejection?

When I felt rejection while working in sales, I would remind myself of who I am and the reason why I am working. I learned from closing sales and from rejection. It seems that life is a balance between the two.

How do you handle lament?

Following Jesus's example (and Noah, Abraham, Sarah, and Moses), I try to surrender my grief and sorrow to God. Lamenting to God reminds me to focus on those less fortunate than myself. It helps me to think outside of myself and to try to lift someone else's burden.

Here is a prayer for those who are dealing with rejection and lament.

God is good. God is good to me. God is good at being God. (repeat three times)

God, to you I surrender my desire to prove my worth.

I surrender my need to understand why bad things happen.

I surrender my fears of others walking away and taking their love with them.

I surrender my anger, unforgiveness and my stubborn ways that hold me back from love.

I lay all of this before you Lord.

Consume my lament with your holy fire. Turn it into ashes.

From now on, I invite you to walk with me as an unburdened child of God, with my soul safely held by you, and my heart free and ready to be the one you have lovingly created and restored.

Amen.

- Fr. Dave