

# All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

September 27, 2020



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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*

**Hymn of Praise** *Praise to God, Immortal Praise, verse 3*

Hymnal #288

As thy prospering hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove;

Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise.

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Everlasting God, you have constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your will they may help and defend us here on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Daniel

*Daniel 10*

In the third year of Cyrus the king of Persia, a message came to Daniel from God, and it was explained in a vision. The message was about a horrible war, and it was true. <sup>2</sup> Daniel wrote:

For three weeks I was in sorrow. <sup>3</sup> I ate no fancy food or meat, I drank no wine, and I put no olive oil on my face or hair. <sup>4</sup> Then, on the twenty-fourth day of the first month, I was standing on the banks of the great Tigris River, <sup>5</sup> when I looked up and saw someone dressed in linen and wearing a solid gold belt. <sup>6</sup> His body was like a precious stone, his face like lightning, his eyes like flaming fires, his arms and legs like polished bronze, and his voice like the roar of a crowd. <sup>7</sup> Although the people who were with me did not see the vision, they became so frightened that they scattered and hid. <sup>8</sup> Only I saw this great vision. I became weak and pale, <sup>9</sup> and at the sound of his voice, I fell facedown in a deep sleep.

<sup>10</sup> He raised me to my hands and knees <sup>11</sup> and then said, "Daniel, your God thinks highly of you, and he has sent me. So stand up and pay close attention." I stood trembling, while the angel said:

<sup>12</sup> Daniel, don't be afraid! God has listened to your prayers since the first day you humbly asked for understanding, and he has sent me here. <sup>13</sup> But the guardian angel of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, who is one of the strongest guardian angels, came to rescue me from the kings of Persia. <sup>14</sup> Now I have come here to give you another vision about what will happen to your people in the future.

<sup>15</sup> While this angel was speaking to me, I stared at the ground, speechless. <sup>16</sup> Then he appeared in human form and touched my lips. I said, "Sir, this vision has brought me great pain and has drained my strength. <sup>17</sup> I am merely your servant. How can I possibly speak with someone so powerful, when I am almost too weak to get my breath?"

18-19 The angel touched me a second time and said, “Don’t be frightened! God thinks highly of you, and he intends this for your good, so be brave and strong.”

At this, I regained my strength and replied, “Please speak! You have already made me feel much better.” 20 Then the angel said:

Now do you understand why I have come? Soon I must leave to fight against the guardian angel of Persia. Then after I have defeated him, the guardian angel of Greece will attack me. 21 I will tell you what is written in The Book of Truth. But first, you must realize that no one except Michael, the guardian angel of Israel, is on my side.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 103, verses 19 through 22. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 734. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

*Psalm 103:[1]19-22*

[Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.]**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven,

**and his kingship has dominion over all.**

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding,

**and hearken to the voice of his word.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts,

**you ministers of his who do his will.**

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion;

**bless the Lord, O my soul.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*John 1:47-51*

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said about him, “Here is a genuine Israelite in whom there is no deceit.” Nathanael asked him, “How do you know me?”

Jesus answered, “Before [my disciple] Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree.”

Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are God’s Son. You are the king of Israel.” Jesus

answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these! I assure you that you will see heaven open and God’s angels going up to heaven and down to earth on the Human One.”

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.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. Thank you for all your angels who protect, speak, heal and guide. Thank you for all who have been like angels to us. Like the angel that strengthened your servant Daniel, touch us and give us energy to follow you.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. Make the Church a place where all may find shelter in Jesus' widespread arms. We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers around the world. Strengthen their angels to guard and protect them as they seek to do your will in places that are desperate for your peace and mercy.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding, and hearken to the voice of his word. Make the world's leaders, of nations and of local governments, into your wise and willing servants. Teach them your will for guiding those for whom they are responsible. Make all of us honest, wise, and kind. Help us to care for our neighbor; to work for opportunity and harmony in our neighborhood and nation; and to live at peace with each other.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion. Strengthen all who labor for our food, our health and safety, and for those unseen workers who maintain the internet and cellular devices. Help all shop owners, entrepreneurs, and lenders as they labor to pay fair wages and remain open for business.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless the Lord, all you works of his. Send your guardian angels to those who stand in harm's way to safeguard life and freedom. Amid warfare and violence, let them put their trust in you and not be afraid. Help them to bear fruits of justice and righteousness; and give them health and peace when their work is done.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name. Graciously answer the prayers of everyone who calls upon you for help, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Heidi, Cynthia, Brian, Nikolai and Anne. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery, especially Carlos, Carol, Virginia, Pearl, Susan, and Tom. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially John, Victoria, Andres, Alex, Ginny 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, especially Ward.

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

Bless the souls of all whom we love but see no longer. Though we grieve, we also rejoice; for we know that heaven is open and that angels ascend and descend upon our Lord. *Silence*

Give us strength to labor cheerfully under your fig tree of goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and righteousness. Make us rejoice in his redemption and reception into his blessed Kingdom; where we see him face to face.

This we ask for Jesus' sake. **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**

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 A**

BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

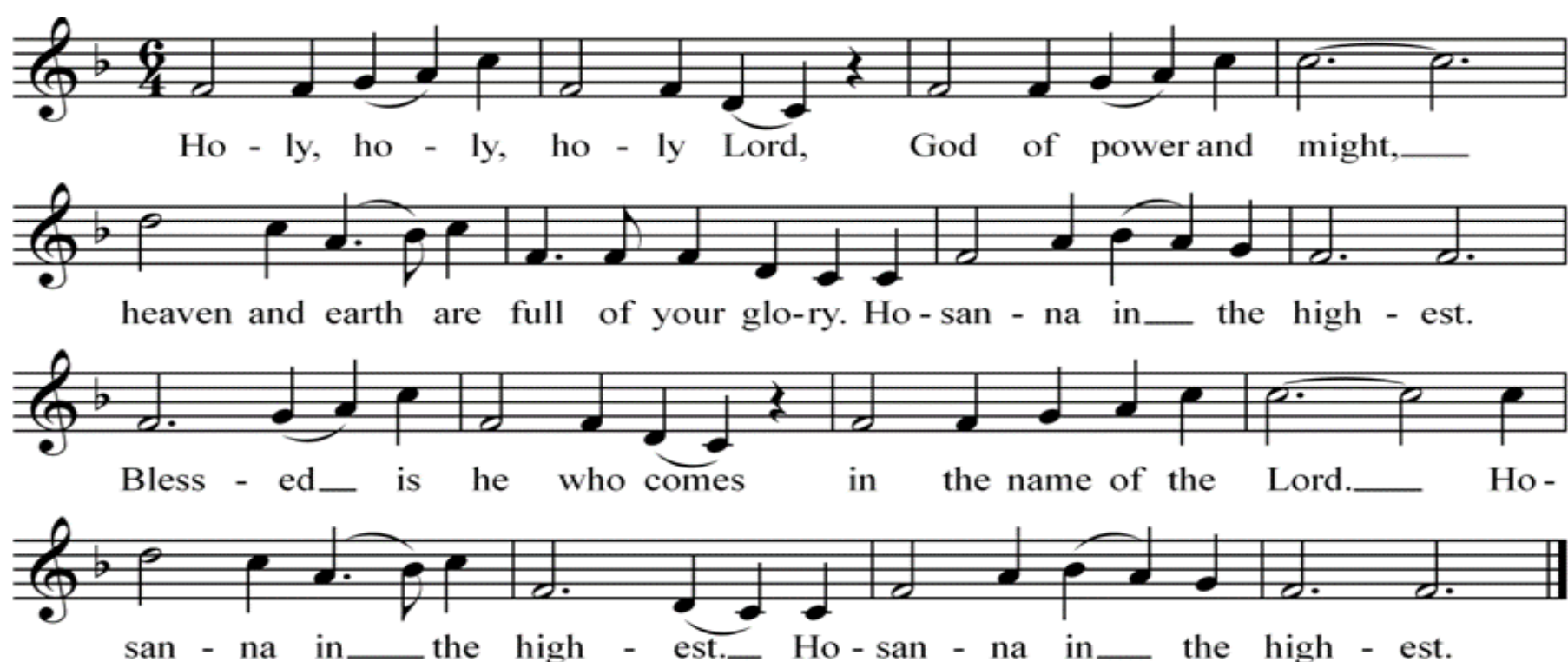
Lift up your hearts.

**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. Because you are glorified in the assembly of your saints and angels. All angels and your creatures praise you and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your Son. 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.*

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 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 #618** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

1982 Hymnal

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, more glorious than the seraphim, lead their praises, Alleluia! Thou bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia! Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia! To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Announcements

**Thank You of the Week:** Thank you to Carol Doenecke for coordinating with all the artists who place their work in our Gallery

**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. Benedict's Tool Box; Wednesdays, 10 am on Zoom and our YouTube channel.

**Pet Blessing** - two days, Thursday, October 1 at 2 pm, and Sunday, October 4 at 10 am

**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).

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## Reflection

### *Praying the Psalms*

I've been asked who is writing the prayers of the people for Sunday – it's me. Several events have converged to make this happen. In order to limit exposure and spreading of the virus, we have not rotated our Sunday servers. Our prayer leaders, Rev. Maggie, 10 am, and Alison Jones, 8 am, have been leading us in prayer for long enough that I have become familiar with how they pray out loud. This has allowed me to shape the prayers with their voice in mind. Because of the upside-down-ness of 2020, prayers are both paramount and a source of great comfort. Doing the same-ol'-same-ol' prayers didn't seem to fit the urgency and uniqueness our time. Thankfully the prayer book allows for, and in many ways encourages, prayers to be written and said during the peak of the liturgy of the word.

The Lutheran Coalition for Renewal provides scripture-based prayers each week that follow the lectionary readings. I use them as a resource. The last few weeks, however, I have taken it one step further; we are now praying the psalms. Elijah's Bible class at Bradenton Christian School is studying the psalms which includes having students write their own. The 5th grade materials show the five categories of psalms. In seminary, we learned the seven psalmic categories in four forms. Yet, at 8 pm, on the night before the assignment was due, both child and parent were tired. I said, "Look, this is how I see the psalms – they say either 'thanks', 'wow', or 'help'. Which prayer do you want to write today?" His answer: "Thanks." That event was the inspiration for praying the psalms with our Sunday prayers.

There are lots of books on how to pray the psalms. Here's the Marshall version – read a line of the psalm and then say to God what it means to you, right here, right now. For example, Psalm 23, "The Lord is my shepherd," says to me right now that God is guiding me. As such, my prayer is, "Thank you Lord, I have no want nor worry because you are my shepherd." If you were to literally open the Bible to the Book of Psalms – it is easy to find because it is right in the middle of the book – read any line, think about what it means to you right now, and say that to God, then you are praying the psalms.

Last week, we had this prayer:

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.  
Make the Church a place where all may labor fruitfully to his glory and for the benefit of others.

I wrote it because when I read Psalm 145, verse 4 – *one generation shall praise your works to another* – I thought of the Church.

This Sunday's psalm, 103, has to do with angels. As such, each prayer begins with a verse from the psalm and has something to pray about with angels in our midst. In that sense, the voice of Alison and Rev. Maggie will carry the voice of the angels to our ears and the prayers from our hearts to God will travel on the wings of angels.

- Fr. Dave