

All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

September 20, 2020



*Call the workers and give them their wages,
beginning with the last ones hired
and moving on finally to the first.*

Matthew 20:8

563 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key, Florida
www.allangelsbk.org

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Introduction: Paul is in jail. He is writing to the church he planted in Philippi; in his opening statement, he is being frank about dying in prison but concludes through the prayers from the church, he will be released. Hear now what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

A reading from Philippians

Philippians 1:21-30

[Whether I live or die (in prison), I always want to be as brave as I am now and bring honor to Christ.] Because for me, living serves Christ and dying is even better. If I continue to live in this world, I get results from my work. But I don't know what I prefer. I'm torn between the two because I want to leave this life and be with Christ, which is far better. However, it's more important for me to stay in this world for your sake. I'm sure of this: I will stay alive and remain with all of you to help your progress and the joy of your faith, and to increase your pride in Christ Jesus through my presence when I visit you again.

Most important, live together in a manner worthy of Christ's gospel. Do this, whether I come and see you or I'm absent and hear about you. Do this so that you stand firm, united in one spirit and mind as you struggle together to remain faithful to the gospel. That way, you won't be afraid of anything your enemies do. Your faithfulness and courage are a sign of their coming destruction and your salvation, which is from God. God has generously granted you the privilege, not only of believing in Christ but also of suffering for Christ's sake. You are having the same struggle that you saw me face and now hear that I'm still facing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 145, verses 1 through 8. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 801. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

I will exalt you, O God my King,

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you

and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;

there is no end to his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another

and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty

and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,

and I will tell of your greatness.

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;

they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,

slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. After he agreed with the workers to pay them a denarion [a single silver Roman coin; it was a usual day’s wage], he sent them into his vineyard. Then he went out around nine in the morning and saw others standing around the marketplace doing nothing. He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I’ll pay you whatever is right.’ And they went.”

“Again around noon and then at three in the afternoon, he did the same thing. Around five in the afternoon he went and found others standing around, and he said to them, ‘Why are you just standing around here doing nothing all day long?’

“‘Because nobody has hired us,’ they replied.

“He responded, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the workers and give them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and moving on finally to the first.’ When those who were hired at five in the afternoon came, each one received a denarion. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more. But each of them also received a denarion. When they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ‘These who were hired last worked one hour, and they received the same pay as we did even though we had to work the whole day in the hot sun.’

“But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I did you no wrong. Didn’t I agree to pay you a denarion? Take what belongs to you and go. I want to give to this one who was hired last the same as I give to you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with what belongs to me? Or are you resentful because I’m generous?’ So those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.”

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.

I will exalt you, O God my King, and bless your Name for ever and ever. Thank you for calling us early, midday, and late in life, to be your workers in the vineyard of your Kingdom. Thank you for seeking us to do your work, even when others think we're not good enough, young enough, smart enough or strong enough.

Give us grace to hear your call, and strength to do your will.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

Make the Church a place where all find shelter in Jesus' widespread arms. We pray for our persecuted sisters and brothers around the world, especially in North Korea, Syria, Iraq, Sudan, China and Nigeria. Give them courage to speak and live the Gospel with boldness and joy; and to know that they are participating in the suffering of Christ.

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

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and of great kindness.

Give wisdom to our earthly leaders to govern in accordance with your holy will. Grant them patience, kindness, and humility so that we may lead peaceable lives.

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

We will publish the remembrance of your great goodness; we will sing of your righteous deeds. Strengthen all who labor for our food, our health and safety, for first responders, and for the unseen utility and maintenance workers. 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.**

Be the light and salvation 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. Cause them to bear the fruits of justice and righteousness; and give them the fair wages of honor, health, and peace when their work is done.

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

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; there is no end to his greatness. 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 and Barbara. Be near to all who are in hospice care, especially Ward.

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

The faithful will speak of your wondrous acts and will express your greatness.

We remember the faithfully departed. Though we grieve, we also rejoice; for we know that “to live is to serve Christ, and to die is to be with Christ.” *Silence*

Give us strength to labor cheerfully in the vineyards of goodness, kindness, forgiveness, and righteousness. Make us as generous to others with those things as Jesus is to us. Make us rejoice in his redemption and reception into his blessed Kingdom; where we will 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. 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 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.

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 #541 *Come, Labor On*

1982 Hymnal

1 Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

2 Come, labor on. The enemy is watching night and day, to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.

3 Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here: by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.

4 Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share-to young and old the Gospel gladness bear: redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.

5 Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky, till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie, and a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Servants, well done."

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: Many thanks to Don Judd for offering his labor and gardening skills in the Memorial Garden.

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. Benedicts Tool Box, starting Wednesday, Sept 23, 10 am on Zoom

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.

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

Code Enforcement

I found myself at a boat ramp on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Maybe it was curiosity, or a rite of passage, or maybe it was a break in



the thunder and rain that made me want to take the boat out; regardless of the reason, and despite the stories of Florida boat ramps, I decided to launch the boat on the busiest weekend of the year.

We put our boat, *Epifinny*, in at the south ramp of Coquina Beach, near the Longboat Pass Bridge. Designed to launch two boats at the same time, with a dock on the left and right side, that morning, many boaters decided to launch straight down the middle. The via-media side of me appreciated their middle of the road approach. Nevertheless, it did cause a backup. We were the third boat in line to launch, which, in retrospect, was a good way to watch how others performed the tricky maneuver of reversing a boat and trailer into saltwater. Getting the boat out of the water was a different matter entirely.

The boys and I planned on being home for lunch. I figured that the boat ramp would be full by mid-morning so that very few would use it at noon. Unfortunately, that was not the case; I was the fifth trailer in line at noon. By the time I was on deck, as it were, the ramp was nearing the intersection of chaos and anarchy. Fortunately, the Code Enforcement officers rolled in. Driving a beefed-up golf cart that remembered to eat Wheaties in the morning, the officers started barking directions to drivers and boaters before their feet touched the ground. It was a welcome sight.

The boat owner in front of me had just launched his Sea-Doo jet ski and drove off to park the trailer. Unfortunately, his watercraft was blocking the ramp. The code enforcement officer told me to drive into the launching lane and wait for them to tell me when to go. I did as I was told. With the jet ski still in the water, the officer motioned for me to reverse in. With my empty trailer, it was easy to see where the vessel was so I started backing until the wheels were almost in the water. The officer motioned for me to stop and then joked, “Hey, if this guy doesn’t come back, do you want a jet ski?” The owner came back and, seeing the scene, hurried to his personal watercraft. All three officers were watching him with their arms folded over their chests. To lighten the mood, I asked the officer nearest to me, “Are you putting money on whether the jet ski starts?” The officer replied with a smirk, “Nah, it’s not going to start. The key is in but he forgot about the kill switch.” After several attempts, and some swear words from the operator aimed at his passenger, the officer unfolded his arms, walked over and said, “Listen brother, you gotta...” And then it fired up. Shortly thereafter, my boys and I were at home eating lunch.

I believe in angels. After watching the Code Enforcement officers, it makes me wonder if angels watch us in the same way – speaking only when having too, and, being a presence of calm when frustration takes over. According to the City of Bradenton Beach, their CE officers have the difficult assignment of balancing the general public’s welfare with the rights of individual owners and operators. It must be a thankless job; as such, I sent them a note of thanks for their help on Labor Day weekend. Come to think of it, I should probably thank my guardian angel too.

- Fr. Dave