

All Angels Episcopal Church

7:45 and 9:15 Sunday Morning



**WOMAN, YOU HAVE GREAT FAITH.
IT WILL BE JUST AS YOU WISH.**

MATTHEW 15:28

August 16, 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.

Holy One of Israel, you restore what is lost, heal what is wounded,
and gather in those who have been rejected. Give us the faith to speak as
steadfastly as did the Canaanite woman, that the outcast may be welcomed
and all people may be blessed by your holy name. **Amen.**

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

A reading from Romans

Romans 11:1-2, 29-32

So I ask you, has God rejected his people? Absolutely not! I'm an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God hasn't rejected his people, whom he knew in advance. Or don't you know what the scripture says in the case of Elijah, when he pleads with God against Israel?

God's gifts and calling can't be taken back. Once you were disobedient to God, but now you have mercy because they were disobedient. In the same way, they have also been disobedient because of the mercy that you received, so now they can receive mercy too. God has locked up all people in disobedience, in order to have mercy on all of them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 133. It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 787. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd near and said to them, “Listen and understand. It’s not what goes into the mouth that contaminates a person in God’s sight. It’s what comes out of the mouth that contaminates the person.”

Then the disciples came and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended by what you just said?” Jesus replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father didn’t plant will be pulled up. Leave the Pharisees alone. They are blind people who are guides to blind people. But if a blind person leads another blind person, they will both fall into a ditch.” Then Peter spoke up, “Explain this riddle to us.”

Jesus said, “Don’t you understand yet? Don’t you know that everything that goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? But what goes out of the mouth comes from the heart. And that’s what contaminates a person in God’s sight. Out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adultery, sexual sins, thefts, false testimonies, and insults. These contaminate a person in God’s sight. But eating without washing hands doesn’t contaminate in God’s sight.”

From there, Jesus went to the regions of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from those territories came out and shouted, “Show me mercy, Son of David. My daughter is suffering terribly from demon possession.” But he didn’t respond to her at all.

His disciples came and urged him, “Send her away; she keeps shouting out after us.”

Jesus replied, “I’ve been sent only to the lost sheep, the people of Israel.”

But she knelt before him and said, “Lord, help me.”

He replied, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and toss it to dogs.”

She said, “Yes, Lord. But even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall off their masters’ table.”

Jesus answered, “Woman, you have great faith. It will be just as you wish.” And right then her daughter was healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

The Nicene Creed

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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.

Dear Father, we are so slow to see others as your beloved children. Thank you for all the Canaanite women, men, and children in our world. Soften our hearts to lead people different from ourselves into Jesus' presence. Help us to discover that in his embrace, we truly become sisters and brothers to him, and to each other.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Fashion your Church into your holy house of prayer upon the earth. By your Holy Spirit, show it how to rightly welcome all people into its midst. Through your Word and holy Sacraments, draw many close to your beloved Son: to hear, to pray for, and to receive his promised mercy, forgiveness, healing and salvation.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

O God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, we pray for our brothers and sisters in the Jewish faith. Grant to them lively faith in you, fervent love for others, and joyful obedience to your holy Law. Let us, together with them, see the fruition of your promised mercy, which was entrusted to Abraham and shown by Jesus of Nazareth.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Forgive and heal division and warfare that make impossible even the most basic hospitality, justice, or safety for many of your people. Teach our rulers to seek the health, safety and prospering of everyone entrusted into their care. Increase concord, cooperation, and kindness between those of different backgrounds or beliefs. And teach everyone to look beyond those things which divide, and to cling to your holy and merciful will to heal, redeem and save all who receive you.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord, as schools approach opening day in a world clouded by pandemic and upheaval, we pray for students and teachers, parents and aides. Keep them safe, and help them flourish. Bless their parents as they balance school life, home life, work life and health.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We remember that Jesus said, "Be encouraged, I am with you. Don't be afraid."

We pray for Downs IV, Holden, Heidi and Cynthia. We pray for healing and recovery for Carlos, Virginia, 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 Mike, Bob, Ruth, Timothy, Don and Barbara. We pray for all who are in hospice care, especially Ward.

Save them from every affliction that threatens to undo them. Lead them to a place of safety and shelter, healing, and hope. And bless everyone who is entrusted with caring for them in any way.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Thank you, dear Father, your fullest healing has been granted to all who died trusting in

your promised mercy; and so we commend them into your care – especially those that we name now. *Silence*

Grant us, and everyone redeemed by the merits of Jesus, the unmatched joy of life in your house – not as dogs under the table; nor as strangers or as guests; but as your children, at home with you forever.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Hear our prayer, O Father, and grant all that glorifies you and builds up your people. 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

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

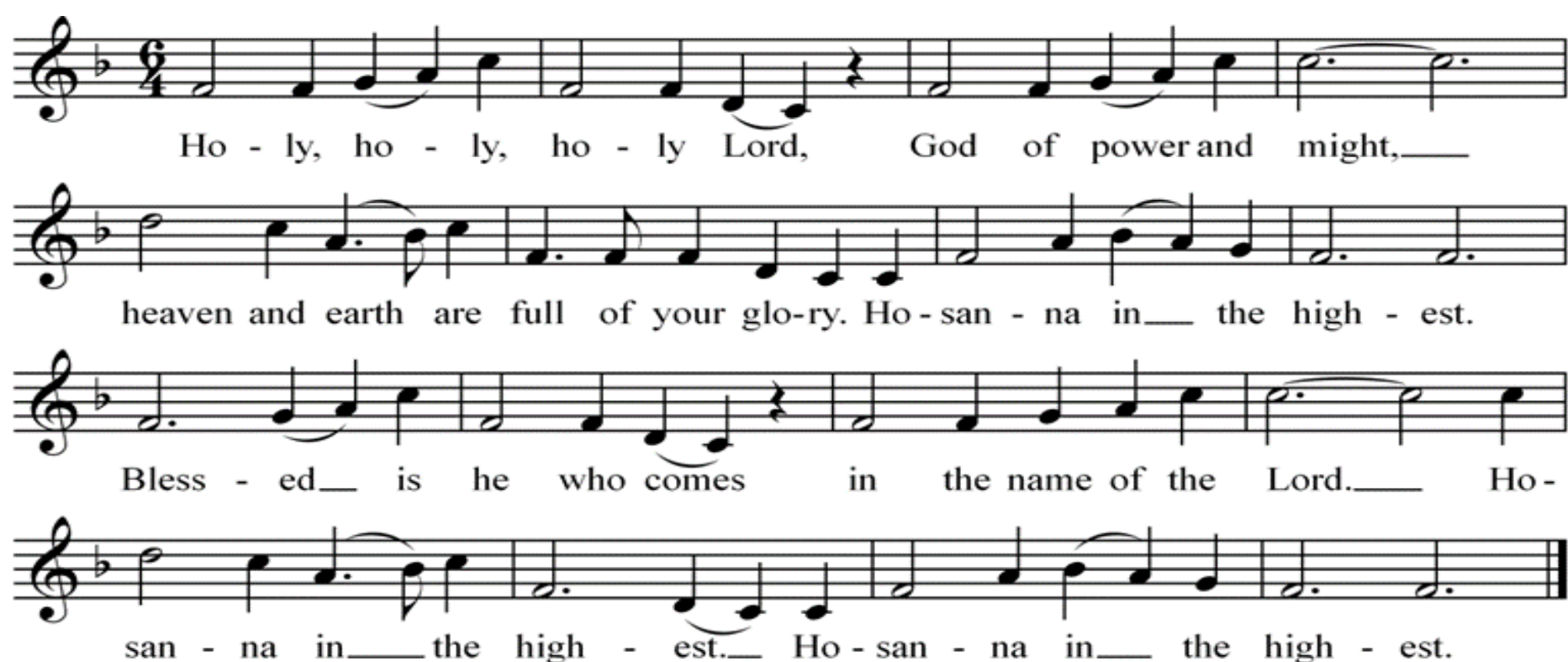
We lift them to the Lord.

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 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

Recessional Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

Hymnal #529

1. In Christ there is no East or West, in him no South or North,
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.
2. Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me.
3. In Christ now meet both East and West, in him meet South and North,
All Christly souls are one in him, throughout the whole wide earth.

Announcements

Thank You of the Week: Many thanks to Jeff Vaughn for his time and talent spent repairing the fountain water pump and other projects around our campus.

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.

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

DVR

It's not often I get to say the words, "Fixed it." My vocation is an on-going mission and ministry, and, like teaching, or management, or accounting, it doesn't have a lot of moments where I can sit back and say it is fixed, or done, or completed. Jesus' last words on the cross, "It is finished," are important because ministerial life is often just the opposite. My wife's side of the family includes fire fighters and vineyard owners. Although they can finish a season, both occupations always seem to be on call. My clergy mentor and friend, Brian Prior, would mow the lawn of his church perhaps for the sole reason of seeing something completed at church.

About six years ago, we cut-the-cord from cable and bought an over-the-air DVR and digital antenna. It had an expensive, upfront cost, but the past six years have been free television heaven. While we miss watching HGTV and cable news networks, the exchange – paying nothing – has definitely made it worth it. On Monday, however, our digital video recorder stopped working. The recording part of the DVR is on a hard drive identical to the one used in computers and laptops; and it just failed. We had 40 Nova programs, 32 Nature on PBS, 4 Father Brown episodes, a bunch of cooking shows and other things we enjoy watching were stuck on the drive. In an attempt to get the DVR to work, I had to reboot it which erased everything. But alas, unlike Fr. Brown solving another murder mystery, this ended unfinished.

After spending a little time on-line finding out what others have done, I bought a 2 terabyte external hard drive, plugged it into the DVR, rebooted, and... viola, it worked! While our past recorded shows are gone, we can now begin recording again to our heart's desire. This new drive can store four-times what our old one could. In a year from now, we're going to have a Rick Steves' Europe binge watch! And, in addition to being able to record again, this project has allowed me to say the words, "fixed it."

I wondered if this is how a surgeon feels after completing a surgery? Or, is that profession also an on-going vocation like firefighting. And yes, I do know there is a difference between fixing a broken hard drive and replacing a heart valve. But is the satisfaction the same? I have yet to find a surgeon who has replaced a hard drive, and likewise, an IT tech who has replaced a heart valve, so I can only guess that the answer is yes.

After Jesus fed the 5,000, as there a point when he sat back in the grass and watched the people eat, and said to himself, "Fixed it." I hope so. On the 7th day of creation, when God sat back and rested, was the satisfaction the same as a potter who completes an entire dining set? Again, I hope so. I wonder what it was like to eradicate polio. I imagine that satisfaction must be better than heart surgery or home repairs. Will there be a time in human history when the Covid-19 virus is eradicated that we will get to sit back with unmasked mouths and say, "Fixed it." I sure hope so.

- Fr. Dave