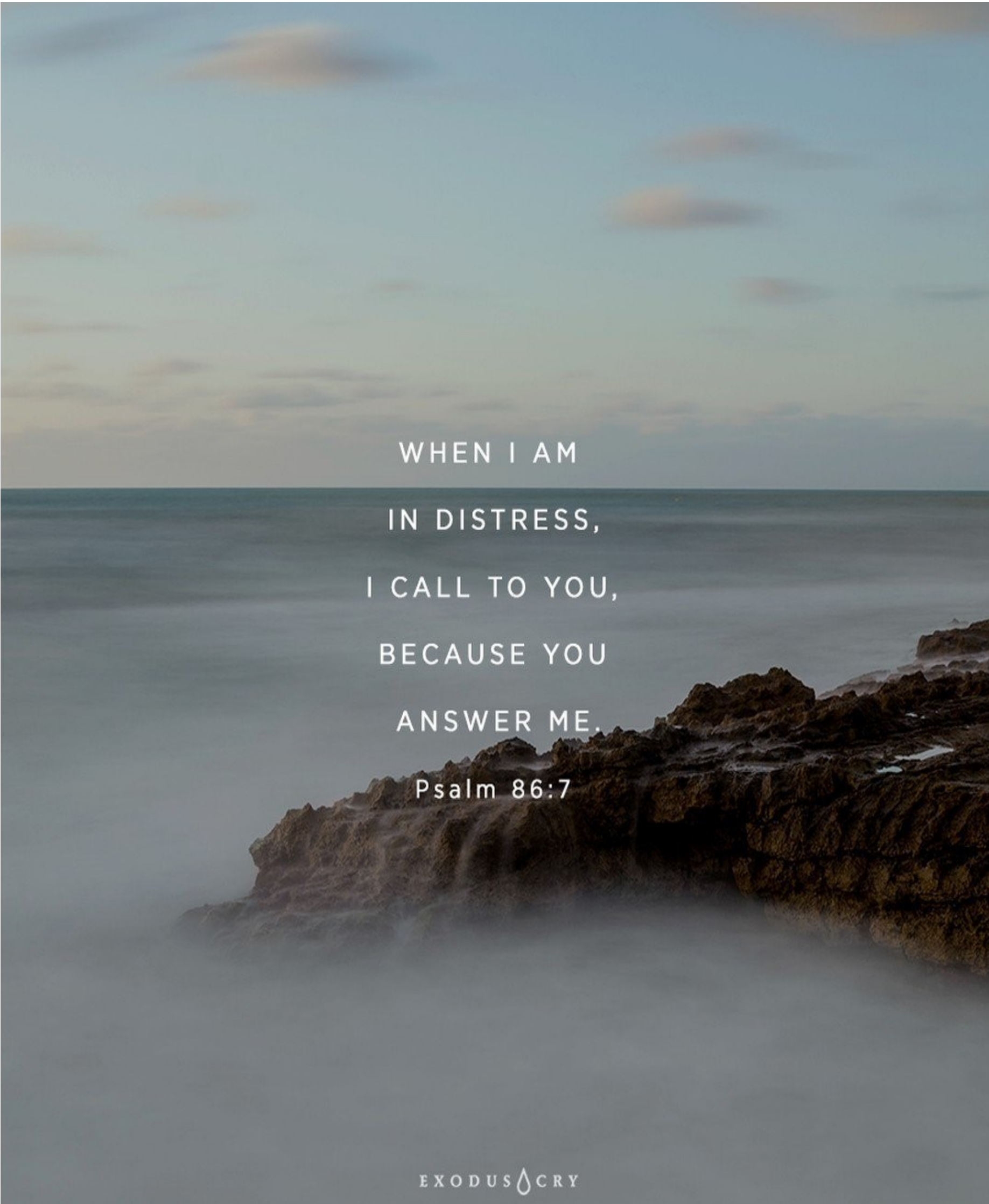


All Angels Episcopal Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

7:45 and 9:15 a.m.



WHEN I AM
IN DISTRESS,
I CALL TO YOU,
BECAUSE YOU
ANSWER ME.

Psalm 86:7

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June 21, 2020

Prelude

Dale Hooey

Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**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. Alleluia.**

Canticle 13 *A Song of Praise*

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;

you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;

on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;

in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

The Lessons

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 86, verses 1-10. It can be found in your bulletin and, in your prayer books on page 709. Let us read it responsively by half verse.

Psalm 86:1-10

¹ Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *

for I am poor and in misery.

² Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *

save your servant who puts his trust in you.

³ Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *

I call upon you all the day long.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant, *

for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *

and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *

and attend to the voice of my supplications.

⁷ In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *

for you will answer me.

⁸ Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *

nor anything like your works.

⁹ All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *

and glorify your Name.

¹⁰ For you are great; you do wondrous things; *

and you alone are God.

[In the previous chapter of this book, God promised children to Abraham but did not say when. Abraham, and reportedly Sarah, became worried when she did not get pregnant so Abraham had a child with Sarah's servant named Hagar. His name is Ishmael. His birth was the source of tension within Abraham's household. Sometime later, as promised by God, Sarah became pregnant. Here is how the story unfolds]

Sarah became pregnant and gave birth to a son for Abraham when he was old, at the very time God had told him. Abraham named his son—the one Sarah bore him—Isaac (which in Hebrew means “to laugh”). Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old just as God had commanded him. Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born. Sarah said, “God has given me laughter. Everyone who hears about it will laugh with me.” She said, “Who could have told Abraham that Sarah would nurse sons? But now I've given birth to a son when he was old!”

The boy grew and stopped nursing. On the day he stopped nursing, Abraham prepared a huge banquet. Sarah saw Hagar's son laughing, the one Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham. So Sarah said to Abraham, “Send this servant away with her son! This servant's son won't share the inheritance with my son Isaac.”

This upset Abraham terribly because the boy was his son. God said to Abraham, “Don't be upset about the boy and your servant. Do everything Sarah tells you to do because your descendants will be traced through Isaac. But I will make of your servant's son a great nation too, because he is also your descendant.” Abraham got up early in the morning, took some bread and a flask of water, and gave it to Hagar. He put the boy in her shoulder sling and sent her away.

She left and wandered through the desert near Beer-sheba. Finally the water in the flask ran out, and she put the boy down under one of the desert shrubs. She walked away from him about as far as a bow shot and sat down, telling herself, I can't bear to see the boy die. She sat at a distance, cried out in grief, and wept. God heard the boy's cries, and God's messenger called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, “Hagar! What's wrong? Don't be afraid. God has heard the boy's cries over there. Get up, pick up the boy, and take him by the hand because I will make of him a great nation.” Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well. She went over, filled the water flask, and gave the boy a drink. God remained with the boy; he grew up, lived in the desert, and became an expert archer. He lived in the Paran desert, and his mother found him an Egyptian wife.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be God.

Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. The younger son said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the inheritance.’ Then the father divided his estate between them. Soon afterward, the younger son gathered everything together and took a trip to a land far away. There, he wasted his wealth through extravagant living.

“When he had used up his resources, a severe food shortage arose in that country and he began to be in need. He hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. He longed to eat his fill from what the pigs ate, but no one gave him anything. When he came to his senses, he said, ‘*How many of my father's hired hands have more than enough food, but I'm starving to death! I will get up and go to my father, and say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son. Take me on as one of your hired hands.’*’ So he got up and went to his father.

“While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion. His father ran to him, hugged him, and kissed him. Then his son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.’ But the father said to his servants, ‘Quickly, bring out the best robe and put it on him! Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet! Fetch the fattened calf and slaughter it. We must celebrate with feasting because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life! He was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dave Marshall

Musical Reflection

Dale Hooey

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 96

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP 97

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed by 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.

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

And grant us your salvation.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

Let your people sing with joy.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

For only in you can we live in safety.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth;

Your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

A Collect for the Human Family

BCP 815

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit,
that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of petition with thanksgiving

Jesus said, “Do not be afraid. I am sending to you what my Father has promised.”
We pray for those who are sick, those who suffer; we pray for all who protect us both here and abroad, and for those on our prayer list; especially, Downs IV, Holden, Ruth, Timothy, Lynne, Don, Bill, Dorothy Jo, Valerie, Sue, Elizabeth, Kay, Vicki, Jim, Barbara, Ward, Krista, John, Cynthia, Alex, Linda, Andres, Ginny, Mary Ann, Ed, Carling, Sofia and Victoria

We pray for Susan Bovet who was hospitalized for back pain.

We pray for John Maxheim who is recovering from surgery for tongue cancer, we pray that Tom Thomas will continue in his recovery from hip surgery.

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 those who sick.

We pray for those we name now either silently or aloud. *Silence*

We pray for those who have died, and for all who mourn, especially those we name now. *Silence*

Bring us the Living Bread that is broken and shared for the world;
Lord God, help us find peace in you. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**O God, I am sorry that I have sinned against you; for all the wrongs I have done and for the good I have not done. Especially I confess these things now... *Silence*
Forgive me for Jesus' sake, and grant me strength and wisdom to amend my life.
Amen.**

Blessed Jesus, in union with the faithful gathered around the world today, I long to 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; be my wisdom and 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.

Concluding prayer

BCP 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

Greetings and Announcements

Closing Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* Hymnal #488, verses 2 and 3

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Let us Bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude

Dale Hooey

Announcements

Worship services in-doors Seating is limited and reservations are required for indoor services. Please contact Maria (marialove@allangelslbk.org) or Linn (941-383– 8161) by Wednesday of each week for your reservation

Thank You to Jeff Vaughn and Ed Upshaw in improving the wiring and lighting of our church 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. 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

It may be more feasible right now to contribute money to the food bank. To give a donation go to: Meals on Wheels Plus.org or call 941-747-3663.

Big thanks to Linn who checks the bin every week for items that may not meet these guidelines. Please make her job easier by checking out what you are putting in the bin to see if they are on the list.

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

He Sets the Prisoners Free

This Friday is the 155th celebration of Juneteenth. The Commonwealth of Virginia recently declared Juneteenth (June 19th) a paid state holiday. Music star Pharrell Williams spoke with the Governor of Virginia who together made this holiday a reality. In a news conference, Pharrell said “Every year, as a nation, we mark the Fourth of July, 1776, Independence Day, celebrating our independence from English colonial rule. ... But that freedom we celebrate did not include everyone.” He added, “It’s time we elevate [Juneteenth], not just a celebration by and for some Virginians, but one acknowledged and celebrated by all of us because that’s how important this event is.” He ended his statement by addressing Americans whose ancestors, like his, came to Virginia 400 years ago aboard a slave ship. He said, “So here is our day. And if you love us, it’s your day too.”

The history of the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery is this: on June 19th, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger’s union troops landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free – this was two and a half years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation which had become official January 1, 1863. Although Lincoln’s executive order had little impact on the Texans at the time, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger’s regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to make emancipation a reality.

If you can imagine having lived your whole life as a slave, and knowing your family ancestry is made up of slaves, to wake up on Friday and find out that you are free – it was a cause for celebration. Today, the principle celebration of Juneteenth for all Americans is this – America can’t be a beacon of freedom and liberty until all Americans are free. Starting on June 19th, 155 years ago, America’s torch of freedom grew brighter for all other nations to see. It has been a rough, rocky, and uncertain road since then, but, the torch has been lit and it has not gone out. From the diary pages of Episcopal clergymen in Georgia, who in the 1840’s wrote about freedom and how white Americans can only be free when all in the nation are free, it is Juneteenth that makes that dream a reality.

Juneteenth church celebrations often cite Psalm 68, verse 5 and 6,

“Father to the orphan, defender of widows —

this is God, whose dwelling is holy.

God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy.”

There are many ways to celebrate Juneteenth. What I will do on Friday is to remember that the Father to the orphan, the One who sets prisoners free, has placed the torch of liberty in our nation to burn as a light for others.

I will pray that the torch of liberty will continue to burn brightly for others to see.

And, I will recite the Pledge of Allegiance and reflect upon these words:

One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

- Fr. Dave