



## ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

April 11, 2024

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### SUNDAY SERVICES 8:00 and 10:00 am

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To live-stream - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org), click on the "All Angels Enter Here" picture and you will be routed to our YouTube channel. Zoom - go to <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807> and watch and listen live. Be sure to stick around after the service for our coffee hour chat-with-your-neighbor time.

The bulletin can be found on the All Angels Website:  
[AllAngelsLBK.org](https://www.AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

*[Bulletin for Sunday, April 14](#)*

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### Scripture Readings for April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

*[Click Here for the Readings](#)*

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The flowers for Sunday, April 14th  
are given to the glory of God.



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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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### Spring Fling



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### Last Sunday's Service



## Sunday Sermons

If you would like to read Rev. Dave's recent sermon,  
please click the link below

[\*Sermon: Show Your Scars, 4.7.24\*](#)

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## PRAYERS

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### A Prayer for Peace Among the Nations *(BCP 816)*

Let us pray in this time of conflict for peace in Israel, Palestine and Ukraine.

*Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world  
into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them  
that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become  
the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.*

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### 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.

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### We Pray for our People

Breathe your healing and peace on all those who suffer, especially Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Amelia, Dennis, and Alice. We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd and Nancy. We pray for those in Hospice, especially Mary Jo.

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# A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

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Podcast: A Bridge Between

*[Episode 71: Look Closely](#)*

Also available on Spotify:

*[Spotify: A Bridge Between](#)*

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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### Choir News

- Choir meets every Thursday (October – May) at 10:00 am – ALL are WELCOME!
  - Bell Choir meets every Thursday (October – May) at 11:15 am – ALL are WELCOME!
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### Gallery Artist

Sunday, April 14th:

Artist reception following the 10:00 am church service

Our featured artist for April is iconographer Christine Hales. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented local artist. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.



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## Men's and Women's Discussion Group

**Old, retired and apparently invisible.** That's the topic for next week. Karen and Stephen Yoder - retired from the Wall Street Journal - wrote an article about what they are dealing with in retirement.

I'd like to know when you feel invisible. Does it get better, or worse; and, are there tips or compassionate ideas you can share with others who have become invisible too.

For those in person, I'll have the coffee ready. For those on Zoom, here's the link: <https://zoom.us/j/5955701807>

*To read the article, click the link below:*

[\*We Are Old and Invisible\*](#)

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## Coffee Hour Hosts Needed

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.

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## Online Giving

If you would like to give to the offering plate electronically, you can find the online giving link on our All Angels website by clicking the link below:

[AllAngelsLBK.org](http://AllAngelsLBK.org)

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## REFLECTION

### *First John*

This Sunday we are reading from the First Letter of John. I love this letter because it got me interested in studying Greek. I want to tell you about that but first we have to start with the basics – who is John and what is his First Letter.



John is most likely the Apostle John – the one whom Jesus loved, the youngest, the one who outran Peter to see the empty tomb, the one to whom Jesus said from the cross, “John, this is your mother [Mary],” and, “Mom, this is your son [John].” It is believed that the author John also

wrote the Gospel attributed with his name. And some people (like me) believe he was exiled on the Island of Patmos where he had the vision which was written down as The Book of Revelation. In other words, John is one of the most influential and important of all the Apostles.

Many believe his letter was one of the first written Christian documents. It is not addressed to any particular congregation or region but rather the entire assembly or gathering of the followers of Christ. It is written in an easy-to-read version of Greek. There are even a couple of grammatical mistakes which have been carried forward for centuries. Clearly, the letter is written by someone who has taken Greek as a second language. More on that in a moment.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, John is passing along a message that is timeless. He is writing about the things that he has seen, heard, touched and understood as the Word of Life. It is a first-person account of Jesus in the flesh as the Logos (Word). Secondly, he is issuing a warning: there are detractors of the faith who he calls "anti-Christ" which should be taken literally – as people who are the opposite of Christ – and not demonically. Third, he is writing with hope – *we are loved so much that we are called God's children*. The world did not "see" Christ so they therefore cannot "see" us. But, keep this hope: we are seen by God, loved by God and we are God's own.

John's First Letter is used by seminaries to teach the basics of understanding Greek. After a couple of months of doing a graduate level study of his letter, I distinctly remember holding the Greek New Testament version, in an easy chair with the soft afternoon California light shining on my lap, and just reading it. No translation needed. I read word by word. And then something miraculous happened: I understood it! I "saw" what John himself was writing. I grasped it. I was holding onto the Word that he himself held. That spark of the Word of Life has remained with me to this day.

John wrote about what he saw and touched and heard. He was compelled to write; just like I am compelled to write. And what a gift he has given us – a simple written expression about the miraculousness of God in the flesh that he knows. This written testimony may have been what caused him to be arrested and placed in exile on the Island of Patmos. But, he had to do it. I am thankful that he did. And so is the Episcopal Church. The number one name for an Episcopal Church is "Christ" with 527 churches bearing that name. The second is St. John with 524 churches bearing his name.

Number three is Trinity at 520 churches.

John wrote about what he saw and touched. He also gave the early Christians this two-fold warning: there are some who did not see Jesus who therefore cannot see us; and there are people in the world who are the exact opposite of him. But, do not lose heart. Remember that *God so loved the world that he sent Jesus, his only son, to redeem it.* Remember that you are loved by God. Remember that you are a child of God. And even when things look dim, the light that shines through Christ shines in you and will illuminate the whole world.

- Rev. Dave

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The logo features the word "Angels" in a large, elegant cursive font. Below it, the words "gather here" are written in a smaller, simpler cursive font, with "gather" and "here" on separate lines.

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