

All Angels Episcopal Church



*Welcome the word planted deep inside you
- the very word that is able to save you.*

James 1:21

September 1, 2024

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

arr. James Mansfield

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible

1982 Hymnal #423



1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in
our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with
all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 the Song of Solomon

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

"Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 15. Let us read it responsively.

Ps. 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected,

but he credits those who honor the Lord.

He has sworn to do no wrong

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain,

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things

shall never be overthrown.

A reading from the Letter of James

James 1:17-27

Every good gift, every perfect gift, comes from above. These gifts come down from the Father, the creator of the heavenly lights, in whose character there is no change at all. He chose to give us birth by his true word, and here is the result: we are like the first crop from the harvest of everything he created.

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. This is because an angry person does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you.

You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

If those who claim devotion to God don't control what they say, they mislead themselves. Their devotion is worthless. True devotion, the kind that is pure and faultless before God the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their difficulties and to keep the world from contaminating us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

God is Love

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- 1 God is Love, let heaven adore him; God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation: God is Love, eternal Love.
- 2 God is Love; and Love enfolds us, all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us, every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching deep within the heart of God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

*'This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.'*

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

God Be in My Head

1982 Hymnal #694

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

The Nicene Creed *(The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

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 stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, for our clergy and church leaders; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We urgently pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine.

Pray for justice and peace. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who labor, especially those work outside, those who work in dangerous occupations, those who teach, those who heal, those who strive for justice, those labor for peace, and those who labor to keep us safe. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find, and be found, by him. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for those in Hospice that they will receive rest and peace, especially Mary Jo and Ellen. I ask your prayers for the departed, especially those we name now.

Silence

Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Dennis, Angie and Amy Jo. Bring them all your rest and peace.

I ask your prayers for all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, TJ, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Violet, Joan and Nancy.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your thanksgiving for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

Celebrant:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Celebrant: 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.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory

Peace Before Us
Summer Choir

David Haas

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace under us, Let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.

Love within us, love under us, Let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.

Light within us, light under us, Let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.

Christ within us, Christ under us, Let all around us be Christ.

The Doxology

**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 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 God 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 pow - er and might,
 Heav'n 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 sit or kneel or remain standing as you are able.

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 is 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.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

Communion Music

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Summer Choir

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

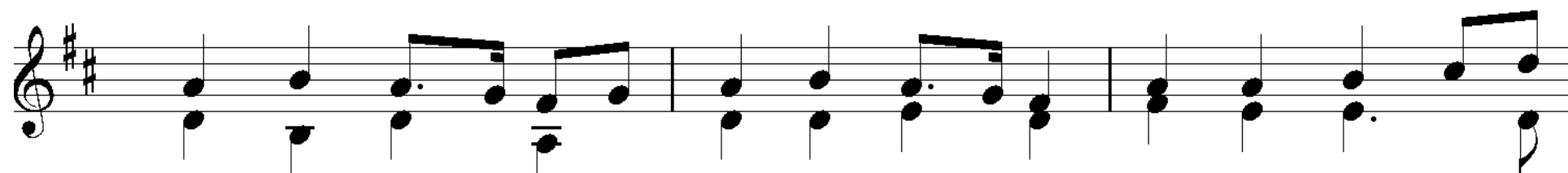
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn

Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing

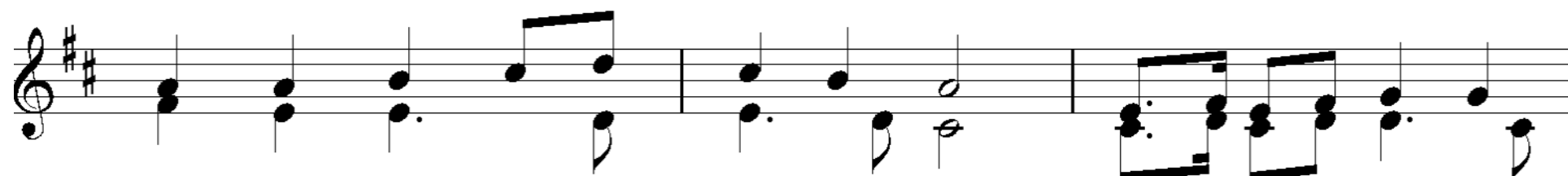
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1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude

Fantasia on "Coronation"

Edward Broughton

New to All Angels? Welcome! Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.



Flower Dedication

The flowers today are given by Julian Hansen in celebration of
the 75th anniversary of the marriage of Barbara P. and Julian R. Hansen.



Today's presenters:

Bob Erker, Ed Upshaw — Patten/Chalice

Terry Cobb — Lector

Alison Jones — Prayers

Reuben Fernandez, Carol Erker — Ushers

Ethan Marshall — Acolyte

Elijah Marshall — A/V tech

Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host

Ginny Upshaw — Altar Guild

Daphne Walker — Flowers

Jinx Kochan — Offering Counters

Bob and Donna Henkel — Coffee Hour

The Rev. Dave Marshall — Celebrant

Vestry

Barbara Pickrell, *Senior Warden*

Brian Davis, *Junior Warden*

Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*

Cade Sibley

Ginny Upshaw

David Bishop

Donna Henkel

Larry Elder

Reuben Fernandez

Hank Kochan

The Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*

Announcements

"New to You Summer Art Sale" 100% of sales proceeds will go to Turning Points. Proceeds for July and August total \$2120. Please make checks out to All Angels by-the-Sea. See David Stasney to make ART purchases.

Men's and Women's Discussion Group Men's Discussion group, 10:00 on Tuesdays; Women's Discussion Group, 10:00 on Wednesdays. Both groups in person and via Zoom.

Coffee Hour Host 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.

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries If you have a birthday or anniversary coming up next month, please email Linn Torres at lt@allangelslbk.org

Visit our Website Video of Today's Service, Discussion Group Articles, Gallery Artist, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Kaleidoscope

A musical journey from the Romantics to Today & Beyond

Also, the World Premiere of
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Tasha Robinson, Harp

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Our mission is to bring the living Christ to those
inside and outside the church.

Reflection *Do Not Defile, Instead Reconcile*

A couple of years ago, I was the officiant at a wedding at a local golf course. At the reception, they served the best cocktail shrimp I have ever had. Plus, they had caramelized bacon too! Have you ever wondered why Christians do not follow the dietary laws of the Jewish faith? In particular, why can Christians eat pork and shellfish?

During August, we took a five-week Bread-of-Life journey in John's Gospel. Starting this Sunday, however, we pick up in Mark's Gospel where we left off in July – Jesus started a movement, he called twelve fishermen (and one tax collector) to help him and now, wherever they go, he is recognized. People would lay the sick along the street hoping that they might just touch the fringe of his clothing so they can be healed.

As you can imagine, this movement caught the attention of the religious authorities in Jerusalem. Mark calls them scribes and pharisees. He chronicles five separate encounters where they asked hard questions to Jesus. Here are their questions in order:

Why does he [Jesus] eat with sinners and tax collectors?

Why are they breaking the Sabbath law? [they were eating grains of wheat on a Saturday]

Why are your disciples eating food with ritually unclean hands? [they had just healed people]

Can you show us a sign from heaven?

Does the law allow for a man to divorce his wife?

Should we pay tax to Caesar or not?

You'll notice the first three are about food. The last two are about what we can, and cannot do, according to the Law of Moses. The story for this Sunday is the third question – why are they eating with ritually unclean hands? Jesus gives a profound, and surprising, answer: *It's not what goes inside you that defiles, it is what comes out of you that defiles.*

Many believe this was the beginning of the Christian tradition to transcend dietary laws. We believe that Jesus said something as practical as this: If you eat a pork sandwich, it won't defile you. But if you steal the sandwich, or if you lie about it, or tell others not to do it (even though you eat it), if you hoard it, or insult others for eating it, or kill others for the sandwich, all those actions defile a person; but the sandwich itself does not defile.

This passage came up with my friend Alex in our weekly podcast, A Bridge Between Alex and Dave. He does a great job at summarizing difficult passages and concepts. This past episode he did it again. Alex said: *Jesus doesn't want us to defile but rather to reconcile.* Jesus doesn't want us to point out the faults in others. Instead, Jesus wants us to reconcile ourselves with God and with one another. The list of “defilements” that Jesus lists – theft, murder, adultery, greed, deceit, envy, insults, arrogance – are all actions that separate us from God and from one another. We are not supposed to call out faults in other people but rather are called to reconcile with God and one another. We are to admit to ourselves and to God all the times we have separated ourselves by means of envy, arrogance, greed and so on. We are to reconcile with others which means to do the hard work of forgiving as we have been forgiven.

Honestly, it would be easier to give up eating cocktail shrimp and pulled pork sandwiches than to do the work that Jesus calls us to do. But we are not allowed to adhere to strict dietary laws so that we can fault others. So eat up, enjoy your food. And, be sure to work towards reconciliation.

One last thing about not washing one's hands before lunch, a sixth-grade student of mine tried (in vain) to convince me that Jesus doesn't care if we wash our hands before eating lunch. I think Jesus wants us to have good hygiene. After a Bible study on this topic, a friend of mine gave me a reusable hand soap dispenser that has the following phrase on it: Wash your hands and say your prayers because Jesus and germs are everywhere.

- Fr. Dave