


All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 & 10:00am

A watercolor illustration of a mountain range under a sunset sky. The mountains are rendered in various shades of blue and purple, with the sky transitioning from light blue to orange and red. The text is overlaid on the image.

I lift up my eyes to the *mountains*—
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the *Lord*,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121:1-2

March 1, 2026

Prelude

O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus
Bonnie Wolfgram, piano

Mary Anne Fritz

Processional Hymn

Lift High the Cross

1982 Hymnal #473

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim
 till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.
 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied
 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Repeat Refrain

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence (you are invited to kneel or sit as you are able)

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.

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

Introduction: Today's lesson from Genesis and our Gospel lesson tell the story of Abraham (called Abram) and Nicodemus. Both men were challenged and surprised by God's call. These two readings are used during Lent to lead us to reflect on our own spiritual journeys and to inspire us to move beyond our comfort zones, just as Abraham and Nicodemus were inspired and responded to God's call.

A reading from Genesis

Genesis 12:1-4 JPS Version

The LORD said to Abram, "Go forth from your native land and from your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse him that curses you; and all the families of the earth shall bless themselves by you."

Abram went forth as the LORD had commanded him, and Lot went with him.

Abram was seventy-five years old when he left Haran.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Introduction:

The Apostle Paul wrote to the Church in Rome about the universal crisis that no amount of good works, and no matter how closely one follows God's Law, the gap from humanity to heaven cannot be made by our own effort. Faith is what brings us to God. Trusting God's promises is what closes the gap and makes us one with Him.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What can we say about Abraham, the father of our people?

What did he learn about faith? If Abraham was made right by the things he did, he had a reason to boast about himself. But God knew different. That's why the Scriptures say, "*Abraham believed God, and because of this he was accepted as one who is right with God.*"

When people work, their pay is not given to them as a gift. They earn the pay they get. But people cannot do any work that will make them right with God. So they must trust in God. Then He accepts their faith, and that makes them right with Him.

(He is the One who even makes evil people right with Him)

Abraham and his descendants received the promise that they would get the whole world. But Abraham did not receive that promise because he followed the Law. He received that promise because he was right with God through his faith. If people could get God's promise by following the Law, then faith is worthless. And God's promise to Abraham is worthless, because the Law can only bring God's anger on those who disobey it. But if there is no Law, then there is nothing to disobey.

People receive God's promises by having faith. This happens so that the promise can be a free gift. And if the promise is a free gift, then all of Abraham's people will get that promise. The promise is not just for those who live under the Law of Moses. It is for all who live with faith as Abraham did. He is the father of us all.

As the Scriptures say, "*I have made you a father of many nations.*" This is true before God, the one Abraham believed — the God who gives life to the dead and speaks of things that do not yet exist into existence.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

Voices Found #147

Refrain:

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal your self to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in your, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy; hear our prayer. In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain:*

2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort; hear our prayer. In weakness, in fear: be near hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn

There is a Longing in Our Hearts

Refrain:

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to reveal your self to us.

There is a longing in our hearts for love we only find in your, our God.

3 For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.

In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

4 Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.

We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

The Sermon

The Very Rev. David Marshall

Reflection Music

Meditation on “Love Unknown”

arr. D. Stasney

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)*

Lord God, because Jesus tells us turn from selfish ways and to trust the Good News, we hold to His word and pray as he taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, therefore, trusting solely in God's grace and mercy, we pray:

Your kingdom come, your will be done.

Show us your ways, O Lord, and teach us your paths; give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Give us today our daily bread.

Remember not the sins of our youth, remember us according to your love; Guide the people of this land; Lord, guide your Church; and guide all the nations in the ways of justice and peace; that we may see Christ in one another and serve the common good.

Forgive us our sins.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

As we forgive those who sin against us.

You command us to learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, care for the sick, and to be content with what we have.

Save us from the time of trial.

Jesus was tempted by the evil one for 40 days and the angels tended to him; strengthen us to walk the way of Christ in our own day.

Deliver us from evil.

Jesus said, "If you are tired come to me and I will give you rest," 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 we pray for Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Annette, Charles, Anne, Ellie, Patricia, Bob, Agie, Eric, Amy, Diana, Trude, Donna, Beverly and Carling. For those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, and Kelsey.

And, we pray for people that we name now; either silently or aloud.

Silence

We pray for those who have died, and for those who mourn, may they find peace within you.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Celebrant: Lord God, you have declared that your kingdom is among us. Open our ears to hear it, our voices to proclaim it, and use our hands to serve you. This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth

Kocher

Thank you for your offering to God through All Angels. If you would prefer to make an electronic offering, please scan the QR code.



**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 D

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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 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people may kneel or sit as they 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:

Celebrant and People

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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

David Stasney

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living
members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with
spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3 “When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude*Postlude on “Crucifer”*

D. Stasney

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

Announcements

Easter Flower Dedications If you would like to make an Easter offering to All Angels in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one, please fill out the card found in the Tidings or in the bulletin and either place it in the collection plate, drop it off in the office, or email it to Linn at LT@allangelslbk.org.

Deadline for flower dedications for Easter Flowers is Sunday, March 29

Lenten discussion of the five Gospels of Lent 10:00am on Wednesdays. All are welcome and encouraged to deepen their spiritual lives by meditating on God's holy word.

St. Patrick's Day Concert & Dinner.

March 17th. Concert 3:30 pm Dinner 5 pm. \$40 per person - Sign up in the narthex today!

We welcome Christine Hales in our Gallery with her wonderful Icons.

March 1-April 30.

Choir Rehearsals Thursday mornings at 10 am. New members are ALWAYS welcomed!

Prayer List If you'd like a loved one to be on the list, please contact Maria or Linn, and please specify if it is for general prayers, for cancer treatment, or for hospice.

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.

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.



Flower Dedication

The flowers this week are given to the glory of God.



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ALL ANGELS
BY THE SEA

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

Today's presenters

8:00 am

BJ Bishop - Chalice
Bob Dixon - Lector
Barbara Pickrell - Prayers

10:00 am

Larry Elder - Chalice
Justus Doenecke - Lector
Pam Toft - Prayers
Philip Deming, Graham Toft - Ushers
Bonnie Wolfgram - Piano

Antonio Leal - Seminarian
Ethan Marshall - Acolyte
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Ginny Upshaw - Altar Guild
Daphne Walker - Flowers
Cathie Wilt - Offering Counter
Reuben Fernandez and Fran Van Zandt - Coffee Hour

Vestry

Cade Sibley
Carol Erker
Allen McGee
David Bishop
Hank Kochan
Larry Elder
Sandy Wood
Reuben Fernandez
Senior Warden
Jeff Vaughn
Junior Warden

David Stasney
Music Director

Fr. Fred Emrich

The Very Rev. David J. Marshall,
Rector

Reflection

To Provoke

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'"

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. *Psalm 82*

Yes, this psalm is in the Bible. Taking it as it is written, God addresses the other "gods" of the earth and tells them to save the weak, the poor and the orphan.

What strikes me about it is the last line: *Arise, O God, and rule the earth.*

My favorite interpretation of the psalm has the people singing to God:

"Arise! Rule the earth, take the nations as Your own!"

I've been thinking about "arise" and how it wells up from inside of humanity.

Arise is a word of hope. When the people say, "Arise", they believe that

a) God hears us, b) God can do it, and c) the broken world is worth God's attention and fixing. *Arise* equals hope.

Where does hope come from? I keep a book on my desk that I read portions of from time to time. It is *The Hopeful Heart* by John Claypool. Episcopal priest and author, Claypool writes this:

"What breath is to the physical body, hope is to the human spirit.

Hope is what consoles us. It is the fuel that energizes us,

gets us up in the morning and propels us through the day."

So, where does it come from? I think hope comes from God. I think God provokes in us with a spirit of hope. Despite the "council of gods" that judge unjustly and show favor to the wicked, there is a provocation of the human spirit, stirred up by God, for us to say to God, Arise!

God, our protector and guide, and God our provocateur of hope, has created us so that hope is to the human spirit as breath is to our physical body. As we are given breath, God too gives us hope.

Hope is what consoles us and is fuel that energizes us, but it doesn't end with us individually. God's provocation is a gift that we share with others. When God puts the Spirit of hope in us every morning, it is calling on us – you and me – to Arise! We are the ones *arising* to rescue the weak and the poor. In this world that has gone astray, it is God who is provoking us.

Let us pray:

Lord God, You provoke in me a Spirit of hope. Arise in me to do Your work, to bring light and hope to a world gone wrong. Help me to bring hope to those who need it this day. I pray this with a hopeful heart that You have created. Amen.

- Fr. Dave