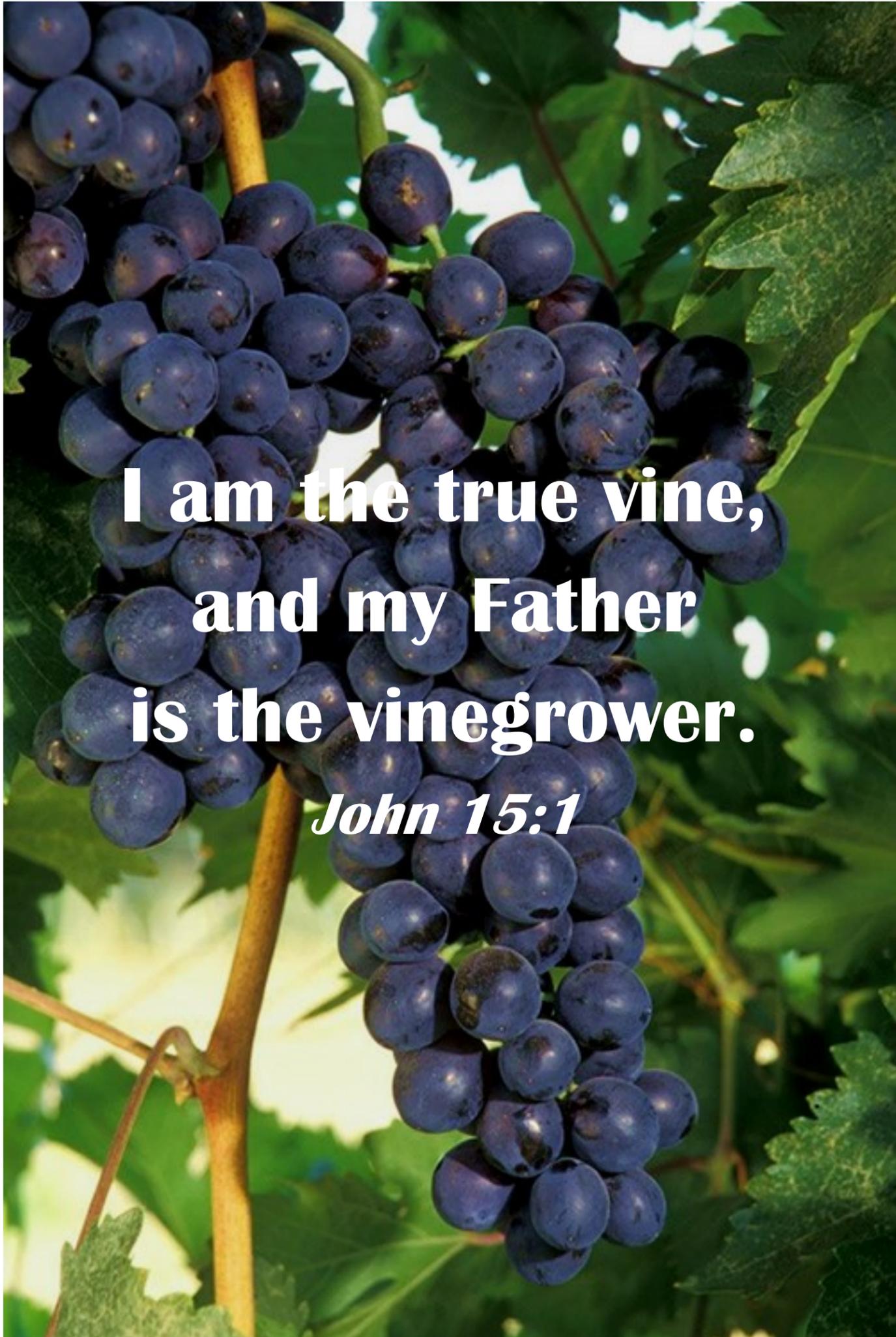


All Angels Episcopal Church

8:00 and 10:00 Sunday Morning

May 2, 2021



**I am the true vine,
and my Father
is the vinegrower.**

John 15:1

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

Prelude

Dale Hooey, organist

Opening Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

1982 Hymnal #493

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy Name.
- 3 Jesus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He speaks; and, listening to his voice, new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.
- 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones, your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The psalm for this morning is 22:24-30 It can be found in your bulletin and in your prayer books on page 612. Let us read it responsively by half verse. *Psalm 22:24-30*

My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord;

he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the Lord's for ever

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

A reading from the First letter of John

1 John 4:16-21

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn

1982 Hymnal #209

**We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke; but we believe him near.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**We may not touch his hand and side, nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice; and pray, “My Lord and God!”**

The Sermon

The Rev. David J. Marshall

The Nicene Creed *(All standing)*

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)*

Let us pray to God on behalf of the Church, the world, and all people.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, you are vine and we are the branches; bring forth in us the good fruit of spiritual growth.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Grant that your holy Church may always abide in you. Make it fruitful in words of faith and hope, and deeds of love. Through its words and actions, graft many souls to yourself. We pray for our diocese, especially as we search for our next bishop. We pray for the diocese of the Dominican Republic.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give to your persecuted servants the knowledge that through their faithful endurance, they will bear rich fruit that refreshes and nourishes many hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Prune the hearts of our earthly rulers. Cut away the greed, pride, and lust for power that leads to hatred and violence. Build up all that enriches the lives of the poor and humble. Let the desire to do your Father's will abide in all our hearts and minds.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have overcome the world. Be the joy and strength of all those who at home and abroad defend us against violence, sickness, and injustice. Protect and guide them. Prosper all they do that works for peace and health.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Look with kindness upon all who tend the land and feed the nations with the fruits of their labor. Make them wise and faithful stewards of your bounty. Grant sun and rain in due measure, and preserve your good land from blight, drought, flood, wind, and fire.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray on behalf of all whose needs of body, soul and mind are great. Especially we lift before you the needs of: Marge, Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Lou, and give strength to Chris who is going through treatment for Guillain-Barre syndrome. Grant healing and recovery for all who have gone through surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Ginny, Victoria, Andres, Alex, Colleen, Jack, Connie, John, Douglas and Tom. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Bob, Timothy, Don, Barbara and Mike. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for fulfilling all your promises to those who died trusting in you. Comfort those who mourn. On that great day when we see you face to face, let us with perfect clarity see you also in the faces of our neighbors and friends.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are alive and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Choir Anthem *Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer C

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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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn: (S129 Blue Hymnal — front section)

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.

You are invited to stand, kneel, or sit as you are able and called to do.

Holy Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Mothers and Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

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.

Let us pray.

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that through thy grace, the words which we 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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Closing Hymn *Hail thou, once despised Jesus*

1982 Hymnal # 495

1 Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame! By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name

2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid: by almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made. All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood: opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there for ever to abide; all the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side. There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou dost our place prepare; ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive; highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise; help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

Announcements

Flower Dedications Live flowers and flower dedications are back! Please see the Tidings or our website for more information.

Puzzles If you would like any puzzle you loaned the church during Covid returned to you, please contact Linn in the office or email her at lt@allangelslbk.org to make special arrangements to pick it up. If you are attending church please go in the Parrish Hall where they will be on the table.

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.

May Gallery Artist The artist for May is Jo Jo Fusco. Please stop by and enjoy the work of this talented artist. All checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.

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, Organ Concerts, Discussion Group Articles, Book Study "Proof of Heaven", our "New to You" online art sale, and our weekly Tidings can all be found on our website: www.allangelslbk.org.

Today's presenters:

Rev. Maggie Gat, & Rev. David Marshall,
Anne Roberts, Terry Cobb, Ethan Marshall
Jane Perin — Usher
Elijah Marshall — A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff — Zoom host
Catharine Burke — Altar Guild
Katzy Nager — Flowers
Cathie Wilt — Offering Counter
Dale Hooey — Organist

Vestry

Cathie Wilt, *Senior Warden*
Ed Ortiz, *Junior Warden*
Laurel Vaughn, *Secretary*
Sandy Wood, *Treasurer*
Elaine Smith, Barbara Pickrell,
Hank Kochan, Larry Elder,
Jerry Bowles
The Rev. David J. Marshall, *Rector*

Reflection

Music

This past Tuesday, Ethan and Elijah performed in Bradenton Christian School's spring band concert. It was a wonderful performance that six months ago we didn't know if it was going to happen. This school year, Elijah learned to play the trombone on-line with the other 5th graders for the first quarter and then joined in person. Ethan, who has been playing the clarinet since 5th grade, decided to pick up the baritone saxophone. He too started learning it on-line and then, in the 2nd quarter, joined in-person band. They both, and the whole school, did a great job.

It was an exciting performance and a little bittersweet. At BCS, music begins in 5th grade and runs through the 12th. As such, the 5th graders and the 12th graders performed on the same night. This was the last time our boys would perform music on the same night for the same institution.

In between performances, when the stage was being rearranged for the next group, there were presenters who talked about the spirituality of music and the importance of academic excellence and brain development associated with learning an instrument. I found the presentations interesting because in my public High School we didn't have to defend or underscore the importance of music. I suppose it is a sign of the times – parents are concerned about pre-collegiate scores and frankly, sports scores. I imagine that focus leaves music on the periphery. But that is not how it is with God.

In the beginning, God creating the heavens and the earth. That is the opening line to the Bible. My favorite Jewish rendition of that passage is this, "When God sang creation into being." In Jewish rites, music, and in particular, singing, is more important than the spoken word. Likewise, in the Anglican rite, we value music.

God sang creation – you may have heard of the recording of the big bang; it sounds like an intergalactic show tune. That music is still reverberating around the universe like a never-ending song. After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land, Moses and Miriam sang a song of triumph and praise. At the wedding in Cana of Galilee, when Jesus turned water into wine, there was singing. Undoubtedly Jesus sang too. Likewise, at the Last Supper, before heading out into the night, the disciples and Jesus and the women and children at the meal all sang songs. The Book of Revelation shows the choir in heaven where there is great singing and rejoicing. In nature, we know of the song birds, of whale songs, of crickets and the roar of lions. Creation certainly is alive with the sound of music! Even in our quiet moments, like the peaceful silence at our 8 a.m. service, silence is music of its own kind.

This Sunday is our first Sunday with our new organ. It also is the first time the choir has sang indoors since February 2020. It will be a celebration of hymnody and of song. And, like at BCS where children (of God) make music together, the children of God gathered at All Angels will continue in the rich tradition of creation and music.

- Fr. Dave