



ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

May 23, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 am

To live-stream the service - 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, May 26](#)

Isaiah 6:1-8

Canticle 13

Romans 8:12-17

John 3:1-17

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



The flowers for Sunday, May 26th are given by David Stasney:
Holy Trinity; in whose name we worship,
give us such love, that alone and together, today and every day
we may reverence the Father, radiate the presence of the Son,
and love in the power of the Holy Spirit.



JUNE CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays



9 Ed Upshaw

Anniversaries



7 Fred & Diana Emrich

12 Don & Carol Smith

10 Jeff Vaughn

17 David Eiss

21 Bob Henkel

21 Diana Cable Emrich

23 Gloria Detwiler

26 Don LeWin

26 Connie Jose

27 Eve Wickwire

29 John Williams

12 Don & Carolyn Judd

15 Whit & Cade Sibley

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Last Sunday's Service



Sunday Sermons

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

[*Sermon: God as Source of Love Pentecost Sunday*](#)

PRAYERS

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.

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.

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, Alice and Angie. Help those recovering from injury, especially Joseph. Give the comfort of your Holy Spirit to 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, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie and Nancy. We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.

A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

Podcast: A Bridge Between

Also available on Spotify:
[Spotify: A Bridge Between](#)

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

Our featured artist through June 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.



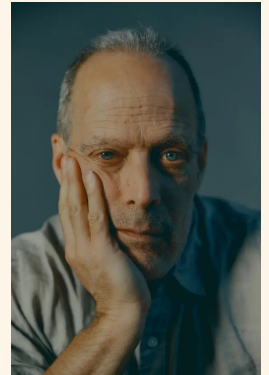
Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Next week's article was recommended to me by one of our

discussion members. It's an interview with Sebastian Junger about a book he wrote involving a near-death experience. I included a photo of the journalist because you have most likely read, or watched, his war reporting over the past two decades.

I appreciate near-death experiences from journalists because they treat their remarkable journey with a sense of objectivity. I'd like to know what you think.

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:
[**Reporting Live From the Brink of Death**](#)

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.

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

REFLECTION

Pets

I saw this prayer on a coffee mug: *Lord, help me to be the person my pet thinks I am*





This past Sunday after Coffee Hour, I did a service in our pet memorial garden. By a statue of St. Francis, we placed in rest the ashes of a much beloved pet named Reba. The black standard poodle, Reba, had a very good life. She was a trained therapy dog, lived on a canal on Anna Maria Island, and had two very good roommates – Ginny and Ed – who kept her fed, groomed and most importantly, loved. Occasionally, Reba would come to All Angels where she did her favorite activity of chasing lizards.

Prior to her passing, Reba visited me for the last time. I was thankful that her chauffeurs (Ed and Ginny) brought her. She was afflicted with sores and a quickly spreading cancer. She was wearing a red shirt so that she didn't feel the need to lick her fur. As always, Reba was happy-go-lucky and was pleased to see me. We all sat in my office, I offered some prayers, mostly for her handlers, but also for her to have a holy and peaceful ending. The prayer ended with thanksgiving to God for blessing us with such a wonderful creature and that we are now returning her back to our Creator.

The dog had a ministry. She was able to bring comfort and joy to people who were in the last stage of life. Hospice pet-therapy dogs provide people with joy. They also reduce the feelings of isolation, anxiety, and depression. I have seen where a pet-therapy animal takes a patient's mind off their situation and the hopelessness they may feel. The presence of a pet encourages family members to share stories and open up about their own feelings. Maybe pet-therapy animals are like a coffee table book that helps break the ice. Or perhaps they have a special, spiritually tuned gift. Reba did both. She had so much positive energy that people would naturally feel uplifted by her presence. She would greet each person and wait to be petted on the head, which would help break the ice of doubt and confusion that hospice can bring.

Pets have a way of being in tune with their owners, or guests, that can help them open up in a safe way. I have had tough days in ministry that were softened greatly by the purr of a cat and a good lap fix. Although I clean the two cat boxes every day and give Oscar and Jellybean their “crunchies”, I think I receive more from our two cats than what I give. In that way, our pets have a ministry to their owners – they bring attention and calm. Jellybean was a Covid cat – we needed/wanted another cat because our much beloved cat, Pancake, was in his final stage of life, and couldn’t imagine going through a pandemic with just one cat, Oscar.

Speaking of Oscar, now in his 14th year, he is starting to say goodbye to us in the way that pets do when they know their time is coming. Normally fastidious about his shiny black coat, he is starting to look a little scruffy. He’s becoming thinner too. Yet, being a cat, he still has energy to play chase with our orange and white cat (Jellybean).

The way I read the Bible, it appears that humans went through “The Fall” but animals did not. We found ourselves separated from God, but I don’t think animals do. Like their human companions, each pet has a particular gift or set of gifts. We call Oscar our Big Baby because he always wants to be on our lap and loves to purr. He also likes guests and will quickly jump on their lap and wait to be petted too. He’s like the welcome party of the Marshall household. And this is what makes saying goodbye to pets so difficult. They give us so much and ask for little in response. They don’t need books for college, or braces, or need driving lessons. Pets are quick to forgive and give lots of love.

While Reba’s ashes were being placed in the Memorial Garden, I said, “Well done, good and faithful servant. Well done.” She ran her race on this planet by giving love to others, especially strangers. Our pets give us an example of how to live and love and how to treat one another. May we all be the kind of person our pets think we are.

- Fr. Dave

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