



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

May 30, 2024

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## SUNDAY SERVICE

10:00 am

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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, June 2](#)*

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Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Psalm 81:1-10

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

Mark 2:23-3:6

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

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The flowers for Sunday, June 2nd are given by Fan Oleson in thanksgiving for the marriage of Valerie Corekin and Walt Kagel on May 31, 2024 in Tacoma Washington.



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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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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

## 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, Alice and Angie. 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 Joan and Nancy. We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.

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# A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

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Podcast: A Bridge Between

*Episode 78: Keep Holy the Sabbath*

Also available on Spotify:

*Spotify: A Bridge Between*

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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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.



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## Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Next week's reading was sent to me. It is an edited-for-length commencement address delivered by Ken Burns, an American filmmaker known for his documentary films which chronicle American history. He addressed the 2024 undergraduate class of Brandeis University, a historically Jewish, nonsectarian university in Waltham, Massachusetts. Burns made an impassioned case for identifying and examining our own limiting assumptions and binaries, which he likened to a kind of slavery. Using a play on words, he talked about the U.S. and "us" and said there is no "them". In America there is no "other"; it is all us.

I'd like to know what you think about his address. 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:*

[\*\*Ken Burns Commencement Address\*\*](#)

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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

## *The Christian Buffet*



There is a thought from last Sunday's sermon that I'd like to consider in this Reflection. It has to do with the Discussion Group reading from Wall Street Journal that claimed the U.S. President was not a good (Roman) catholic but instead was an a la carte catholic. What the guest author of the article *Pope Francis Shuts Down the Cafeteria* meant by "a la carte catholic" has to do with a recent declaration by Pope Francis. The declaration, called the *Dignitas Infinita*, is a fixed set of beliefs. No one, not the U.S. President, or anyone else for that matter, can pick and choose from it. In other words, either you take the entire meal, or you have none at all, there is no a-la-carte faith. I disagree with this ecclesiological and theological approach. Our faith journey by its very nature is a la carte. But first, let's start with an Organizational Chart to show a chain of command. The Pope can't tell me, or the Episcopal Church, or the world-wide Anglican Church what to do. Starting in 1534, the English Church makes its own decisions. The Anglican Communion is the second largest religion in the world. The Pope, however, is in charge of the largest religion, the Roman Catholic Church. Most people don't know there is a difference which is why I am writing about it.

Back to my disagreement. I have a deeper faith in Christianity now than when I first started. This journey began by attending an Episcopal church with my parents. In faith we believe we are God's children, not God's grandchildren. That means at some point, we take the faith our parents have and then make it our own. And, for some of you, you take the lack of faith your parents gave you and you turn it into what you now believe. When we are baptized, we are first asked if we renounce the evil powers of this world. Once we say yes to renouncing, we are then asked if we turn to God and put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Once we say yes to



turn to God and put our faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Once we say yes to that we are baptized and received into the household of God. We are invited to "Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share in his eternal priesthood." From what I have read of the Roman rite, it mirrors our own (of course, because Christ has one Church).

The journey begins in baptism by turning to God. What we do with the faith of Christ crucified, how we proclaim his resurrection, and how we share in his eternal priesthood is an open book. Or, perhaps, a buffet. We get to pick and choose how to live out our faith life. We begin somewhere and we end somewhere else. The way I see it, the Pope's *Dignitas Infinita* assumes we all have the same journey and all come to the same conclusions. But that's just not how faith and life works, at least as I experience it.

In our faith tradition, we can disagree on a whole variety of topics that were addressed in the *Dignitas Infinita* including human sexuality and identity, reproductive rights, the source of poverty and its cure, war and capital punishment. These are some of the most important topics for us to discuss in the 21st century and, like the Pope, I agree that compassionate Christian voices are vital in the discussion. But we all start somewhere and end somewhere else. Again, I didn't believe everything at my baptism, or

my confirmation, or even my ordination that I believe deeper and more fully now. I can hardly wait to see how my faith develops over the next ten years and for the rest of my lifetime. It's an exciting journey to be sure.

And I see it as a buffet. I was attracted to Christianity because it had an answer for the fear of death. What attracts me most about Christianity now is how to live in peace and harmony today, before death.

Taking it one step further, I see the vast diversity and array of churches in our community and nation as a buffet too. What All Angels by the Sea focuses on, and does well, is different from that of other Episcopal churches in our area. The same goes for St. Mary's Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church on Longboat and other Roman churches in Sarasota. They are all Roman Catholic but have different missions – yet they are one Church. And I believe that we are all One Church with one Shepherd and

one faith. While we discuss, and sharply disagree, on several important topics, we believe in one God, the creator of all things seen and unseen. We believe in Jesus Christ, the only son of God. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. How we live out our faith, and how deeply we go into our faith, is still up to each one of us in this grand buffet of life.

- Fr. Dave

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The logo features the word "Angels" in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Below it, the words "gather here" are written in a smaller, simpler cursive font, with "gather" and "here" separated by a diagonal line.

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