



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

March 28, 2024

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8:00 and 10:00 am

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To live-stream - 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 Easter Sunday, March 31\*](#)

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Scripture Readings for March 31, 2024

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 118:1, 19-24  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Mark 16:1-8

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

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[\*Bulletin for Good Friday, 12:00 noon\*](#)

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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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Last Sunday's Service

Palm Sunday



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## APRIL CELEBRATIONS

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Birthdays





1 Pam Schultz

4 Dee Binney

5 Judy Reed

9 Alison Jones

9 Sandy Wood

13 Don Getz

15 Frank Martucci

18 Beverly Joutras

19 Larry Elder

19 Jean Langhaug

19 Barbara Pickrell

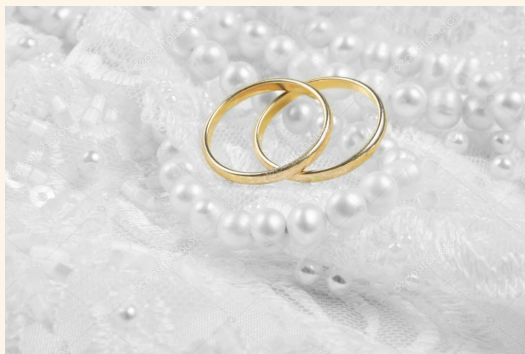
24 Heidi Thomas

26 Dave Marshall

26 Sheila Eiss

29 John Binney

## Anniversaries



11 Don & Tanya Edwards

28 Ed & Ginny Upshaw

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## 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

Bring health and hope to all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine and Caitlin. We pray for those recovering from surgery, especially Josh and Philip. We pray for 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 and Todd. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. Be near to all who are in hospice care especially Mary Jo.

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## A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

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**Podcast: A Bridge Between**

*Episode 69: Just Tell the Story*

Also available on Spotify:

*Spotify: A Bridge Between*

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# PARISH ACTIVITIES

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## Choir News

### No choir practice on April 4th

- 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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## Save the Date

Thursday, April 11th:  
Spring Fling

Sunday, April 14th:  
Artist reception following the 10:00 am church service  
Christine Hales, Iconographer

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## Gallery Artist

This is the last weekend to make a purchase from this month's artist, Jill Krasner, so please stop by the Gallery after church. Checks should be written to All Angels by the Sea.





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## Upcoming Gallery Artist

Our featured artist for April is iconographer Christine Hales.



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## Men's and Women's Discussion Group

Thank you for a wonderful combined group on Wednesday. I have the perfect reading for the next one - why women are both sadder and happier than men (from the WSJ on Saturday).

For next week, let's talk about the wisdom of not knowing. The author, Heidi Haverkamp asks the following: *Faith does not entail a search for information or receiving clear answers to life's persistent questions, although churches and Christians try with things like Bible truths, catechisms, and creeds. I wonder if we often make what we think we know about God into an idol.*

I'd like to know what you think, or, don't know.

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:*

[\*\*\*The Wisdom of Not Knowing\*\*\*](#)

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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

### *Swallowing Up Death Forever*

On this mountain, the Lord will prepare for all peoples a rich feast and choice wines. He will swallow up death forever. The Lord God will wipe tears from all faces; the Lord has spoken. – *Isaiah 25:6-8*

The first lesson for Easter Sunday is from Chapter 25 of Isaiah from the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament). This is a popular reading for funerals and yet here it shows up on Easter Sunday too. I'd like to walk you through why it is good news for both funerals and Easter.



*On this mountain.* The first mention of a mountain in the Bible is during Noah's flood. The water rose above the mountains and, as the water receded, the Ark rested on one. The second reference was when Abraham

receded, the ARK rested on one. The second reference was when Abraham was told to go sacrifice his son Isaac (on a mountain; and, thankfully, God stopped him from going through with it). The burning bush Moses saw was on a mountain. The Ten Commandments were given on a mountain. The Promised Land is outlined by mountains. If you have been to Jerusalem, you will know it's on top of a mountain. In the New Testament, mountains play an important role including the Transfiguration (when Jesus' clothes turned dazzling white), the Sermon on the Mount, and when Jesus ascended to heaven, his disciples were on a mountain. In other words, mountains are places of transformation where, metaphorically speaking, heaven and earth touch. Isaiah's "On this mountain" highlights a time of great transformation.

*All peoples.* "All" in Hebrew is the same in English, it means all. "Peoples" means the different groups, tribes, languages, ethnicities of the world. "All" is an intentionally repeating word in this passage – all faces, all people, all the earth. In other words, no one is left out.

*A great feast.* The food and wine, as described in detail in Hebrew, take a long time to prepare. Likewise, it takes a long time to eat. This passage is why we believe in heaven there is a great feast for all people.

*Swallow up death forever.* Most likely an intentional play on words; while all people are eating and drinking (swallowing) what is God eating? The answer: death. When: forever.

*Wipe tears from all faces.* God is the Feast Preparer, the Inviter of all people, the Swallower of Death, and God is the Great Comforter. Wiping away tears is an intimate, individualistic act. Probably an intentional play on words, the text switches from "all people" to the eyes of each individual. As a loving, compassionate parent wipes away tears from the face of a crying child, so too will God do with you.

*The Lord has spoken.* A trivia question for you: what's the first thing God said in the Bible? If you answered, "Let there be light." you are correct.



said in the Bible: If you answered, "Let there be light," you are correct. That light, once spoken, is still active and present and will be here tomorrow and all the tomorrows forever. What God speaks happens; now, and in the future. The feast; swallowing up death; wiping away tears – God has spoken (and is speaking and will speak for every tomorrow for ever). In other words, if you see light in the day and the stars at night, God too will do this on the mountain.

We read this at funerals and on Easter Sunday because it is a summary of the Good News. God has/is/will prepare a feast for you, and for everyone you include in your "all", and for everyone outside of your "all" too. Therefore, we fear death no more and we rely on God our Great Comforter. The food is being prepared; let us meet God on the mountain and celebrate!

- Rev. Dave



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