



# ALL ANGELS BY THE SEA WEEKLY TIDINGS

April 18, 2024

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**  
8:00 and 10:00 am

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Come celebrate Rev. Maggie's ministry at All Angels. This Sunday is her last one at All Angels because she is moving to the State of New York. A special reception with cake and all sorts of goodies will be offered. We will also be saying see-y'all-in-the-fall to our snowbirds, including Fr. Fred. Also this Sunday at 10 a.m. we are blessing an icon commissioned especially for All Angels.

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To live-stream the service - go to [AllAngelsLBK.org](https://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](http://AllAngelsLBK.org) or at the following link:

[Bulletin for Sunday, April 21](#)

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## Scripture Readings for April 21, 2024

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18

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

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The flowers for Sunday, April 21st  
are given by Maggie Gat  
in appreciation for the community of All Angels by the Sea.

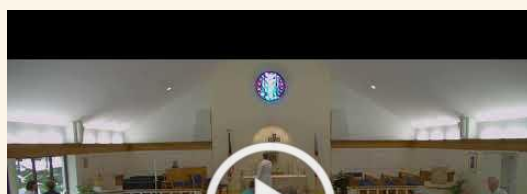


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## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

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Last Sunday's Service





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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

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, and Alice. We pray for those who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Lou. 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, Todd and Nancy. We pray for those in Hospice, especially Mary Jo.

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# A BRIDGE BETWEEN ALEX AND DAVE

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Podcast: A Bridge Between

*Episode 72: The Good Shepherd*

Also available on Spotify:

*Spotify: A Bridge Between*

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## PARISH ACTIVITIES

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### 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 for April 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

We have two, one-page articles for next week. The first one, written by a priest from the Church of England, wonders how God might bless a divided America (and what the Episcopal Church can do to help). The second is written by a Presbyterian pastor who challenges this Sunday's Gospel lesson - about the Good Shepherd - and specifically Jesus' claim that he will lay down his life for the sheep. The author writes the following:  
A dead shepherd isn't helpful to anyone, least of all to sheep left

vulnerable to predators, starvation, and scattering. What's a flock to do without the abiding presence of the rod and staff that comfort?

God's blessing to a divided nation and a dead shepherd. Should be an interesting discussion.

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 articles, click the link below:*

[\*A Dead Shepherd and How Might God Bless America\*](#)

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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:

## REFLECTION

### *Metron*

I am excited for my friend Alex. He is the new Rector of St. John The Divine in Sun City Center (near Ruskin and Apollo Beach on the east side of Tampa Bay).

Back when I was introduced to the diocese, Alex was the first clergy person to ask me out to lunch. We became fast friends and, flash-forward five years, we are now in Season 2 of our podcast, *A Bridge Between with Alex and Dave* (available on iTunes, Spotify

and YouTube). I have walked with him during his time of transition – being called from Rector of a smaller parish in St. Petersburg to the larger St. John's. He has asked me to preach at his installation service coming up on May 2nd. I am thrilled to do so.



The lessons Alex has chosen for his installation service – and the ones I will be preaching on – include a reading from the Letter to the Ephesians where the author, presumably St. Paul, writes about the gifts that God gives each person: *some are apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry.* As you would expect, I read the passage in Paul's original language of Greek. There is a word in it that I'd like to share with you. The word is "metron". It's a fun word to say. But, there is a lot more to it than what we see at first glance. In English, metron is a description of a major city or a subway (metro); it is a device used by musicians to give time to music; and it is a repeating section, 3 to 6 syllables long, of a poetic meter. How can English have these three different definitions of the same word? In Greek, the primary use of "metron" is in measurement. We can measure a great number of things – the size of a city, of a transportation system,



great number of things – the size of a city, of a transportation system, of music and of written word. It can all be *metron*-ized if you will.

Metron popped out at me because it was repeated; but, it had two entirely different English words – measure and properly. Yes, you are reading that right, metron is written in one sentence as “measure” and another sentence as “properly”. Here is the first sentence from chapter 4, verse 13: *to the measure of the full stature of Christ*. The second sentence from verse 16: *as each part is working properly promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love*.

How can this be? Verse 13 – metron – according to my Greek dictionary, is described this way: “the required measure, the due, fit, measure.” Verse 16 – metron – is this: “in proportion to measure.” One is required measure, the other is measure-in-proportion. What does this mean in our life of faith?

You may have heard the phrase, “all fall short of the glory of God.” In comparison to that, we are to measure [metron] our lives with living into the full stature of Christ. That’s the goal, or, in this case, the measurement. At a funeral of a notoriously sinful person, the preacher said, “All fall short of the glory of God; the deceased fell shorter than most of the full measure of Christ.” That’s metron in action.

The second use of metron, in verse 16, I find particularly valuable. It harkens back to the Greek philosophical question of can love be measured? Love can be felt, received and given, but is love measurable? And, once one measures love, does it disappear? Perhaps in response to those questions, Paul is asserting that although love is without measurement, when people are working together in faith, in proportion [metron] love grows.

Alex and his family are feeling proportional love from their new parish home. It warms my heart and reminds me of the love the Marshall family has felt, is feeling, and will feel at All Angels. When people are working

has felt, is feeling, and will feel at All Angels. When people are working together in faith, in metron, love grows as a result.

- Rev. Dave

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*Angels  
gather here*

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