



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Atlanta, Georgia

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 12, 2020

The Holy Eucharist
Online Worship Streaming Live at 10 A.M.

Voluntary

"O Perfect Love"

Hymntune: *O Perfect Love*,
arr. Hal H. Hopson

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
 2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
 3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
 shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
 ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
 help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
 God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
 Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity *said by the Celebrant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life – or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gifts so freely given and the maturity to revel in love’s abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham’s son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, “If it is to be this way, why do I live?” So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, “Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.” When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau’s heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, “Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!” (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, “First sell me your birthright.” Esau said, “I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?” Jacob said, “Swear to me first.” So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *spoken*

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips,
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand,
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me,
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever;
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
for ever and to the end.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

O Christ, the Word Incarnate
Joseph Henry Monti, soloist

Munich

1 O Christ, the Word In-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas-ter re-ceived the word di-vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa-vior, a lamp of pur-est gold,

O Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift-ed o'er all the earth to shine,
to bear be-fore the na-tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra-diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
It is the chart and com- pass that o'er life's sung-ing sea,
O teach thy wan-dering pil-grims by this their path to trace,

a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, they see thee face to face.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

The Nicene Creed

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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, who with the Father
and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for all on our prayer list, including our parishioners **Helen Bealer; Cathy Leake;**

Susan Glenz-Pierce; Whit Smith; Joni House; Alan Toney; and Bob Trukenbrod.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Priscilla Davis; George & Rowena Davison;**

Deborah Dee & Eric Combest and Liv Combest; and Nancy Dillon.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially **Andrew Jubera**, friend of Bob Longino and **Hilda Mundth**, mother of Michelle Mundth.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

"Will The Circle Be Unbroken"

Music by Charles H. Gabriel

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life. On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!***

The gifts of God for the people of God.

If a person desires Communion but is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the minister should assure that person that all benefits of Communion are received through an act of spiritual communion even if the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. The individual may pray, using these words:

Faithful God,

in the wonder of your wisdom and love

you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,

and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.

Though we are not consuming these gifts of bread and wine,

we thank you that we have received the sacrament

of Christ's presence,

the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,

may we embody your desire

and be renewed for your service,

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

God of all power and love,
we give thanks for your unfailing presence
and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss.
Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn,
break bread, share life, heal neighbors,
bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.
Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the joyful fire of the Spirit
dance within you
and set happiness ablaze in your life.

May the blaze of the Spirit's courage
ignite in you
a passion for truth and justice.

May the wind of the Spirit
breathe into you
new life, new hope, and new blessings,
this day and always.

Amen.

Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word
Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Lee Morris, Kate Gaul, soloists

Gott sei Dank

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,
1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heav'n a - bove.
5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

The Dismissal

Response ***Thanks be to God!***

Postlude

Gigue

Douglas E. Wagner

Happy Birthday

Claudia Gimson July 15 Nancy Dillon July 17

Prayers

Parishioners: Helen Bealer; Cathy Leake; Susan Glenz-Pierce; Whit Smith; Joni House; Alan Toney; Bob Trukenbrod; and Bob Wolfson.

Family: Jackson Westphal, nephew of Lori Westphal; Jessica Longino Carrillo, family of Bob Longino; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Pete Webb, brother & Adam Kincaid, nephew of Hulan Webb; Vincent Lafitte; Capt. Richard Murphy, nephew of Christine & Jim Bird; Frans Antonisse and Allen Ekmark, family of Heather Robertson; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Maude Harris, cousin of Gloria Nelson; Bryan & Valerie Wilson, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Beth Zimmerman, mother of Justin Camara, Chaz McIntyre, nephew, and Hal Wood, cousin of Martha O'Brien; Brittney Howard, daughter of Susan Howard; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Tammy Hauser, sister-in-law of Steve and Susan Hauser; Ben Jennings, nephew of Nancy Knight Latimore; Arvis Morris, mother, and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Deborah Smith, wife of Leon Smith.

Friends: Sarah Dugas (Lori Westphal); Sara Jane Gower (Lindsey Reece); Kirby Husbands, (Hulan Webb); Jana, (Misty Bentz); Brett Bradshaw, The Bradshaw Family (Claudia Gimson); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); The Younus Family, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); Mary Davis, (John & Shirley Morgan); Sonia Fernandez, Nancy Merl, Brenda Flippo, Louise Delk, Doug Thorn, Pat Buffington, Rachel Heysel, Frances Cortez, (Rhea Hannah); Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Marilyn McCroskey, (Joni House & Alan Toney); Judy, (David Abner); Nashtaka G. & family, Mary & John Coltharp, Kayla Taylor, (Andrea Patten-Weerkaroon); Elaine Furman, (Deborah Reece); David Vaughn, Mary Anne Whitesides, Jim Hoeper, (Susan Howard); Marty Rubin, Jeni & Mike Turnbull, (Sallie Smith); Lenay Horten, Gregory Olvey, Myrtle Alexander, (Gloria Nelson); Rose & Ava Faison, Michellene Tipton, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

For those who have died, remembering especially **Andrew Jubera**, friend of Bob Longino and **Hilda Mundth**, mother of Michelle Mundth. ✠

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Priscilla Davis; George & Rowena Davison; Deborah Dee & Eric Combest** and **Liv Combest**; and **Nancy Dillon**. ✠

For health care workers on the front lines of battling the Coronavirus, especially **Deb Dee, John Lloyd, Lauren Gensler, Debbie Leake, Rhonda Leake, Audra Smith, and Emily & Tommy Corbin**.

We invite you to use this prayer list for your personal prayers. St. Dunstan's Julian of Norwich chapter of The Daughters of the King prays daily for all on the prayer list.

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

From The Book of Common Prayer, page 134