

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19, 2020

The Holy Eucharist

Online Worship Streaming Live at 10 A.M.

Voluntary

Prelude in C Major from *The Well-Tempered Clavier* Book I

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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 reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear: free us from our desire to repay evil with evil; root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression; shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love; through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm *Domine, probasti* *spoken*

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Continued

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Second Lesson

Romans 8:12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

As Jacob with travel was weary one day

Jacob's Ladder

On following page

The Gospel

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

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

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

Another parable Jesus put before the crowds: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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



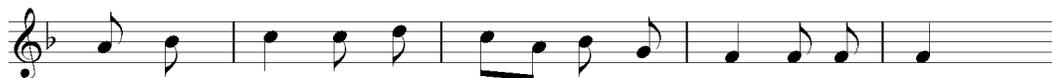
1 As Ja - cob with tra - vel was wea - ry one day,
 2 The lad - der is long, it is strong and well - made,
 3 Come, let us a - scend! All may climb it who will,
 4 And when we ar - rive at the ha - ven of rest,



at — night on a stone for a pil - low he lay;
 has stood hun - dreds of years and is not yet de - cayed;
 for the an - gels of Ja - cob are guard - ing it still;
 we shall hear the glad words, "Come to me all the blest,



he — saw in a vi - sion a lad - der so high,
 man - y mil - lions have climbed it and reached Zi - on's hill,
 and re - mem - ber, each step that by faith we pass o'er,
 here are re - gions of light, here are man - sions of bliss."



that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky:
 man - y mil - lions by faith now are climb - ing it still:
 man - y pro - phets and mar - tyrs have trod it be - fore:
 Who would not want to climb such a lad - der as this:

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia to Je - sus, who died on the tree



and has raised up a lad - der of mer - cy for me.



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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

Note: This litany was written by the Rev. Patricia Templeton in 2015 for the 50th anniversary march from Selma to Montgomery, in which she participated. She has made a few updates for today's service.

Silence

Gracious God, as we set out on this pilgrimage make us ever mindful of those who have walked this way before us, remembering their courage, strength and dignity in the fight for justice.

We are walking on holy ground.

We remember the countless number of African Americans who were slain as they worked for Civil Rights for their people, including Jimmie Lee Johnson, the Rev. George Lee, Lamar Smith, Medgar Evers, and James Chaney.

We are walking on holy ground.

We remember those of other races and creeds who died answering the call to work for justice for all God's people, including the Rev. James Reeb, Viola Liuzzo, Jonathan Daniels, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner.

We are walking on holy ground.

We give thanks for the progress that has been made in the past 50 years, but pray for the strength and wisdom to resist those in our own day who devise new obstacles to the ballot box.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember those who are marginalized by poverty, by their immigration status, the color of their skin, their religion, or who they love. May we never grow weary in the fight for justice for all God's people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those original foot soldiers of justice, John Lewis and C.T. Vivian, whose prophetic faith gave them the courage to persevere in the fight against injustice. May God welcome them into the land of light and love, with the words, "Servants, well done."

Lord, hear our prayer.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on til victory is won.

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 Anthem

We Shall Overcome
Naomi Smith soloist

African-American spiritual

We shall o - ver - come, _____ We shall o - ver - come, _____

We shall o - ver - come some - day; _____ Oh, _____

deep in my heart, _____ I do be - lieve, _____ (Oh)

We shall o - ver - come some - day. _____ day.

2. We'll walk hand in hand, today.
3. God is on our side, today.

4. We are not afraid, today.
5. We shall live in peace, someday.

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

Lift every voice and sing
On following page

Lift Every Voice

The Dismissal

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

Postludes

Gigue

Douglas E. Wagner

Postlude on "St. Dunstan's"

St. Dunstan's
by Charles W. Douglas,
arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Introduction

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
 days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
 brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

high as the lis - ening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
 have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
 led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
 par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we

taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
 wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
 met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -

brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
 slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
 get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for

day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

Happy Birthday

Whit Smith July 22

Prayers

Parishioners: Kate Gaul; Peg Maloney; Helen Bealer; Cathy Leake; Susan Glenz-Pierce; Joni House; Alan Toney; Bob Trukenbrod; and Bob Wolfson.

Family: **Jacque Springer**, wife of Randy Springer; **Damon Templeton**, brother of Tricia Templeton; **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); **The Baumrind Family**, **Brett Bradshaw**, **The Bradshaw Family** (Claudia Gimson); **Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **The Younus Family**, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); **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 Hoepfer**, (Susan Howard); **Cathy & Guy Frazee**, **Marty Rubin**, (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 **Mary Davis**, friend of Shirley & John Morgan;

Dr. Jeffrey Baumrind, friend of the Gimsons; **John Lewis** and **Rev. C.T. Vivian**. ☩

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Sandra & Joe Dobbs**; **Mimi & Titu Doctor**; **Nancy & Jonathan Edman**; and **Marjory Everett**. ☩

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