

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Atlanta, Georgia

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23, 2020

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

Voluntary

"Morning Mood" from Peer Gynt Suite I, opus 46, No.1
Edvard Grieg (1843-1907)

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with 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*

Living God, you accept our stumbling faith, our misplaced answers, our false horizons, and through them build a way of peace: empower us to bind the wounds of the world and loose the debts of oppression, that all may confess the grace that is your work alone; through Jesus Christ, anointed for the world. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 1:8-2:10

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land."

Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites.

The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."

But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
 let Israel now say;
 If the Lord had not been on our side, *
 when enemies rose up against us;
 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
 in their fierce anger toward us;
 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
 and the torrent gone over us;
 Then would the raging waters *
 have gone right over us.
 Blessed be the Lord! *
 he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
 the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

The Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

Like the murmur of the dove's song
On following page

Bridegroom

The Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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

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

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

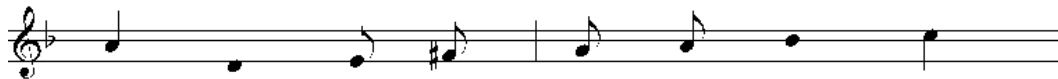
The Rev. Patricia Templeton



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the
 2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the
 3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the
 branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -
 cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ca - ger
 sem - bled, to her midst as gift and
 wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 sign: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.
 pare: come, Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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 **Betty Whittier; Peg Maloney; Cathy Leake; Joni House; Alan Toney; 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 **Susan, Steve & Grace Hauser; Bessie & Hollis Holland; Lynn & Wayne Hood; and Peachy Horne.**

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; **Tony Cannistra**, father of Kieran Cannistra.

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

"Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace"

Words: formerly ascribed to St. Francis of Assisi, Music by John Rutter

*Lord make me an instrument of thy peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light;
And where there is sadness, joy; And all for thy mercy's sake,
And all for thy mercy's sake,*

*O divine master, grant that I may not so much; Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand; To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life, to eternal life.*

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 Communion of the People

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.

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

Gracious Spirit, give your servants
On following page

Abbot's Leigh



The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Gigue

Douglas E. Wagner

 The flowers on the altar were given by Harriett & Whit Smith
in celebration of their recent wedding anniversary. 

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing.

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty.
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Prayers

Parishioners: Betty Whittier; Peg Maloney, Cathy Leake; Joni House; Alan Toney; and Bob Trukenbrod

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 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: John Thompson-Quartey, (Tricia Templeton) **Sarah Dugas** (Lori Westphal); **Sara Jane Gower** (Lindsey Reece); **Kirby Husbands**, (Hulan Webb); **Janet Cobb**, **Brett Bradshaw** (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); **Connie Cheek**, **David Vaughn**, **Mary Anne Whitesides**, **Jim Hoeper**, (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).

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Susan, Steve & Grace Hauser**; **Bessie & Hollis Holland**; **Lynn & Wayne Hood**; and **Peachy Horne**. ☩

For those who have died, remembering especially **Tony Cannistra**, father of Kieran Cannistra. ☩

I invite your prayers 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