



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

The Holy Eucharist

Online Worship Streaming Live at 10 A.M.

Voluntary

French Suite No.6 in E Major, BWV 817: III. Sarabande
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Descant

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en-throned a - bove;

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
 2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
 3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
 4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
 5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

crown him to whom is given the won-drous name of Love.

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
 2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
 3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
 4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
 5 him the King, to whom is given the won-drous name of Love. Crown

Crown him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
 2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
 3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
 4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
 5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

fall, crown him, ye kings, for he is King of all.

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty,
 2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
 3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
 5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

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*

God of debts forgiven, you call to account our hunger for power; you disturb hierarchies which crush the weak: break the vicious cycles of revenge and domination that we might look to him whose mercy never ends, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

The First Lesson

Exodus 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *spoken*

Psalm 103:8-13

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Lesson

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

A Song of Wisdom
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Brewer

The Gospel

Matthew 18: 21-35

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patricia Templeton

1. Wis - dom freed a ho - ly peo - ple, blame-less from op - pres - sors' sword,
2. Through the Red Sea safe-ly brought them, led a - long the wa - ters steep.

and with-stood, with signs and won - ders, rul - ers dread to serve the Lord.
but their en - e - mies she swal - lowed, o - ver-whelmed them in the deep.

Giv - ing them re - ward of la - bors, led the saints a - long her way,
For sal - va - tion, Lord, the right-cous praised your name with one ac - cord:

she was blaze of stars in dark - ness and a shel - ter through the day,
song - filled tongues of new-born peo - ple ut - tered Wis - dom's might - y word.

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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively

Lord, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; remembering especially **Linda Woo Dong**, friend of Elizabeth Wong
Mark; and **Steve Little**, friend of Bob Longino.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others,

We pray for all on our prayer list, including our parishioners **Mimi Gold; Jessie Leyden; Betty Whittier;
Cathy Leake; Joni House; Alan Toney; Bob Trukenbrod.**

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

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

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Jessie, Tim, Roy & Max Leyden; John Lloyd; Winnie Lok; and Bob Longino.**

Celebrant continues

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move the hearts of the people in this land that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Intermezzo in A Major, Op.118 No.2 Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharist Prayer C

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.**

Celebrant

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

***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.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!**

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 God of Abraham and Sarah,
and Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary,
and the Holy Spirit,
who broods over the world like a mother over her children,
be with you and remain with you
this day and always.

Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation *Lobe den Herren*
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The Dismissal

Response **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude "Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness" *Schmücke dich*
Johann Crüger (1592-1662)

 The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of Kimberly Gimson Ader's birthday. 

Descant

1 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 1 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion; join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ey - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Happy Birthday

Sallie Smith September 16 Sheila Woodard September 18

Prayers

Parishioners: Mimi Gold; Jessie Leyden; Betty Whittier; 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: **Tim Munger** (Deb Gray); **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 Yunus 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 **Jessie, Tim, Roy & Max Leyden; John Lloyd; Winnie Lok;** and **Bob Longino.** ☩

For those who have died, remembering especially **Linda Woo Dong**, friend of Elizabeth Wong Mark; and **Steve Little**, friend of Bob Longino. ☩

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.