



A Service of Remembrance

for the 200,000 Who Have Died
in the Coronavirus Pandemic 2020

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

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STREAMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10 A.M.

Voluntary

Romance No.2 in F, Op.50 No.2
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Kerren Berz, violin

Hymn

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Beecher

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my waking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold God
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in themselves,
and none becomes their own master when they die.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, we remember before you this day all of those who have died in the coronavirus pandemic, especially the 200,000 who have died in this country. We give back to you those whom you gave to us. You did not lose them when you gave them to us, and we do not lose them by their return to you. Through your son Jesus you have taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die. Grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

44:1-10, 13-14

Let us now sing the praises of famous men, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valor; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes or put verses in writing; rich men endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes -- all of these were honored in their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others might declare their praise.

But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten: Their offspring will continue forever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace but their names live on generation after generation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm *spoken* *Domine, probasti*

Psalm 139:1-11

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.

A reading from the Revelation to John

7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

1 A - bid e with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bid e:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bid e with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bid e with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bid e with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bid e with me.

The Gospel

Priest The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

11:32-35

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

Mary came to the place where Jesus was. As soon as she caught sight of him she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and her companions weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. They replied, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

A Litany of Remembrance

The Leader and People pray responsively

We name before you those for whom we offer our prayers.

God, we pray for all who have died from the coronavirus in this nation and around the world, that they may now be at peace in your land of light and joy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn, that they may have a sense of your presence and that their memories may be blessings to them in their grief.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have suffered with Covid-19, that their recoveries may be complete, and that they may be made whole.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all healthcare workers who risk their own lives to care for the sick, that they may stay safe and healthy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for scientists who work toward a vaccine, that you may lead them on the path to discovery.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our leaders that they may take seriously the consequences of this virus, and make decisions based on science and the safety of the people they serve.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who live alone and those who are isolated from family and friends during this time of quarantine, that they may feel your presence with them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all whose livelihoods have been affected by this pandemic, and those who are hungry and have no place to call home.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for children who miss their friends and teachers, for parents who struggle with helping their children learn while also doing their own work, and teachers who miss their students and work to find new ways to teach.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to those who have answered the call to love their neighbors by feeding the hungry and providing shelter to the homeless.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for those who wear masks and follow social distancing guidelines, showing love and respect for those around them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures. We cry to you, as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now. Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place. Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

We Grieve the Many Thousands

Tune: *O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded*. Words by Carolyn Gillette Winfrey

Kerren Berz, violin

*We grieve the many thousands -- yet we can't understand;
we cannot grasp how many have died throughout this land.*

*We cannot see their faces or hear the stories told
of all the ways they blessed us -- the young ones and the old.*

*O God, we grieve the struggle of those who died alone --
so far from friends and neighbors, from all they'd ever known.*

*We grieve for precious people who could not say goodbye;
we weep for those now mourning, who sit alone and cry.*

*O God, we grieve for millions who now are unemployed;
who cannot feed their families -- whose hope has been destroyed.*

*We grieve that needed workers must worry for their health,
while some with lives of privilege stay home and build their wealth.*

O God of love and mercy, we cry to you, "How long?"

In troubled times remind us: Your love is ever strong.

*Now as we grieve the suffering, Lord, show us how to be
a healing, loving presence in each community.*

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharist Prayer A

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life, For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed 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.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him, Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By Him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God, whose love created all things and gave us life, be with you this day.
The blessing of God, whose love is victorious over death, be with you always.
The blessing of God, whose love restores us to life, enable you to comfort one another.
Amen.

Hymn

Almighty Father, strong to save
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Melita



The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Violin Sonata No.1 in A, HWV 361: Allegro
G.F. Handel (1685-1759)
Kerren Berz, violin

 The flowers on the altar have been donated and arranged by Sue Martz in gratitude for our healthcare workers who continue to risk their lives to care for others: Deborah Dee, John Lloyd, Lauren Gensler, Debbie Leake, Rhonda Leake, and Audra Smith. 

 Today, we are pleased to welcome Kerren Berz, violinist. She is Director of Strings at the Galloway School, Concertmaster of the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, and a good friend of St. Dunstan's. 

1 Al - might - y Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
 2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traf - fic
 3 O Spi - rit, whom the Fa - ther sent to spread a - broad the
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, our peo - ple shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 runs a - main by moun - tain pass or val - ley low; wher -
 firm - a - ment; O Wind of hea - ven, by thy might save
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed li - mits keep; O hear us when we
 ev - er, Lord, thy peo - ple go, pro - tect them by thy
 all who dare the ea - gle's flight, and keep them by thy
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 guard - ing hand from ev - ery per - il on the land.
 watch - ful care from ev - ery per - il in the air.
 rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land, and sea.

Happy Anniversary

Maggie & Tom Harney September 20

Happy Birthday

Jill Knight September 20 Elizabeth Wong Mark September 22

Deborah Dee September 23 Andrea Patten-Weerakoon September 25

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: Susan Carreon (Charis Bowling); Tim Munger (Deb Gray); 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); Christina & Francesco Ianni, 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-Weerakoon); Elaine Furman, (Deborah Reece); Cathy & Guy Frazee, Marty Rubin, (Sallie Smith); Lenay Horten, Gregory Olvey, Myrtle Alexander, (Gloria Nelson); Gary & Karen Wright, Rose & Ava Faison, Michellene Tipton, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Betty Loud; Elise MacIntyre; Peg Maloney & Bob Trukenbrod; and Elizabeth Wong Mark & Connor Mark. ✠

For those who have died. ✠

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

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.