



# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

**Voluntary**

Panis Angelicus  
César Franck (1822-1890)

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty  
 2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -  
 3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and  
 4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy  
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and  
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be  
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and  
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a  
 deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -  
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the  
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the  
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;  
 daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.  
 cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.  
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.  
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

# 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 strange authority, whose questions challenge the power of this world: reach us to look beyond appearance, to see your kingly rule emptying itself in cross-stretched arms, through Jesus Christ, the only Lord, the humble servant. Amen.

## The First Lesson

**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

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

## Psalm *spoken*

**Psalm 78:1-4,12-16**

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.  
That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.  
We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.  
He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.  
He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.  
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness, \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.  
He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

### **The Second Lesson**

**Philippians 2:1-13**

If there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Sequence Hymn**

Come, thou fount of every blessing  
*On following page*

*Nettleton*

### **The Gospel**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Patricia Templeton**

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great-est treasure; hith-cr,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer-cy nev-er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good-  
 I'm con-strained to be! Let thy good-ness, like a

ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.  
 plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.  
 fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by  
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger wan-dering  
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res-cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love.  
 dan-ger, in-ter-posed his pre-cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a-bove.

### 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 **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.**

***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; Bill Deneke.**

*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 **Sue Martz; Margaret & Kyriakos Michaelides; Joe Monti, Tricia Templeton & Joseph Henri Monti; and John & Shirley Morgan.**

*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**

“A Journey”

Music by Cameron Carey

### **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**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah  
*On following page*

*Cwm Rhondda*

### **The Dismissal**

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

### **Postlude**

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"  
arr. Mark Hayes

*Azmon*

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 Flower arrangement by Suzanne Van de Mark. 

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1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of lea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of lea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

## Happy Anniversary

Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte October 1

## Happy Birthday

Gwen Zimmer October 1 Steve Hauser October 3

## Prayers

**Parishioners:** Bill Deneke, 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-Weerkaroon); **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 **Sue Martz**; **Margaret & Kyriakos Michaelides**; **Joe Monti**, **Tricia Templeton & Joseph Henri Monti**; and **John & Shirley Morgan**. ☩

For those who have died, remembering especially **Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg**. ☩

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**, 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.