



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 25, 2020

The Holy Eucharist
Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

Voluntary

Requiem in D Minor, Op.48: IV. Pie Jesu
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa - ther, Light - Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and



it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 lion - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,



while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho - ly Spi - rit, Light - Re -



lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ial Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
 veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor - tals, an - gels,



al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 al - le - lu - ial Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
 now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

The Alleluias in stanzas 1-3 may be sung antiphonally.

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*

Lord of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, that we might love you wholly and our neighbor as ourself; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace. Amen.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The Lord said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *spoken* *Domine, refugium*

Psalm 90:1-6,13-17

Lord, you have been our refuge *

from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *

from age to age you are God.

You turn us back to the dust and say, *

“Go back, O child of earth.”

For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *

and like a watch in the night.

You sweep us away like a dream; *

we fade away suddenly like the grass.

In the morning it is green and flourishes;*

in the evening it is dried up and withered.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *

be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *

so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you

afflicted us *

and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *

prosper the work of our hands;

prosper our handiwork.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

O Spirit of the living God

Melcombe

1 O Spi - rit of the liv - ing God, in
2 Give tongues of fire and hearts of love, to
3 Be dark - ness, at thy com - ing, light; con -
4 Con - vert the na - tions! far and nigh the

all thy plen - i - tude of grace, wher - e'er the foot of
preach the rec - on - cil - ing word; give power and unc - tion
fu - sion, or - der in thy path; souls with - out strength in -
tri - umphs of the cross re - cord; the Name of Je - sus

man liath trod, de - scend on our a - pos - tate race.
from a - bove, when - e'er the joy - ful sound is heard.
spire with might, bid mer - cy tri - umph o - ver wrath.
glo - ri - fy, till ev - ery peo - ple call him Lord.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

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

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'

This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet" ' ? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. 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

Prayers for the Election

The Leader and People pray responsively

Loving God, creator of the world, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote is an act of faith.

God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

Help us create communities that build your kingdom here on earth – that protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to all voices.

God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

We pray for our deeply divided nation. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

We pray for communities that struggle with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with God and one another.

God, our creator,

Guide us in truth and love.

Celebrant:

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, especially the hearts of the people of 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 Anthem

Grace

Words and Music by Carolyn Hamlin

Naomi Smith, Soloist

*Lord, as I seek Your guidance for the day,
I find my thoughts unyielding,
confusion crowds my way.*

*But then when I bow to You,
the challenges You guide me through,
Your promises are ever new,
I claim them for today.*

Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me.

Your hand will protect me, I rest in Your care.

*Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me,
And when I am faltering, I still will find You there.*

*Each new day's design is charted by Your hand
and graciously revealed as I seek Your master plan.*

*Keep my footsteps faithful when from You I go.
Return me to the joy that Your blessings can bestow.*

Your will cannot lead me where Your grace will not keep me.

Your hand will protect me, I rest in Your care.

*Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me,
And when I am faltering, I still will find You there.*

*Your eyes will watch over me, Your love will forgive me,
And when I am faltering, I still will find You there.*

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*

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of 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

We Reclaim the Name of Jesus

Holy Manna

From "God who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
words by Carolyn W. Gillett

*We reclaim the name of Jesus; we announce the grace he brought.
We believe his love redeems us; we reclaim the things he taught.
We know each one bears God's image; racist words and deeds are sin.
We commit to spread the message: God is love and love will win.*

*We reclaim the name of Jesus; we're Christ's body here on earth.
We resist when some would lead us to devalue women's worth.
We see how Christ loved the stranger, tore down barriers, opened doors.
We will welcome those in danger; we will love and serve the poor.*

*We reclaim the name of Jesus and we trust the truth he brings.
We renounce what some now tell us — that their lies are normal things.
We reject the push toward power; we support democracy.
We seek ways to work together for a just society.*

*We reclaim the name of Jesus; he brought love to all the earth.
We protest when people tell us that our country should come first.
We are in a time of crisis, so Christ's church must call out sin.
We stand firm for we believe this: God is love and love will win.*

The Dismissal

Response **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Suite No.2 in D Major, HWV 349: II. "Alla Hornpipe" from Water Music
G.F. Handel 1685-1759

 The flowers on the altar are given and arranged by Kate Gaul in memory of her friend, Bill Norris. 

Happy Anniversary

Katie & Drew Turner October 28

Happy Birthday

Sarah Hancock October 25 Josh Taylor October 25 David Abner October 27
Keith Latimore October 27 Reese O'Connell October 29 Gloria Nelson October 30
Greg Blount October 31 Mike Camara October 31

Prayers

Parishioners: Bessie Holland; Peg Maloney; Jessie Leyden; Betty Whittier; Joni House; Bill Deneke; and Deb Gray.

Family: Elaine Pruitt, Robert Garrett, sister and brother of Bessie Holland; Winnie Mark, grandmother of Connor Mark; Jackson Westphal, nephew of Lori Westphal; Jessica Longino Carrillo, family of Bob Longino; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Pete Webb, brother 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: Brad Johnson (Priscilla Davis); Sarah Dugas (Lori Westphal); Sara Jane Gower (Lindsey Reece); Kirby Husbands, (Hulan Webb); The Murphy/Stormont Family, The Bradshaw Family, Janet Cobb (Claudia Gimson); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); The Younus Family, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); David Williams, Steve & Lisa Bell, 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).

For those who have died, remembering especially Fred Pruitt, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; Adam Kincaid, nephew of Hulan Webb; Betty Wong, family of Elizabeth Wong Mark; and William 'Bill' Norris, friend of Kate Gaul. ☩

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Michele & Tom Smither; Virginia Skinner; Randy & Jacqueline Springer; Michele St. Peter; and Suzanne Sullivan. ☩

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.