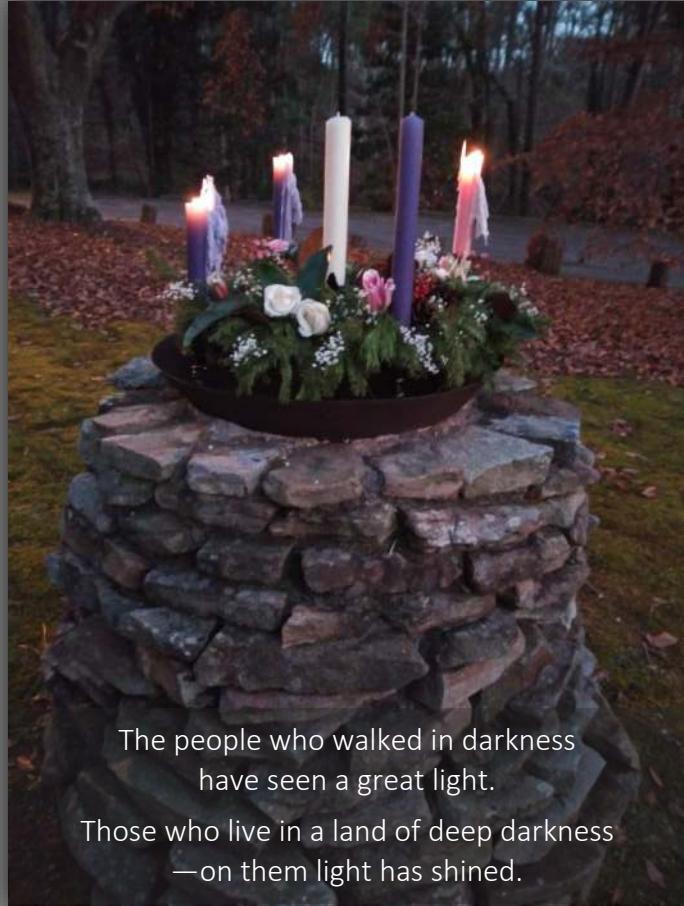


# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

## Atlanta, Georgia



The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light.

Those who live in a land of deep darkness  
—on them light has shined.

## The Third Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 13, 2020

## The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

Voluntary

Largo

Henri Eccles (1670-1742)

Hymn

Hail to the Lord's anointed

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

Naomi Smith, soloist

1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!  
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong,  
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,  
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;  
 5 O'er ev - ery foc vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;

1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!  
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;  
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth:  
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;  
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:

1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;  
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,  
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;  
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scand;  
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;

1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.  
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.  
 4 his king - dom still in - crea - sing, a king - dom with - out end.  
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

Word of God

**Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant

Blessed are you. Holy and living God.

People

**You come to your people and set them free.**

**The Collect for Purity** *said by the Celebrant*

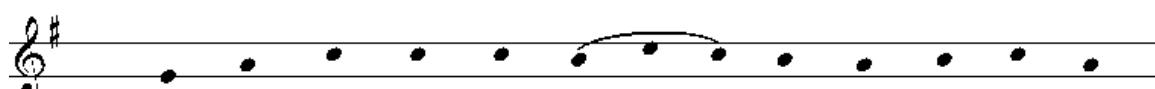
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymn**

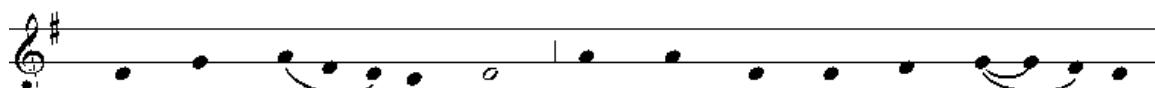
O come, O come, Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Verses 5 – 6



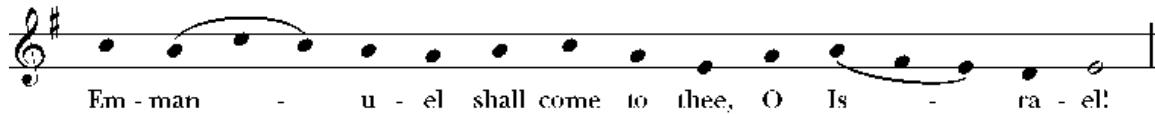
(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el, and ran - som  
 (Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest.  
 (Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from  
 (Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
 (Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us  
 (Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the  
 (Dec. 23) 8 O come, O come, Em - man - - u - el, and ran - som



1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge  
 3 tribes on Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the  
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust tly might - y power to  
 5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on  
 6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of  
 7 hearts of all man - kind; bid thou our sad di - vi - sions  
 8 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile



1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.  
 3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.  
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!  
 5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.  
 6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight.  
 7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.  
 8 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.



*The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.*

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

**The Collect said by all**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The First Lesson

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle 15 (song of Mary) spoken *Magnificat*

**Canticle 15**

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*  
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*  
the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our forebears, \*  
to Abraham and Sarah their children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## The Second Lesson

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension

Brendan Daley, soloist

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a  
 2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee  
 3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the

call from the ways un - tred: Pre - pare in the des - er - a  
 up to the heights and sing' Pro - claim to a des - o - late  
 arm of the Lord is strong; He stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The  
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the  
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the  
 flowers feed of the field they per - like a - ish, the  
 flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed  
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of  
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our God may got  
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;  
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

**The Gospel**

John 1:6-8,19-28

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

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

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

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 **Alan Toney; Susan Glenz-Pierce; Lynn Hood; Bob Wolfson; and Betty Whittier.**

*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 especially celebrate the marriage of **John Lloyd** and **Cynthia Woolbright**.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Misty Bentz & James Tran**; **Pat Berman**; **Debbie Beverly**; and **Christine & Jim Bird**.

*Silence*

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 our parishioner, **Joni House**.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

*Celebrant*

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

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Words and Music by Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene  
Naomi Smith, soloist

*Mary did you know that your baby boy would someday walk on water?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?  
Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?  
This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?  
Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?  
When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.*

*The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again.  
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak, the praises of the Lamb.*

*Mary did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?  
Mary did you know that your baby boy would one day rule the nations?  
Did you know that your baby boy is heaven's perfect Lamb?  
That sleeping child you're holding is the great, the great I am.*

### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharist Prayer B

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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say 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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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***

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.  
We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.  
We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.  
We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.  
We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.  
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.  
To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

### **The Blessing**

The blessing of God,  
who has promised  
to come into our lives,  
be with you today.

The blessing of God,  
whose love ransoms us  
from all captivity.  
be with you forever.

The blessing of God,  
whose breath brings new beginnings,  
send you forth into the world  
to create a new day for the good of all.  
Amen.

### **Hymn**

Watchmen, tell us of the night  
Joseph Henry Monti, soloist  
*On following page*

*Aberystwyth*

### **The Dismissal**

*Response*      *Thanks be to God.*

### **Postlude**

*Rejoice In The Lord Always*  
Brendan Daley, soloist

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

### **Third Sunday**

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God  
in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

### **Angels' Candle**

Luke 2: 12-14

## Hymn

Watchmen, tell us of the night

Aberystwyth

Joseph Henry Monti, soloist

1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise  
 2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high - er yet that star a -  
 3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to

arc. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo - ry -  
 scends. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its  
 dawn. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror

beam - ing star. Watch-man, does its beau - teous ray  
 course por - tends. Watch-man, will its beams a - lone  
 are with - drawn. Watch-man, let thy wan - derings cease;

auglit of joy or hope fore - tell? Trav - eler, yes; it  
 gild the spot that gave them birth? Trav - eler, a - ges  
 hie thee to thy qui - et. home. Trav - eler, lot the

brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.  
 are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.  
 Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is comel

*Two groups may sing antiphonally, alternating by sentences.*

# Happy Birthday

Cathy Leake December 13

## Prayers

**Parishioners:** Alan Toney; Susan Glenz-Pierce; Lynn Hood; Bob Wolfson; and Betty Whittier.

**Family:** Reid Arnold, cousin of Tricia Templeton; Amanda Czyzewski, daughter, Tom Hubbard, uncle of Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; and Gloria DeSilva, cousin of Anil Weerakoon; John Maloney, father of Heather Robertson; 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; 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; Beth Zimmerman, mother of Justin Camara, Chaz McIntyre, nephew of Martha O'Brien; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, 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 Bradshaw Family, Janet Cobb (Claudia Gimson); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); The Younus Family, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); Barbara & Mark Silay, Jane Boyd, Miriam & Santana Herrera, Stella & Lee Hurst, David Williams, Christina & Francesco Ianni, Louise Delk, Pat Buffington, Frances Cortez, (Rhea Hannah); Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Marilyn McCroskey, (Alan Toney); Judy, (David Abner); 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 our parishioner, Joni House. ♦

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Misty Bentz & James Tran; Pat Berman; Debbie Beverly; and Christine & Jim Bird. ♦

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.