

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Fourth Sunday in Lent
The Fifty-second Sunday of Coronatide
March 14, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

Prelude

Ave Verum

Charles Gounod (1818-1893)

Naomi Smith, soloist



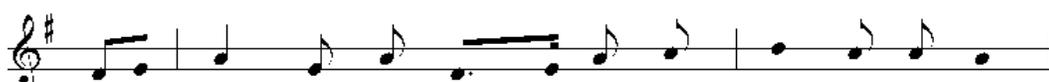
1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;



1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress,
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

Optional Interlude

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **God's mercy endures forever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day *said by all*

Gracious God, as we enter into the second year of the coronavirus pandemic we ask your continued presence with us. Fill those who are ill with your healing and life-giving Spirit. Bless all who care for the sick, and those who work to contain the virus. Bless all whose livelihoods are affected, and those who have no one to care for them. Guide our leaders to make decisions based on facts, not fear. May our compassion not give way to complacency, and may we always remember that in caring for one another, and for the most vulnerable among us, we are serving you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

The First Lesson

Isaiah 41:8-10

But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm *In te, Domine, speravi*

Psalm 31:1-5

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for
me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is

commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 567

Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

St. Matthew

Jonathan Throop, soloist

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly love, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

The Gospel

Matthew 11:28-30

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

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

Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Litany of Solidarity and Hope During a Pandemic

For those who are sick.

For those with chronic illnesses and underlying health concerns.

For all those who are suffering.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are lonely.

For those who have no one to check on them.

For families that are separated.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are unemployed.

For those suffering financial hardships.

For those who face an uncertain future.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who are dying.
For those who have died while saving the lives of others.
For all who have lost their lives.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have survived.
For those who have lost their spouses.
For children who have been orphaned.
For all those who mourn and those who comfort them.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For firefighters, police, and emergency medical workers.
For doctors, nurses, and all health care professionals.
For grocery store workers and delivery people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For public officials.
For business leaders.
For educators and students.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For patience and perseverance.
For calm in the midst of fear.
For the grace to overcome adversity.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For generosity of spirit.
For hope in times of despair.
For light in the darkness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those we love who have died of COVID including **Fred Pruitt, Pat Privette, Hester Ward, Baskin Brown, Paul Ison, Maggie Hourani, Sean Hurley, Andy Hollis, Wayne Elliot, Bethany, Richard Cryzewski, Ronald Cryzewski, Harold Andrews, and John Huie.**

Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious and loving God,
You are our comforter and our hope.
Hear our prayers as we come before you.
Strengthen us in this time of need.
Inspire us to acts of solidarity and generosity
and give us hope of a brighter future. Amen.

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Seasons of Love" from *Rent*
Music and text by Jonathan Larson

Naomi Smith, soloist

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes,
Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear.
Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes;
How do you measure? Measure a year?*

*In daylights, In sunsets, In midnights, In cups of coffee;
In inches, in miles, in laughter, in strife?
In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes;
How do you measure a year in a life?
How about love? How about love? How about love?
Measure in love. Seasons of love. Seasons of love.*

*Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes,
Five hundred twenty five thousand journeys to plan.
Five hundred twenty five thousand six hundred minutes;
How do you measure a life of a woman or a man?*

*In truths that she learned or in times that he cried.
In bridges he burned or the way that she died.
It's time now to sing out though the story never ends.
Let's celebrate, remember a year in a life of friends.*

*Remember the love.
Remember the love.
Remember the love.*

*Measure in love.
Seasons of love.
Seasons of love.*

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you always, Creator God, because you have made the world in all its complexity. You have given humanity abundant good things. You have provided us with paths leading to wisdom through deprivation and suffering. And you have shown us, through the incarnation of your love in Jesus Christ, the way of reconciliation through letting go of self and material concerns, seeking first the compassionate realm of God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever 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.

The Celebrant continues

Ever Living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands. In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he embraces hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering, and death.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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 people for the forgiveness of sin. 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

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. For in him the cross, the instrument of torture and death, has been transformed into the sign of reconciliation and abundant life. Recalling his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the very body and blood of your incarnate love, the Christ. And breathe your Spirit into us so that, having partaken of this sacramental meal in faith, we may serve you in unity, constancy and peace, and may dwell forever in the joy of communion with you.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, the human and cosmic incarnation of your Love. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of your Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever.

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.

And we pray for those who are not receiving communion today:

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 Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Let us Pray.

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,
bear good news, and seek justice.
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

Lenten Blessing

The blessing of God,
who creates life out of death,
be with you today.

The blessing of God,
who suffers with the sin of this world and blesses all humankind with grace,
be with you always.

The blessing of God,
who sanctifies our lives,
be with you as you reveal the power of God's love to save.

Amen.

Jonathan Throop, soloist

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.

The Dismissal*Response****Thanks be to God.*****Postlude***"They'll Know We Are Christians"*Tune: *St. Brendan's* by Peter Scholtes, arr. Mark Hayes*The Litany of Solidarity and Hope During a Pandemic is written by Joseph Shadle of Xavier University.*

Ministry Participants

Bob Longino – Lay Reader
Priscilla Davis & Rhea Hannah – Altar Guild
Joseph Henry Monti – IT Streaming Support

Happy Anniversary

Susan & Steve Hauser March 16

Happy Birthday

James Tran March 15 **Anike Adesokan** March 18 **Bob Wolfson** March 19

Prayers

Parishioners: Patrick Gaul, Pam Weed, Bob Wolfson, and Susan Glenz-Pierce.

Family: Louise Fothergill, family of Olivia Koenig; **Matt Stanhope**, nephew of Martha O'Brien; **Reid Turner**, brother of Sarah Hancock; **Allen Ekmark**, uncle of Heather Robertson; **Priscilla Williams**, sister of Bessie Holland; **Hilary Foster**, niece of Claudia Gimson; **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; **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; **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: Bob Adams, (Tommy and Mary Jane Hannah); **Nathan Hites**, (Kate Gaul); **Ellie Richards, Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **Virginia Titshaw**, (Bob Longino); **Phil & Sharon Joseph & family**, (Sandra Dobbs); **Brad Johnson** (Priscilla Davis); **Sarah Dugas**, (Lori Westphal); **Sara Jane Gower** (Lindsey Reece); **Kirby Husbands**, (Hulan Webb); **Ginger Ader, The Bradshaw Family, Janet Cobb** (Claudia Gimson); **The Younus Family**, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); **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); **Michellene Tipton, Jean & Thornton de Rosa, 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 and Joseph Henry Monti**; and **John & Shirley Morgan**. ☩

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially our former parishioner, **Barbara Leddick**. ☩

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.

From The Book of Common Prayer, page 134.

Announcements

Holy Week Sock Drive

Instead of a Maundy Thursday foot washing, which is not possible this year because of Covid, we will instead live out Jesus' commandment to love one another with a sock drive. Socks are the most frequently requested item at homeless shelters. Think about it. If you're on your feet almost all day, a good pair of socks means more comfort and fewer blisters. We will be collecting socks through Easter. Bring them by the church and if no one is here you can put them in the bins by the front door. Socks will go to the foot clinic sponsored by Church of the Common Ground downtown.

Food Pantry

We are still collecting food each week for the Sandy Springs food pantries. When you're at the store pick up a few non-perishable items and drop them by the church. The need is still great.

Family Promise Volunteers

The Family Promise Board is attempting to expand volunteer roles. Family Promise coordinators from each church have been asked to share this initiative with each congregation and invite parishioners to share their time and talents in new ways. St. Dunstan's parishioners have consistently supported Family Promise during our quarterly host weeks and this role remains unchanged; however, if you are interested in volunteering in new ways please contact Family Promise coordinators Vivian Siggers at (251)452-4246 or Mimi Gold at (678)612-2246. Here are some of the areas where skills are needed: Fundraising; Grant Writing; Marketing/Public Relations; Education/Program Design; Financial Management; Language; Planning; Personnel; Teaching/Tutoring; Health and Wellness; Computer/Technology; Research and Evaluation; Organization/Administration.