

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 21, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

Prelude

Piano Concerto No.23 in A Major, K.488: II. Adagio
W.A. Mozart (1756-1791), arr. Carl Reinecke (1824-1910)

John Morgan, soloist

Unison

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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*

Lord of the new covenant, in Christ you draw all people to yourself: may we die with him to the powers of hate and let him show us a world loved by you, through Jesus Christ, the fruitful grain. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 31:31-34

“The days are surely coming,” says the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the Lord. “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the Lord: “I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the Lord; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *Miserere mei, Deus*

Psalm 51:1-13

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your
loving-kindness; *

in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother’s womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 5:5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 439

What wondrous love is this

Wonderous Love

Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, soloist

On following page

The Gospel

John 12:20-33

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patricia Templeton

Unison

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul What
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3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

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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 IV

The Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly
in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them,
and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for all on our prayer list and especially for our parishioners, **Patrick Gaul, Pam Weed, Bob Wolfson,** and **Susan Glenz-Pierce.**

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially **Louise Fothergill,** family of Olivia Koenig; **Robert Manning,** friend of Elizabeth Wong Mark; **Nathan Hites,** friend of Kate Gaul; and **Bill Inge,** friend of Bob Longino.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“O God, Have Mercy” from *St. Paul*
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

John Morgan, soloist

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.

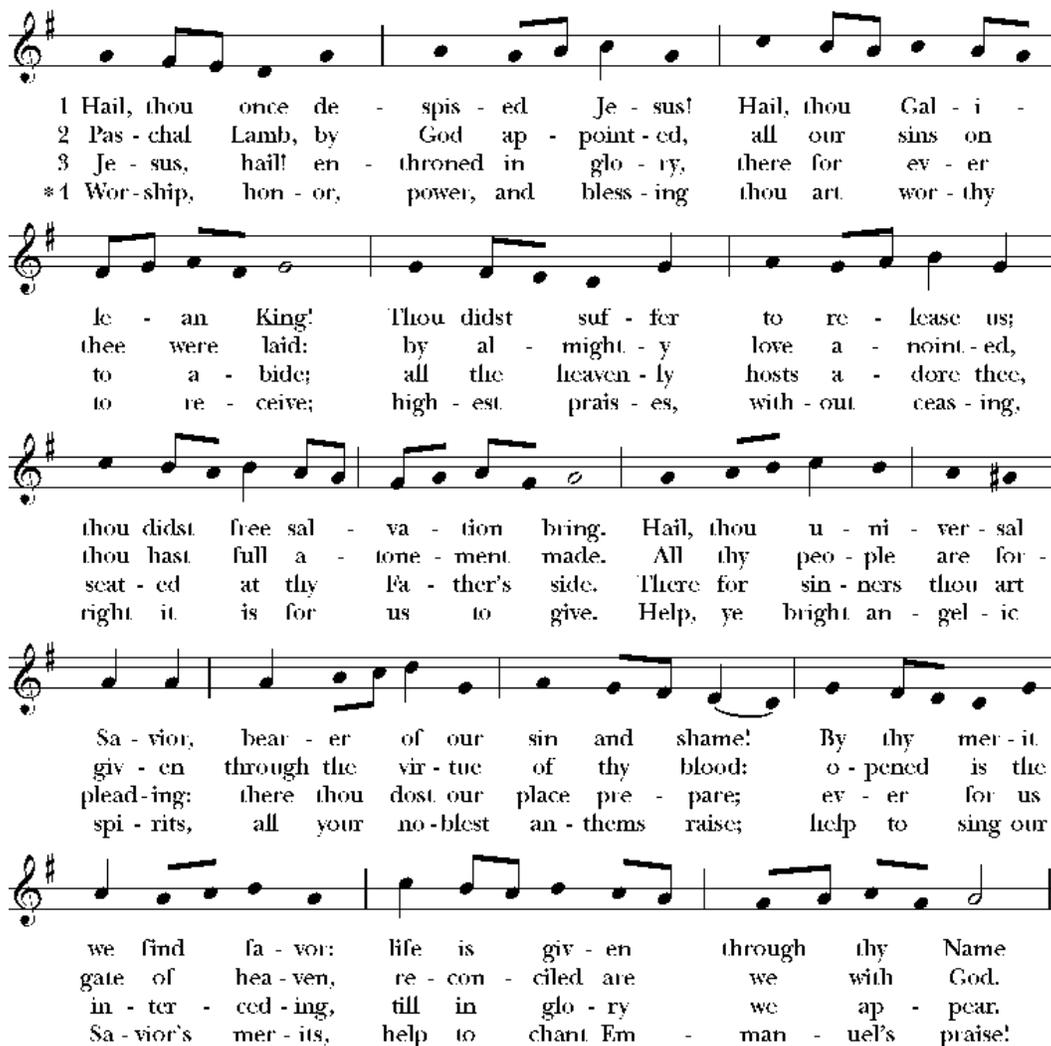
The blessing of God,
who sanctifies our lives,
be with you as you reveal the power of God's love to save. **Amen.**

Hymn 495

Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus

In Babilone

Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, soloist



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy
le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,
thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic
Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing; there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our
we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear.
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Postlude in F Major

Jacques-Louis Battmann (1818-1886)

Ministry Participants

Bob Longino – Lay Reader

Elizabeth Wong Mark & Rhea Hannah – Altar Guild

Joseph Henry Monti – IT Streaming Support

Cover Illustration – "Eternal Last Supper"

The "Eternal Last Supper" by parishioner Greg Blount is a contemporary blending of sepia ink, gouache, and acrylic on paper. Using Divine proportions, the table bends to infinity as the Apostle-like characters are shown in all manner of engagement and isolation. The Great Plague was the context for the most revered painting of this scene, and the current pandemic inspired this piece with the blood of the lamb applied to guide the plague past our door in this time of Passover, which always occurs on a full moon. Because the eternal food of our soul can also include art, Greg has studied and painted for many years, including work at SCAD. His other work can be seen online @blountgw on Instagram or the Chattahoochee Hills Gallery in Serenbe.

The Jewish festival of Passover is held on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan, a lunar month determined by the moon's phases, so Passover is always on a full moon day.

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.

Happy Birthday

Justine Camara March 23 **Joe Monti** March 23 **Sherri Crawford** March 24
Jackie O'Connell March 24 **Tom Gibbs** March 25 **Bob Longino** March 27

Prayers

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

Family: Matt Stanhope, nephew of Martha O'Brien; **Reid Turner**, brother of Sarah Hancock; **Sandy & John Maloney**, parents; and **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: Emily Volin, (Heather Robertson); **Bob Adams**, (Tommy and Mary Jane Hannah); **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 **Lee Morris; Gloria Nelson; Martha O'Brien;** and **Jackie, Mark and Reese O'Connell.** †

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially **Louise Fothergill**, family of Olivia Koenig; **Robert Manning**, friend of Elizabeth Wong Mark; **Nathan Hites**, friend of Kate Gaul; and **Bill Inge**, friend of Bob Longino. †

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.