St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church Atlanta, Georgia



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

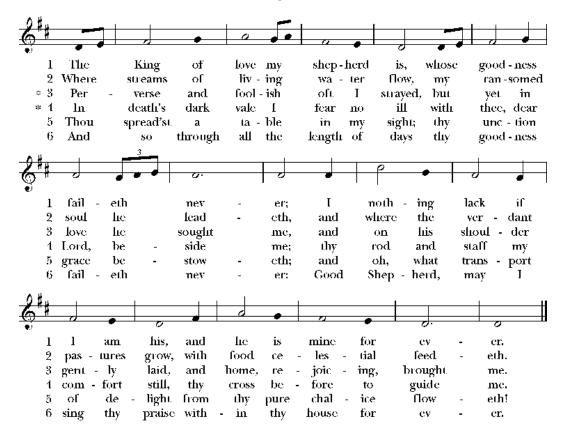
Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

Prelude

"I Surrender All" by Winfield S. Weeden (1847-1908), arr. David Schwoebel

Surrender

John Morgan, soloist



The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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 sheepfold, whose love is not for hire, who calls to himself the victims of the world; we thank you that Christ laid down his life for us when we could not help ourselves; in the weakness of his love give us strength to work for peace in the world he came to serve, through Jesus Christ, the good shepherd. Amen

The First Lesson Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Psalm 23

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm (said in unison)

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul;

he leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil;

for thou art with me;

thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

thou anoints my head with oil;

my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

John Morgan, soloist



The Gospel John 10:11-18

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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 III

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially **Alfonso Valle**, son of Bessie & Hollis Holland; **Allen Ekmark**, uncle of Heather Robertson; and **Louise Delk**, friend of Rhea Hannah.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others including our parishioners: David Abner;

Bessie & Hollis Holland; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah; Patrick Gaul; Pam Weed; Bob Wolfson; Susan Glenz-Pierce; Sandi Maloney and Heather Robertson.

Silence and concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music "Be Not Afraid"

Music by Bob Dufford, SJ, arr. Mark Hayes

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

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, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him, Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

And we pray with 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 I cannot consume these gifts of bread and wine,

I thank you that I 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 I embody your desire

and be renewed for your service,

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

The gifts of God for the people of God,

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed upon him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

Communion Music "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Bread of Life

Music by William F. Sherwin, arr. Joe Galyon

Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May the living God remove the suffocating shroud that lies upon our world.

May the risen Savior remove the sting of death, bringing all to life in him.

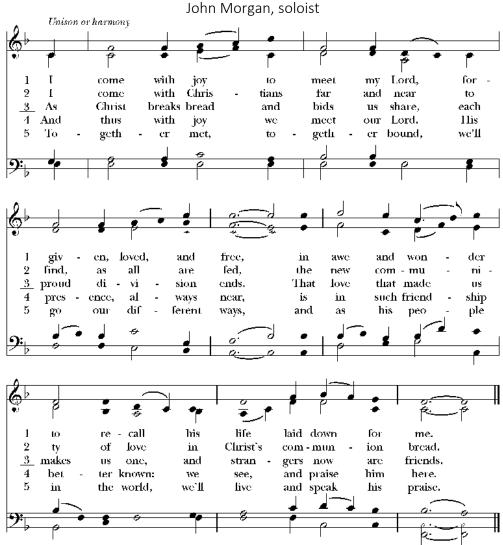
May the flowing Spirit set us and all creation free and seal our hearts with faith.

And may the blessing of God be with you and those you love this day and always.



I come with joy to meet my Lord
John Morgan, soloist

Land of Rest



The Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

Festive Postlude on "Hyfrydol" by Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887), arr. Mary McDonald

Hyfrydol

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are in memory of Alfonso Carlos Valle III.

Happy Anniversary

Mimi & Titu Doctor April 28

Happy Birthday

Sandra Dobbs May 1

Prayers

Parishioners: Bessie & Hollis Holland; David Abner; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah; Patrick Gaul; Pam Weed; Bob Wolfson; Susan Glenz-Pierce; Sandi Maloney; and Heather Robertson.

Family: Martha Springer, mother of Randy Springer; Matt Stanhope, nephew of Martha O'Brien; Reid Turner, brother of Sarah Hancock; Sandi & John Maloney, parents of Heather Robertson; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; 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, (Mary Jane Hannah); Ellie Richards, Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Phil & Sharon Joseph & family, (Sandra Dobbs); Brad Johnson (Priscilla Davis); Sara Jane Gower (Lindsey Reece); Kirby Husbands, (Hulan Webb); The Bradshaw Family, Janet Cobb (Claudia Gimson); The Younus Family, (Nancy & Jonathan Edman); Christina & Francesco Ianni, 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 **Ellen & Ken Taratus**; **Jeanne & Josh Taylor**; **Dot Templeton**; and **Sara Thomas.** Φ

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially **Alfonso Valle**, son of Bessie & Hollis Holland; **Allen Ekmark**, uncle of Heather Robertson; and **Louise Delk**, friend of Rhea Hannah. †

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.

Ministry Schedule

April 25th May 2nd

Vestry on DutyElizabeth Wong MarkBob LonginoLay Reader / LectorReneé KastanakisLynn HoodUsherBruce LafitteWayne Hood

Altar Guild Erik Kleven & Danielle Winkler Erik Kleven & Danielle Winkler

Flower Guild Lucy Kaltenbach Claudia Gimson

IT Streaming Support Joseph Henry Monti Joseph Henry Monti

Announcements

Food Pantry

We continue to collect 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

Family Promise is having a virtual fund raising event on Thursday, April 29, at 7 p.m. Meals With Meaning will be an inspiring night as we hear from past families, current volunteers, and clergy from a few of our congregations. There will be multiple ways to make donations such as: an auction with great items/trips, and "wine wall" raffle....plus more! You can now check out auction details on the web site: www.mwm2021.givesmart.com . The event is free to attend, just register on the web site. Encourage all your friends and family to register for this FREE EVENT. For each person registered, the Family Promise Board members will donate \$1 to the organization. For each person who actually attends the event, an additional \$2 donation will be made!

Family Promise May 16-23, 2021

It's time for a Family Promise host week! Again, because of COVID-19, we will not be hosting families at St. Dunstan's. Instead, our three families will be staying at Roswell Presbyterian Church, at 755 Mimosa Blvd, in Roswell, where they stayed in February. Sign up response has been wonderful but there are still opportunities available for participating. In addition to some needed supplies, On-Call Coordinators and Overnight Hosts are needed for Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd. Check the SignUp Genius status via our Stdustan net home website. Button is on the bottom