

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church  
Atlanta, Georgia



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

**Prelude**

Orchestral Suite No.3 in D Major, BWV 1068. III. Air  
J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Jonathan Throop, soloist

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.  
 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.  
 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death he broke his fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spi - rit's pow - er shakes the Church of God.  
 as Christ's new bo - dy takes on flesh and blood.

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ. — Al - le -  
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.  
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing: —

*Final Ending*  
 lu - ial — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## 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*

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen

## The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm *(said in unison)*

Psalm 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord, \*

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down  
in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet  
unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved,

since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn 297**

Descend, O Spirit, purging flame

*Erhalt uns Herr*

Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, soloist

1 De - scend, O Spi - rit, purg - ing flame, brand  
 2 For - bid us not this sec - ond birth; grant  
 us this day with Je - sus' Name! Con - firm our faith, con -  
 un - to us the great - er worth! En - list us in your  
 sume our doubt; sign us as Christ's, with - in, with - out.  
 ser - vice, Lord; bap - tize all na - tions with your Word.

**The Gospel**

**John 15:1-8**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*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;

***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**

"This Joyful Eastertide"  
Words by George R. Woodward (1848-1934), arr. Vernon Hoyle  
Jonathan Throop, soloist

*Vruechten*

### **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**

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thy Flesh is  
 2 Vine of heaven, thy Blood sup-plies this blest cup of  
 meat in-deed; ev-er may our souls be fed  
 sac-ri-fice; Lord, thy wounds our heal-ing give,  
 with this true and liv-ing Bread; day by day with  
 to thy cross we look and live: Je-sus, may we  
 strength sup-plied, through the life of him who died,  
 ev-er be graft-ed, root-ed, built in thee.

**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.



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

**The Dismissal***Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!***Postlude**"O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing"  
by Carl G. Gläser (1784-1829), arr. Mark Hayes

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The flowers on the altar this Sunday are in memory of Allen Charles Ekmark.

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## Happy Anniversary

**Lucy & John Kaltenbach** May 3

## Happy Birthday

**Susan Glenz-Pierce** May 2 **Jon Throop** May 5

**Max Leyden** May 6 **Jeanne Taylor** May 6

## 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 **Ben & Donna Thomas; Jon & Susie Throop; Alan Toney;** and **Katie & Drew Turner.** ✠

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially **Alfonso Valle**, son of Bessie & Hollis Holland. ✠

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.

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## Ministry Schedule

	May 2nd	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Vestry on Duty	Bob Longino	Bruce Lafitte
Lay Reader / Lector	Lynn Hood	Jeanne Taylor
Usher	Erik Kleven	Erik Kleven
Altar Guild	Erik Kleven & Elizabeth Wong Mark	Erik Kleven & Priscilla Davis
Flower Guild	Claudia Gimson	Donna Thomas
IT Streaming Support	Joseph Henry Monti	Joseph Henry Monti

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## 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 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. On-Call Coordinators and Overnight Hosts are needed for Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Check the SignUp Genius status via our Stdustan.net home website. Button is on the bottom.