

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church  
Atlanta, Georgia



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10 A.M.

**Prelude**

Meditation on "The Lord's My Shepherd"  
by Jessie S. Irvine, arr. Mary McDonald

*Crismond*

Brendan Daly, soloist

1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts and voic - es heaven - ward raise:  
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born,  
 3 Christ is ris - en, Christ, the first-fruits of the ho - ly har - vest - field,  
 4 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en! Shed up - on us heaven - ly grace,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high;

1 sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.  
 2 glor - ious life, and life im - mor - tal, on his re - sur - rec - tion morn.  
 3 which with all its full a - bun - dance at his sec - ond com - ing yield:  
 4 rain and dew and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of thy face;  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Sa - vior who has won the vic - to - ry;

1 He, who on the cross a vic - tim, for the world's sal - va - tion bled,  
 2 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by his might - y en - ter - prise:  
 3 then the gold - en cars of har - vest will their heads be - fore him wave,  
 4 that, with hearts in hea - ven dwell - ing, we on earth may fruit - ful be,  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! to the Spi - rit, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;

1 Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.  
 2 we with him to life e - ter - nal by his re - sur - rec - tion rise.  
 3 ri - pened by his glo - rious sun - shine from the fur - rows of the grave.  
 4 and by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be ev - er, Lord, with thee.  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! to the Tri - une Ma - jes - ty.

# 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*

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

## The First Lesson

**Acts 10:34-48**

Peter began to speak: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm** *(said in unison)*

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in  
the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel, \*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the  
victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

I shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

and the peoples with equity.

**The Second Lesson**

**1 John 5:1-6**

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      ***Thanks be to God.***

Joseph Henry Monti, soloist

*Unison or harmony*



1 In Christ there is no East or West, in  
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -  
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

him no South or North, but one great fel - low -  
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

**The Gospel****John 15:9-17**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*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

## 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;  
***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: **Bessie & Hollis Holland; David Abner; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah; 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 Anthem

“Thou Art The King Of Glory”

From the *Dettingen Te Deum*, by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Brendan Daly, soloist

### 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 Anthem**

*Bread of Life*

Words and Music by Cameron Carey

Joseph Henry Monti, soloist

**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.

Hymn 344

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian Mariners*

Brendan Daly, soloist

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the  
joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,  
tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,  
O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

## The Dismissal

*Response Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## Postlude

Sonata in A major, D.664-III. Allegro  
Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

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The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given by Donna Thomas,  
in honor of her mother, Anne Kimberly Stewart, of Savannah.

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## Happy Anniversary

**Deborah & Bill Reece** May 16

## Happy Birthday

**Joseph Henry Monti** May 15    **Pam Weed** May 15

## Prayers

**Parishioners: Bessie & Hollis Holland; David Abner; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah; 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; 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 **Suzanne Van de Mark; Pam Weed; Andrea & Anil Weerakoon; Bob Wolfson** and **Capt. Richard Murphy**, nephew of Christine & Jim Bird home from Afghanistan and promoted to Major. ✠

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 9 <sup>th</sup>	May 16 <sup>h</sup>
Vestry on Duty	Bruce Lafitte	Jacqueline O'Connell
Lay Reader / Lector	Jeanne Taylor	Bob Longino
Usher	Erik Kleven	Mark O'Connell
Altar Guild	Erik Kleven & Priscilla Davis	Erik Kleven & Elizabeth Wong Mark
Flower Guild	Donna Thomas	Kate Gaul
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.

Check the SignUp Genius status via our Stdustan.net home website for latest updates and opportunities. Sign up button is located at the bottom of the page.