



A Service of Remembrance

*for the 1,000,000 Who Have Died
in the Coronavirus Pandemic 2020*

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

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STREAMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:45 A.M.

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.

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord.
Whoever has faith in me shall have life,
even though they die.
And everyone who has life,
and has committed themselves to me in faith,
shall not die for ever.

As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth.
After my waking, he will raise me up;
and in my body I shall see God.
I myself shall see, and my eyes behold God
who is my friend and not a stranger.

For none of us has life in themselves,
and none becomes their own master when they die.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
and if we die, we die in the Lord.
So then, whether we live or die,
we are the Lord's possession.

Happy from now on
are those who die in the Lord!
So it is, says the Spirit,
for they rest from their labors.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, we remember before you this day all of those who have died in the coronavirus pandemic, especially the 1,000,000 who have died in this country. We give back to you those whom you gave to us. You did not lose them when you gave them to us, and we do not lose them by their return to you. Through your son Jesus you have taught us that life is eternal and love cannot die. Grant them an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus

44:1-10, 13-14

Let us now sing the praises of famous men and women, our ancestors in their generations. The Lord apportioned to them great glory, his majesty from the beginning. There were those who ruled in their kingdoms, and made a name for themselves by their valor; those who gave counsel because they were intelligent; those who spoke in prophetic oracles; those who led the people by their counsels and by their knowledge of the people's lore; they were wise in their words of instruction; those who composed musical tunes or put verses in writing; rich people endowed with resources, living peacefully in their homes -- all of these were honored in their generations, and were the pride of their times. Some of them have left behind a name, so that others might declare their praise.

But of others there is no memory; they have perished as though they had never existed; they have become as though they had never been born, they and their children after them. But these also were godly men, whose righteous deeds have not been forgotten: Their offspring will continue forever, and their glory will never be blotted out. Their bodies are buried in peace but their names live on generation after generation.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm *spoken Domine, probasti*

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
 where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
 and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
 and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
 the night is as bright as the day; *
 darkness and light to you are both alike.

A reading from the Revelation to John

7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows."

Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

"They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 3 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 4 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide:
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

when o - ther help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain sha - dows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

The Gospel

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

11:32-35

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

Mary came to the place where Jesus was. As soon as she caught sight of him she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and her companions weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. "Where have you laid him?" he asked. They replied, "Lord, come and see." Jesus wept.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Patricia Templeton

A Litany of Remembrance

The Leader and People pray responsively

We name before you those for whom we offer our prayers.

God, we pray for all who have died from the coronavirus in this nation and around the world, that they may now be at peace in your land of light and joy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who mourn, that they may have a sense of your presence and that their memories may be blessings to them in their grief.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have suffered with Covid-19, that their recoveries may be complete, and that they may be made whole.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all healthcare workers who risk their own lives to care for the sick, that they may stay safe and healthy.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to those who have answered the call to love their neighbors by feeding the hungry and providing shelter to the homeless.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Following the prayers, we invite people forward to ring the bell in memory of those who have died of COVID.

This hour we turn to you, O Lord, in full knowledge of our frailty, our vulnerability, and our great need as your mortal creatures. We cry to you, as one human family, unsure of the path ahead, unequal to the unseen forces around us, frightened by the sickness and death that seem all too real to us now. Stir up your strength and visit us, O Lord; be our shield and rock and hiding place. Make even this hour, O Lord, a season of blessing for us, that in fear we find you mighty to save. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"As the Deer"

Martin J. Nystrom

Offertory Hymn

We Grieve the Many Thousands

O Sacred Head, Sore Wounded
Words by Carolyn Gillette Winfrey

*We grieve the many thousands -- yet we can't understand;
we cannot grasp how many have died throughout this land.*

*We cannot see their faces or hear the stories told
of all the ways they blessed us -- the young ones and the old.*

*O God, we grieve the struggle of those who died alone --
so far from friends and neighbors, from all they'd ever known.
We grieve for precious people who could not say goodbye;
we weep for those now mourning, who sit alone and cry.*

*O God of love and mercy, we cry to you, "How long?"
In troubled times remind us: Your love is ever strong.
Now as we grieve the suffering, Lord, show us how to be
a healing, loving presence in each community.*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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 through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and comforts us with the blessed hope of everlasting life. For to your faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body lies in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *Celebrant and People*

S. 128 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S. 154

Christ our Passover

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Communion of the People *All people are invited to receive Communion.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home;
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is surc.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5
 Music: *St. Anne*, melody arr. William Croft (1673-1727), alt.; harmon. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Easter Blessing

The blessing of God who creates life,
 Be upon you as you celebrate life.

The blessing of God who restores life,
 Be upon you as you seek new life.

The blessing of God, who sanctifies life,
 Be upon you as you give life to others.

Amen.



Words: Christian Furchtegou, Gellert (1715-1769); fr. Francis Elizabeth Cox (1812-1897), all. Music: St. Albinus, Henry John Gauntlett (1805-1876)

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Offertoire IV. "La St. Bernard"

Michel Corrette (1797-1795)

Ministry Schedule

| | April 24 – Easter 1 | May 1 – EASTER 2 | May 8 – EASTER 3 |
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| Vestry on Duty | Vivian Siggers | Elizabeth Wong Mark | Lynn Hood |
| Lay Reader 8:30 a.m. | Peg Maloney | No Early Service- | Peg Maloney |
| 10:45 a.m. | Harriett Smith | Bob Longino | Lynn Hood |
| Lector 1st Lesson | Bob Longino | Nancy Dillon | Luis Ottley |
| Lector 2 nd Lesson | Jessie Leyden | John Morgan | Andrea P-Weerakoon |
| Ushers | John Kaltenbach | Mark O’Connell | Wayne Hood |
| Altar Guild | Marshall Kress & Cathy Leake & Erik Kleven | Marshall Kress & Elizabeth Wong Mark | |
| Flower Guild | Claudia Gimson | Lucinda Kaltenbach | Suzanne Van de Mark |
| Coffee Hosts | Beth Zimmerman | Pot-Luck Lunch | Delores Waye |
| Videographer | Ralph Paulk | | |

Happy Anniversary
Mimi & Titu Doctor April 28

Happy Birthday
Joe Dobbs April 24

Prayers

Parishioners: Alan & Beth Zimmerman; Wallis Kaltenbach; Nancy Knight & Keith Lattimore; Lee Morris; John Maloney; Susan Glenz-Pierce; and Bishop Keith Whitmore.

Family: Ronnie Stein & Lucinda Stein, brother and sister-in-law of Harriett Smith; **Fred Gimson**, uncle of John Gimson; **Bill Fields**, brother of Nancy Dillon; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Cheryl Morand**, sister-in-law, **Arvis Morris**, mother, and **Katy Greenawalt**, sister of Lee Morris; **Hilary Foster**, niece of Claudia Gimson; **Trina Gordon, Jack & Linda Mobley** and **Vincent Lafitte**, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Danny Woodard**, son of Sheila Woodard; **Tiffany Lucas**, niece, **Linda Johnson**, sister of Vivian Siggers; **Deborah Ellis-Williams**, mother of Jackie O'Connell; **Aaron Atkinson**, family of Bob Longino; **Gloria DeSilva**, cousin of Anil Weerakoon; **Preston Wilson; Valerie Wilson; Nick Raj; The Deater Family**, family of Mary Jane Hannah; **Martha Springer**, mother of Randy Springer; **Priscilla Williams**, sister of Bessie Holland; **Jeannette Davis**, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; **Mary Jane Hobbs**, sister of Sara Thomas; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold; **Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family**, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); **Angela Mattson**, (Lee Morris); **Loretta Roberts** (Cathy Leake); **The Snider & Poll Families** (Jackie & Mark O'Connell); **Cas Smith** (Jace Kaltenbach); **Anne Henry, Tim Embry, Irmgard Tatic**, (Davis Family); **Sam Sterling Mitchell**, (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); **Gladys Pfaff** (Andrea Patten-Weerakoon & Anil Weerakoon); **Mike Carscaddon** (Bob Longino); **Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **Paul Deater, Don & Pat Buffington, Mary Ann Yeargin, Sonny, Sona; Eric Copeland; Beth, Tabitha & Max Wagner; Anna Marie Soper-O'rouke**, (Rhea Hannah); **Benjamin Banas**, (Cathy Leake); **Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard**, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

We pray for those who have died. ✠

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Dolores Waye & Fina Hernandez; Pam Weed; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon & Anil Weerakoon**; and **Lori Westphal & Max Changus** and **Quinn and Alexander Changus**. ✠

Announcements

Annual Parish Meeting

On Sunday, May 1, we will have our first annual parish meeting since 2019. We are going to do it a little differently this year. We will have one service at 10 a.m. that will incorporate the meeting. Afterwards we will gather in the parish hall for a potluck lunch.

Hidden Gems of the Prayer Book

Beginning April 24 the adult Sunday school class will focus on the hidden gems of the Book of Common Prayer, those services and prayers that we do not use on Sundays. Come join us to learn what the treasure of our prayer book has to offer. Class is at 9:30 in the Founders' Room.