

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



A service of Lament for the victims  
of the Uvalde, Texas massacre

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2022

The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:00 A.M.

## Prelude

Chorale Prelude Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 639

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
arr. Ferruccio Busoni (1866-1924)

O Christ, you did no violence yet you were crushed with pain;  
 You suffered great injustice to make us whole again.  
 As lambs are led to slaughter and sheep in silence wait,  
 You gave your life to offer a love that conquers hate.

You gave your life to save us, yet, God, we now confess:  
 Forgetting that you love us, we live in hatefulness.  
 We tolerate injustice that breaks the human soul;  
 We overlook the madness as violence takes its toll.

When children hear the popping of one more fired gun  
 And know there is no stopping and look for where to run,  
 When workers face oppression, and women face abuse,  
 Lord, hear your world's confession, for there is no excuse.

Our games and movies teach us that violence is all right.  
 O God, our greed is boundless; our wealth depends on might.  
 Our nations' moral failings in politics and war  
 All lead to countless killings — to violence you abhor.

The patterns of our violence give shape to all our days,  
 Yet you, O God, are gracious; your ways are not our ways.  
 Now by your Holy Spirit, we pray you'll make us new,  
 Till peace becomes our pattern as we all follow you.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
*People* **God's mercy endures for ever.**

### Song of Praise S102

### Holy God

The musical score for 'Holy God' is presented in two systems. The first system contains the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the first two phrases: 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y.' The second system contains the vocal line and piano accompaniment for the final phrase: 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The score is written in a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The vocal line is in a soprano or alto range, and the piano accompaniment is in a bass range.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect *said by all*

Lord Christ, we come to you in deepest despair. As we weep over the dead and injured killed by guns, in anguish, we recognize the blood stains of hatred. We hear the sounds of fear, the echoes of gunshots — once again, once again. Christ, you came to bring us peace. We turn to you in overwhelming sorrow. How can we end this nightmare of violence? How can we build a world of inclusion, of solidarity? Give us the grace to reflect deeply and to work ceaselessly to heal the hearts; to stop the guns; to cherish all God's children. We pray for our nation, may we end the hate; may we end the violence. Amen.

**The First Lesson****Jeremiah 31:15**

Thus says the Lord: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping. Rachel is weeping for her children; she refuses to be comforted for her children, because they are no more.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm** *Deus, iudicium***Psalm 72:1-3, 12-14**

Give the King your justice, O God, \*

and your righteousness to the King's Son;

That he may rule your people righteously \*

and the poor with justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*

and the little hills bring righteousness.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*

and the oppressed who has no helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*

he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*

and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

**The Second Lesson****Amos 5:21-24**

Thus says the Lord to the house of Israel: I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn**

God, We Have Heard It

*Herzliebster Jesu*

Text by Carolyn Gillette

God, we have heard it, sounding in the silence:  
News of the children lost to this world's violence.  
Children of promise! Then without a warning,  
Loved ones are mourning.

Jesus, you came to bear our human sorrow;  
You came to give us hope for each tomorrow.  
You are our life, Lord God's own love revealing.  
We need your healing!

Heal us from giving weapons any glory;  
Help us, O Prince of Peace, to hear your story;  
Help us resist the evil all around here;  
May love abound here!

By your own Spirit, give your church a clear voice;  
In this world's violence, help us make a new choice.  
Help us to witness to the joy your peace brings,  
Until your world sings!

**The Gospel****John 11:35**

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

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

Jesus wept.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon****The Rev. Patricia Templeton**

### **Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting**

God of peace, we remember all those who have died in incidents of mass gun violence in this nation's public and private spaces.

Thirteen dead at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Thirty-two dead at Virginia Tech University.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead at the Wisconsin Sikh Temple.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Twelve dead at an Aurora, Colorado movie theater.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Twenty-eight dead at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead at Santa Monica College, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Seven dead at a Hialeah, Florida apartment complex.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Thirteen dead at the Washington Navy Yard.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at Fort Hood, Texas.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Seven dead in Isla Vista, near UC Santa Barbara.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at Marysville Pilchuck High School in Washington.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Nine dead at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Sixteen dead at a San Bernardino, California office.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Ten dead at Umpqua Community College, Oregon.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead in Kalamazoo, Michigan.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at a Hesston, Kansas office.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at a Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania backyard party.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Fifty dead at Pulse Nightclub in Orlando, Florida.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at Cascade Mall in Burlington, Washington.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at Fort Lauderdale Airport.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead in Fresno, California.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Eight dead in Lincoln County, Mississippi.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at an Eaton Township, Pennsylvania supermarket.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Nine dead at a Plano, Texas football-watching party.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Fifty-nine dead at a Las Vegas, Nevada concert.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Twenty-seven dead at First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Seventeen dead at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California.  
Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at a Nashville, Tennessee Waffle House.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Ten dead at Santa Fe High School, Texas.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at the Capital Gazette Newspaper in Annapolis, Maryland.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at the Fifth Third Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at a Rite Aid distribution center in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Eleven dead at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Thirteen dead at a bar in Thousand Oaks, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at a bank in Sebring, Florida.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at their homes in Ascension and Livingston parishes, Louisiana.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead at an industrial park in Aurora, Illinois.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at a home in Clinton, Mississippi.

Give to the departed eternal rest

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead in Solon Township, Michigan.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Thirteen dead at a municipal building in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at the Gilroy Garlic Festival in Gilroy, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Twenty-two dead at a Walmart in El Paso, Texas.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Ten dead in the Oregon District of downtown Dayton, Ohio.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Eight dead on the road between the cities of Odessa and Midland, Texas.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead in their home in Elkmont, Alabama.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at a bar in Kansas City, Kansas.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at a backyard football watch party in Fresno, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead in a cemetery and kosher market in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Six dead at the Molson Coors complex in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at a convenience store in Springfield, Missouri.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead in the northeast side of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Eight dead at three spas in Atlanta, Georgia.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Ten dead at a grocery store in Boulder, Colorado.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at an office complex in Orange, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead at a home in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Nine dead at a FedEx facility in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Seven dead at a birthday party in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Give to the departed eternal rest,

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Ten dead at a rail yard in San Jose, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Four dead at Oxford High School in Oxford Township, Michigan.

Give to the departed eternal rest

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

Five dead in Lakewood and Denver, Colorado.

Give to the departed eternal rest

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Five dead at The Church in Sacramento, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Six dead in downtown Sacramento, California.

Give to the departed eternal rest

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Ten dead at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York.

**Celestine Chaney**

**Andre Mackniel**

**Margus D. Morrison**

**Aaron Salter**

**Ruth Whitfield**

**Roberta A. Drury**

**Katherine Massey**

**Heyward Patterson**

**Geraldine Talley**

**Pearl Young**

Give to the departed eternal rest

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Twenty-two dead at Robb Elementary in Uvalde, Texas, including

Teachers: **Eva Mireles**, and **Irma Garcia** and **Joe Garcia**, husband of Irma

Students: **Nevaeh Alyssa Bravo**, age 10

**Makenna Lee Elrod**, age 10

**Eliana 'Ellie' Garcia**, age 10

**Amerie Jo Garza**, age 10

**Jayce Luevanos**, age 10

**Miranda Mathis**, age 11

**Alexandria Rubio**, age 10

**Maite Rodriguez**, age 10

**Jailah Nicole Silguero**, age 11

**Rojelio Torres**, age 10

**Jackie Cazares**, age 9

**Jose Flores Jr.**, age 10

**Uziyah Garcia**, age 8

**Xavier Lopez**, age 10

**Tess Marie Mata**, age 10

**Alithia Ramirez**, age 10

**Annabell Rodriguez**, age 10

**Layla Salazar**, age 10

**Eliahana Cruz Torres**, age 10

Give to the departed eternal rest

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

All those who have died in any incident of gun violence.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

For survivors of gun violence.

Grant them comfort and healing.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For those who have lost loved ones to gun violence.

Grant them peace.

**Hear us, Lord.**

For those first responders who care for victims of gun violence.

Protect and strengthen them.

**Hear us, Lord.**

And because our faith demands us to pray for all people, we pray for shooter, Salvador Ramos.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.



## **Silence**

### **The Peace**

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## The Holy Communion

### **Offertory Anthem**

“Nearer my God to Thee”

Music by Lowell Mason, 1856

Lyrics by Sarah Adams, 1841

Fina Hernandez, soloist

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,*

*Still all my song shall be,*

*Nearer, my God, to thee;*

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,*

*Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;*

*Yet in my dreams I'd be*

*Nearer, my God, to thee;*

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;*

*All that thou send-est me, in mercy given;*

*Angels to beckon me*

*Nearer, my God, to thee;*

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,*

*Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;*

*So by my woes to be*

*Nearer, my God, to thee;*

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,*

*Sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,*

*Still all my song shall be,*

*Nearer, my God, to thee;*

*Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!*

*Introduction*

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness  
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than  
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure

of the sea; there's a kind - ness in his jus -  
 up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail -  
 of the mind; and the heart of the E - ter -

tice, which is more than lib - er - ty. There is wel - come  
 ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given. There is plen - ti -  
 nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were

for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good; there is mer - cy  
 ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for  
 but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

*Interlude/Conclusion*

with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

### 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:

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 the one 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,

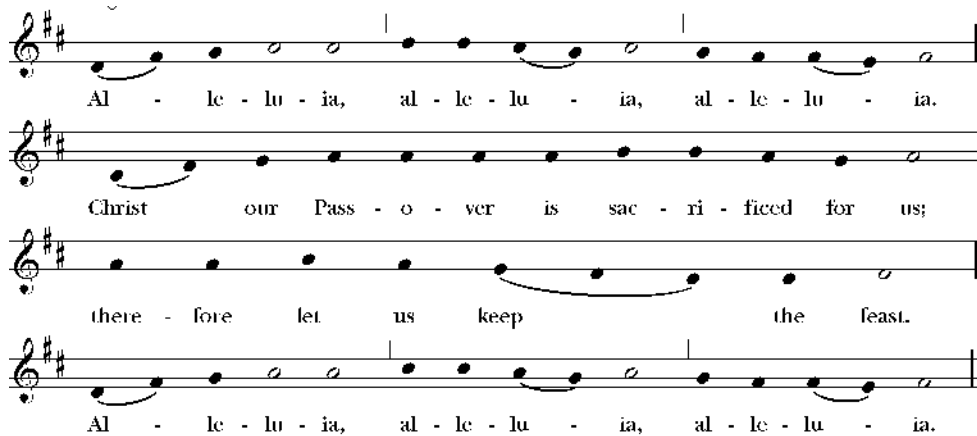
## The Lord's Prayer

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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

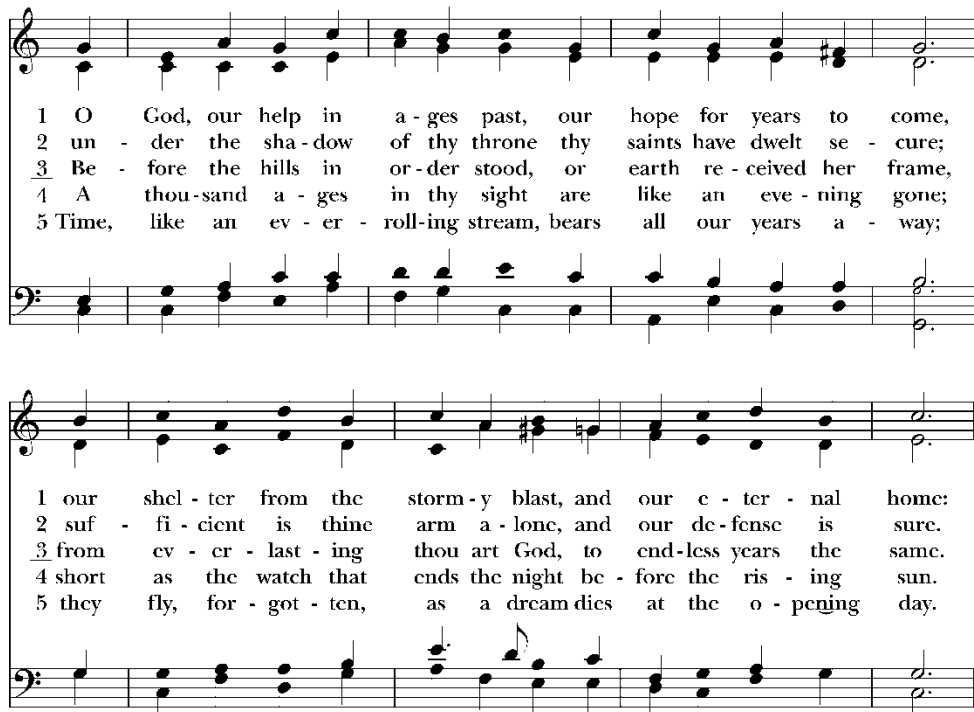
## The Communion of the People *All people are invited to receive Communion.*

The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Hymn at Communion 680

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne



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 sure.  
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.

## Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

O God, you made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus your son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. Amen.

## Blessing

And now, may the Lord torment us.

May the Lord keep before us the faces of the hungry, the lonely, the rejected, and the despised.

May the Lord afflict us with pain for the hurt, the wounded, the oppressed, the abused, the victims of violence.

May God grace us with agony, a burning thirst for justice and righteousness.

May God give us courage and strength and compassion to make our nation a better nation, to make our community a better community, to make our church a better church.

And may we do our best to make it so, and after we have done our best, may God give us peace. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn 594

God of grace and God of Glory

*Cum Rhondda*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry, bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## Dismissal

*Response Thanks be to God!*

## Postlude

Elegy

Nobuyuki Tsujii

### **About the Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting**

Following the murder of 13 precious children of God in Thousand Oaks, California in November 2018, Episcopal Bishops United Against Gun Violence offered a "Litany in the Wake of a Mass Shooting" to commemorate the dead, to comfort their loved ones, and to honor survivors and first responders. This week, the litany has been updated to include yet another mass shooting that took the lives of 21 precious children of God in Uvalde, Texas. We offer this litany, once again, with the reminder that one does not pray in lieu of summoning political courage, but in preparation for doing so. Bishops United Against Gun Violence invite you to join in this litany and our commitment to take action so that our country can be freed from the epidemic of gun violence.

The bishops' litany is long, but it is far from comprehensive. In 2021 there were 693 mass shootings (at least four people injured or killed) in the United States. That year there were 20,726 gun deaths, excluding suicides. In 2020 there were 24,292 gun-related suicides. Last year 18.8 million guns were legally sold in this country.

### **About the Hymns**

The texts for our first two hymns today were written by the Rev. Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, a Presbyterian minister who writes new hymn texts to well-known tunes. She is the associate pastor of First Presbyterian Union Church in Owego, New York.

### **About the Flowers and Stole**

Our flowers today, arranged by Claudia Gimson and Suzanne Van de Mark, are 21 orange blossoms, one for each of those killed at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. Orange has become a color connected to grief over mass shootings. Hunters wear orange so that other hunters won't shoot them. Tricia's orange stole was made by Colleen Hintz, who has made many of our liturgical banners. The stole is made to wear after in services after a mass shooting.

## *Ministry Schedule*

	<b>May 29 – EASTER 7</b>	<b>June 5 – Pentecost</b>
Vestry on Duty	Justin Camara	
Lay Reader 8:30	Bob Longino	Reneé Kastanakis
10:00 a.m.	Harriett Smith	
Lector 1st Lesson	Claudia Gimson	Jessie Leyden
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Marshall Kress	Andrea P-Weerakoon
Ushers	Michael Camara	Mark O'Connell
Altar Guild	Claudia Gimson	Marshall Kress / Cathy Leake
Flower Guild	Claudia Gimson & Suzanne Van de Mark	Kate Gaul
Coffee Hosts	Beth Zimmerman	
Videographer	Ralph Paulk	

## Happy Anniversary

Christine & Jim Bird May 31

## Happy Birthday

Lynn Hood June 2

## Prayers

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

**Family:** Christopher Thomas, nephew of Hollis Holland; Ronnie & Lucinda Stein, brother and sister-in-law of Harriett Smith; 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; 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:** Patricia Daly, (Brendan Daly); 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, (Davis Family); Karen Johnson and Family, Wade Hansard, (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); Gladys Pfaff (Andrea Patten-Weerakoon & Anil Weerakoon); Mike Carscaddon (Bob Longino); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Paul Deater, Don & Pat Buffington, Sonny, Sona, Mary Ann Yeargin, 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, remembering especially Summer Fawcett, cousin of Christine Bird, and the Children and the Staff of Robb Elementary School; we pray for their families, friends and the community of Uvalde, TX. We pray for all the victims of the recent spate of mass shootings. †

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Nina Braziel; Justin & Mike Camara and Lucas & Amelia; Camerson Carey; and John Chandler & Beth Tanis. †

### Vestry 2022 – 2023

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden  
Lynn Hood; Gwen McAlpine;  
Elizabeth Wong Mark; Michele Smither;  
Justin Camara; Max Changus; Susie Throop

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector  
The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate  
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician  
Dr. Luis Ottley, Seminarian  
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator  
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

