St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 25, 2023

The Holy Eucharist 10:00 A.M.

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:00

Prelude Largo from *Xerxes* G.F. Handel



Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: Laudate Dominum, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 Together let us pray.

The Collect said by all

God of truth uncovered, you trace the sparrow's flight, and plumb the secret places of the heart: bring our fear and conflict into the light of your presence; help us to lose our hollow life and find our way to you; through Jesus Christ, the master and the slave. Amen.

The First Lesson Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer / me, for I am poor and in mise - / ry.

Keep watch over my life, for I am / faithful; save your servant who puts his trust in / you.

Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my / God; I call upon you all the day / long.

Gladden the soul of your / servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my / soul.

For you, O Lord, are good and for - / giving, and great is your love toward all who call upon / you.

Give ear, O Lord, to my / prayer, and attend to the voice of my suppli - / cations.

In the time of my trouble I will call upon / you, for you will answer / me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O / Lord, nor anything like your / works.

All nations you have made will come and worship you, O / Lord, and glorify your / Name.

For you are great; you do wondrous / things; and you alone are / God.

Turn to me and have mercy upon / me; give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your / handmaid.

Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be a - / shamed; because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted / me.

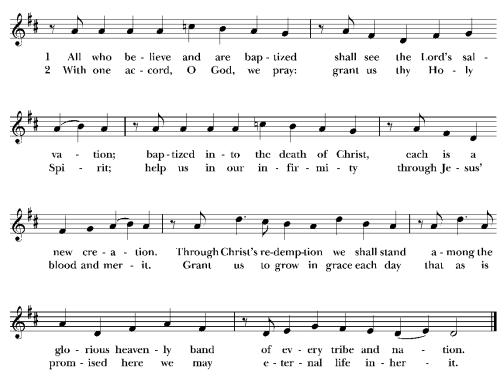
The Second Lesson Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Words: Thomas Hansen Kingo (1634-1703); tr. George Alfred Taylor Rygh (1860-1942), alt. Music: Es ist das Heil, Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612), alt.

The Gospel Matthew 10:24-39

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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

Let us pray to God, who alone makes us dwell in safety.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord. Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon human labor send a blessing, O Lord. Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity and just reward in their work; free the exploited and the oppressed.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord. Guide us into a sustainable future, and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon the seas and water send a blessing, O Lord. Teach us to cherish the water of the earth, and to conserve the seas, lakes, and rivers.

Hear us, Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord. Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry; where war brings want, and children go hungry; where the poor cry out for bread and justice, give hands to care and heal and compel us to be generous.

Hear us, Lord.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering those on our prayer list, especially our parishioners, **Sibley Fleming, Rhea Hannah**, **Eileen Zimmer, Priscilla Davis**, and **John Floyd**.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life including our parish community, especially **Diego Orozco & Jessica Peoples; Brenda Patten; Ralph Paulk & Suzanne Redmon;** and **Alexander & Katy Pierre and Violet.**

The Celebrant continues

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem "O Love of God" Eric Tilman

O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet ever new.

Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.

O wide embracing, wondrous love, we read Thee in the sky above;

We read thee in the earth blow, in seas that swell and streams that flow.

We read Thee best in Him who came and bore us the cross of shame. Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die. O love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way; Eternal love, in Thee we rest, forever safe, forever blest.





Words: Rhijnvis Feith (1753-1824); para. James Montgomery (1771-1854), alt. Music; Wachet auf, melody Hans Sachs (1494-1576); adapt. Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608); arr. and harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

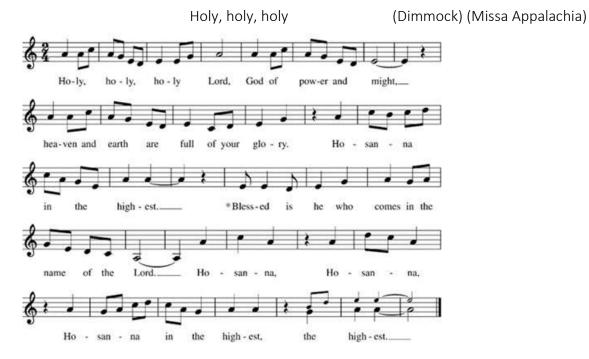
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus WLP 850



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat. This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 WLP 865



The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

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Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

And now, may God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation, so that we may continue to work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that we may reach out our hand to comfort them and turn their pain into joy.

May God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

And may the Blessing of God Almighty, the One who Creates, Redeems, and Sanctifies, be upon you and all you love, this day, and forever more. **Amen.**

Moscow



Words: Samuel Wolcott (1813-1886). Music: Moscow, melody Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. The New Hymnal, 1916 based on Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1892).

Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God!

Postlude Concerto for Organ in B minor: Allegro

Johann G. Walther, arr. Hal H. Hopson

The altar flowers are given by Nancy Knight & Keith Latimore in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary.

Ministry Schedule

	June 25th	July 2nd
Vestry on Duty	Suzanne Johnson	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Suzanne Johnson	Alex Pierre
Lector 1 st Lesson	Sandra Dobbs	Katy Pierre
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Jessie Leyden	Vivian Siggers
Ushers / Greeters	Ralph Paulk	Mimi Gold
Altar Guild	Claudia / Elizabeth	Claudia
Flower Guild	Michele Smither	Claudia Gimson

Happy Anniversary Jackie & Mark O'Connell July 1

Happy Birthday

Priscilla Davis June 28 Sue Martz June 28

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Sibley Fleming; Rhea Hannah; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Sue Camara, mother of Mike Camara; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Paul Stein, nephew of Harriett Smith; Sam Gilgour, brother of Katie Turner; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Scott O'Connell, brother of Mark; Gray Cavender, Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Jim Montsinger, nephew and Claude Thompson, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; 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: Jackie Quinn, Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer (Paul Zimmer); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Randy Yates (Bruce Lafitte); John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Lisa Ridges, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Davis Family); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Jacki Labat; Carolyn Long Banks; Angela Mattson, (Lee Morris); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); and Susan Glenz-Pierce, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

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