St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

The Holy Eucharist

8:30 AND 10:45 A.M.

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:45 A.M.

Prelude

Concerto in D minor, BWV 974: II. Adagio Esther Morgan-Ellis, cello

Bach/Marcello



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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.*

Song of Praise LEVAS 243 Glory to God Carl Haywood

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CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether let us pray.

The Collect said by all

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Cantor sings the first half of each verse, all respond with the second half.



Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of / Egypt, the house of Jacob from a / people of strange speech,

Judah became God's / sanctuary and Israel / his dominion.

The sea beheld it and / fled; Jordan / turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like / rams, and the little / hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you / fled? O Jordan, / that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like / rams? you little / hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the / Lord, at the presence of the / God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of / water and flint-stone into / a flowing spring.

The Second Lesson Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Words: African-American spiritual. Music: Go Down, Moses, Afro-American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935). Arrangement Copyright © 1984, Horace Clarence Boyer.

The Gospel Matthew 18: 21-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow

slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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

Sermon The Rev. Patrica 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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, remembering especially, Whit Smith;

Nancy Knight Latimore; Suzanne Van de Mark; Penny France; Sibley Fleming; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Nina Braziel**; **Mike & Justin Camara** and **Lucas** and **Amelia**; **Cameron Carey**; and **John Chandler & Beth Tanis**.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We remember especially **Patti German**, friend of Tricia; **Ellen Spencer**, friend of the Davis Family; **Audrey Blair**, niece of Emma Blair; and **Angela Marston**, friend of Lee Morris.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

"And I will exalt Him" from Israel in Egypt, HWV54

G.F. Handel

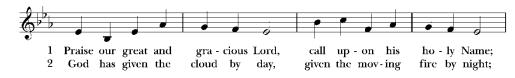
Soloists: Fina Hernandez, Esther Morgan-Ellis, Matthew McCawley, and John Morgan

And I will exalt Him. He is my father's God.

Hymn 393

Praise our great and gracious Lord

Maoz Zur









Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), alt. Music: Maoz Zur, Hebrew melody; adapt. and arr. Eric Werner (1901-1988).

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

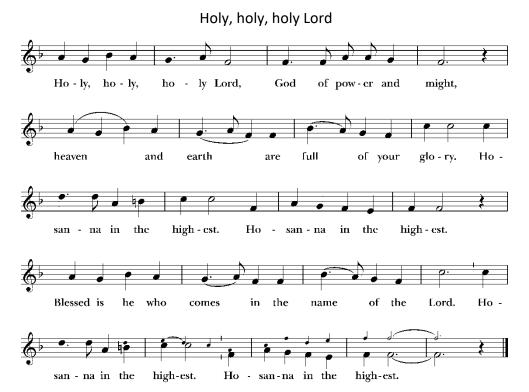
By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Proulx

Sanctus S125



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The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 LEVAS 268

Christ Our Passover
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Lena McLin

The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People All are welcome to receive Communion.

Communion Anthem

"As We Gather at Your Table"

Raquel, Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr.

Marilyn Morgan and Esther Morgan-Ellis, soloists

As we gather at your Table, as we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
Send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that Feast,
Where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever living 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

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world like a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always.



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: Cwm Rhondda, John Hughes (1873-1932).

Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Postlude on "Evangel"

Evangel, by W. Howard Done Arr. Marilyn Thompson

Happy Anniversary

Beth & Alan Zimmerman September 19 Maggie & Tom Harney September 20

Happy Birthday

Tom Wilson September 18 Sheila Woodard September 18 Garrett Wilson September 19 Elizabeth Wong Mark September 22

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Whit Smith; Nancy Knight Latimore; Suzanne Van de Mark; Penny France; Sibley Fleming; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Kohen Blair, nephew of Emma Blair and Allen Blair and Kelsey Miles, his parents; Sergio Whyte, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; Eleanor Hitt, daughter of Bob Wolfson; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Sue Camara, mother of Mike Camara; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Sam Gilgour, brother of Katie Turner; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Scott O'Connell, brother of Mark; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; 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: Michael Stratton, (Robertson Family); K.C. Williams, Thomas Futch, Lisa Ridges, Bill Whitte, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family, Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Davis Family)); Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer (Paul Zimmer); Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); John Heller; Jacki Labat; (Lee Morris); Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Jackie Quinn, Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Randy Yates (Bruce Lafitte); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); and Susan Glenz-Pierce, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

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Ministry Schedule

	September 17th	September 24
Vestry on Duty	Vivian Siggers	Andrea Patten Weerakoon
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Peg Maloney	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Alex Pierre	Hanna Woodburn
Lector 1 st Lesson	Vivian Siggers	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Katy Pierre	John Morgan
Ushers / Greeters	Mimi Gold	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy / Marshall	Claudia / Cathy /
Flower Guild	Lucinda Kaltenbach	Michele Smither
Coffee Hour Hosts		

Service Music Insert – Side A





The Breaking of the Bread Fraction Anthem LEVAS 268 **Christ Our Passover** Lena McLin Service Music Insert – Side B Fine Al-le - lu - ia, Al-le - lu ia, Al - le - lu Fine Leader Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed _ for us; Response (organ) There - fore let _ us _ keep the

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Announcements

We have returned to our program year schedule. That means services at 8:30 and 10:45 and Sunday School at 9:30.

Living the Questions: People know that at its core, Christianity has something good to offer the human race. At the same time, many have a sense that they are alone in being a "thinking" Christian and that "salvaging" Christianity is a hopeless task. What is needed is a safe environment where people have permission to ask the questions they've always wanted to ask but have been afraid to voice for fear of being thought a heretic.

Living the Questions explores beyond the traditions and rote theologies in which so many people and local churches seem to be stuck to help seekers discover the significance of Christianity in the 21st Century and what a meaningful faith can look like in today's world.

Each week a new question is raised, so come join the discussions beginning at 9:30 in the Founders' Room.

Vestry 2023 - 2024

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden; Lynn Hood; Wayne Hood; Susie Throop; Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Ralph Paulk

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate Cameron Carey, Parish Musician Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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