

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 8, 2023

The Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 A.M

Prelude

"The Swan" from *The Carnival of the Animals* Esther Morgan Ellis, cello Camille Saint-Saëns

O God, your creatures fill the earth with wonder and delight, And every living thing has worth and beauty in your sight. So playful dolphins dance and swim; Your sheep bow down and graze. Your songbirds share a morning hymn to offer you their praise.

You made the pets we welcome in- they're wondrous blessings, too. With paws and whiskers, wings and fins, they offer praise to you. O Lord, you call us to embrace these creatures in our care. May we show kindness, love and grace to all pets everywhere.

You made the creatures on each farm; You know the things they need. May they grow healthy, safe from harm, and safe from human greed. Just as a shepherd loves the sheep, You know their joy, their pain. Lord, bless the animals we keep; may all farms be humane.

Your creatures live in every land; they fill the sky and sea. O Lord, you give us your command to love them tenderly. We're called to have dominion here--to care for them always. By loving creatures you hold dear, we offer you our praise.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

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

The Collect said by all

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence and the beauty of your creation. We give you thanks for all the creatures you have made, and we pray that you will give us such a love of them that we will be faithful stewards of those that you have placed in our care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 1:20-25

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Lector	The Word of the Lord.	
People	Thanks be to God.	
Psalm		Psalm 148 expanded
	All dogs and cats, large and small: <i>Praise the Lord!</i>	All racoons, squirrels, foxes, and deer: <i>Praise the Lord!</i>
	All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs: <i>Praise the Lord</i> !	All horses, cows, and sheep: <i>Praise the Lord!</i>
	All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures: <i>Praise the Lord!</i>	All lizards, snakes, turtles, and creeping things: <i>Praise the Lord!</i>
	All birds of the air, all parakeets, canaries, and cockatoos: Praise the Lord!	Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest: Praise the Lord!
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The Gospel

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

Matthew 6:25-29

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Prayers of the People

Creator God, we pray for all your creation, for the abundance of the earth, the resources you provide, and the creatures in our care, especially those endangered by our exploitation.

Lord, make us instruments of your care.

We pray for the holy, catholic church, for bishops, priests, deacons, and all others who serve God in the spiritual leadership of the church throughout the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your word.

Guide the leaders and the people of this land, and of all the nations of the world, in the ways of justice and peace; that they may have a spirit of respect and forbearance for each other. May they be led by your Holy Spirit to wise decisions and right actions that wars may cease in all the world.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Lord deliver all those in danger, violence, oppression, and degradation. Care for those in the midst of struggle in any land.

Lord, make us instruments of your justice.

We pray for all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit.

Lord, make us instruments of your healing.

We pray for all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, make us instruments of your love.

Give to the departed eternal rest and let light perpetual shine upon them. Give us a spirit of gratefulness for the lives of those we have loved and lost and the ability to celebrate their time with us and their place in your eternal kingdom. *Lord, make us instruments of your joy.*

We remember before you our animal friends who have died. Give to them a place in your eternal kingdom. *Lord, make us instruments of your praise. Amen.*

Blessing of the Animals said by the Celebrant

O supreme Spirit of Creation, from your sacred breath came forth birds and beasts, fish and fowl, creatures of such variety and beauty that we are continuously amazed at your divine imagination. These children of yours have been blessed by you, their Creator, with simplicity and beauty. Sheep and goats, donkeys and cows, doves and serpents, fish and birds were blessed by Jesus, your son, by his being born in their company and by his making use of them in his teachings. May we now bless our pets by taking delight in their beauty and naturalness. Let us seek to learn their language and be students of all the secrets that they know. May your abundant blessing rest upon these creatures who are companions for us in the journey of life. Amen.

Each animal and its people may come forward for a blessing.

The Peace

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"All things bright and beautiful"

Music by John Rutter, Text: C. F. Alexander (1818-1895

Kate Gaul and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, soloists

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, the river running by, The sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one. He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell, How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

For the beauty of the earth

Offertory Hymn

the 1. For the beau - ty of the for the beau - ty earth of sky. beau - ty 2. For the of each hour of the day and of the night, 3. For the iov of ear and eve. for the heart and mind's de light, 4. For the love, broth-er joy of hu - man sis - ter, par - ent child, 5. For each per - fect gift of thine race so free - ly giv'n, to our for the love which from birth and lies. 0 round us our - ver a hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light, for the mvs - tic har - mo ny link ing sense 0 sound and sight, friends on earth and friends a - bove, all tle thoughts mild, for gen and and flow'rs of gra ces hu - man di - vine. earth and buds of heav'n. Lord of all Thee This our hymn of grate - ful - praise. to we raise,

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer for the Blessing of Animals

Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant People	Lift up your hearts. <i>We lift them to the Lord.</i>
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

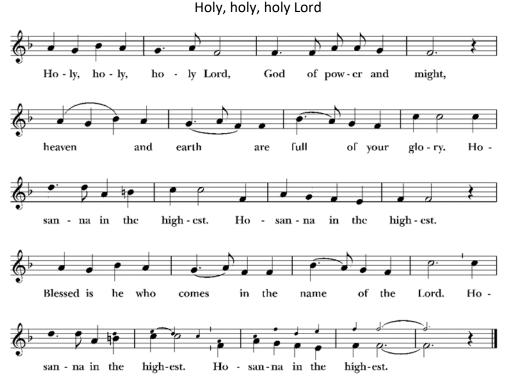
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Creator of heaven and earth. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon,

and stars, and every living thing. You formed out of the ground wild animals and birds of the air and entrusted them to our care. You rescued two of every kind from the flood with Noah and his family.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Francis and Clare, with earth, air, sea, and all their creatures, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Proulx

Sanctus S125



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You are indeed holy, O God, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ, the true Passover Lamb and the great Shepherd of your flock. Foxes have their dens and birds of the air their nests, but when Jesus came into our world, there was no place for him to lay his head. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

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.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. As they are the body and blood of Christ for us, so may we be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Like Adam and Eve, set us as caretakers of your Creation. Like Francis and Clare, set us alight with the fire of your love. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until we feast at the heavenly banquet.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. *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 for ever.

Fraction Anthem LEVAS 268

Christ Our Passover

Amen.



Celebrant The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

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

Lord, make us servants of your peace



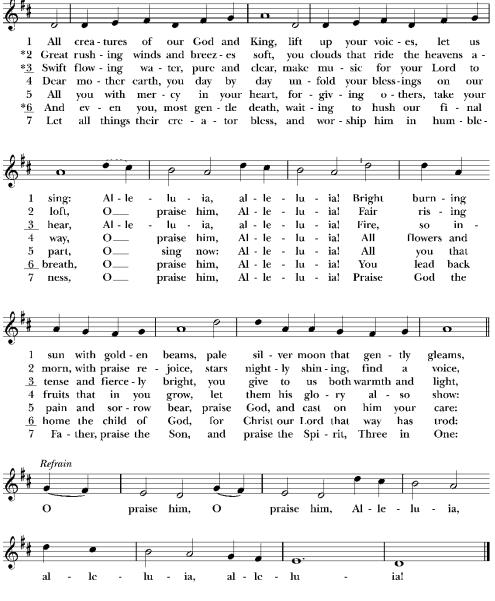
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Prayer of St. Francis Celebrant and People

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon: where there is discord union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Blessing

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



The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

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The Dismissal

Response Tha

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"The Elephant" from *The Carnival of the Animals* Esther Morgan-Ellis, cello Camille Saint-Saëns

The altar flowers are given by Harriett & Whit Smith in celebration of their daughter, Julia Koenig's birthday.

Ministry Schedule

	October 8	October 15
Vestry on Duty	Lynn Hood	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Harriett Smith	Claudia Gimson
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Lynn Hood	Alex Pierre
Lector 1 st Lesson	Marshall Kress	Sandra Dobbs
Lector 2 nd Lesson		Katie Pierre
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Nina Braziel
Altar Guild	Marshall / Mary Jane	Claudia / Cathy
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul	Donna Thomas
Coffee Hour Hosts	Jessica Peoples /	

Announcements

Sunday, October 22nd there will be no Sunday School and one service at 10:00 AM Annual Flying Pig & Chicken BBQ – Right after service

\$15 for Adults / Children 10 and under \$5

A wonderful fall afternoon awaits us as we rediscover an old-fashioned Pot Luck Lunch and country BBQ! Weather permitting, we'll feast in the Beech Grove, but rain or shine we will gather! There are lots of Volunteer Opportunities to help set up / clean up and bringing your favorite side dish to share for this annual event. Signup sheets are in the Parish Hall. There will be musical entertainment provided by Jessie Leyden and her group, and Games: Cornhole and Horseshoes. When was the last time you played?

Bring your neighbors, family, and friends, but help us with the head count so the chefs can plan accordingly and for planning extra take home BBQ.

Did you know?

Flower Guild: You may donate the Altar flowers to honor someone or for a special occasion. Kate Gaul, chair has placed a sign up sheet in the foyer area if you're interested, or speak with her.

Coffee Hour / Hospitality As Keith Latimore once said, "Fellowship means a lot." So, it is with the coffee reception after the service each and every Sunday. It is a wonderful time to greet one another, catch up and welcome visitors and new attendees. It is a sacred time, but it takes some organizing and helping hands.

Bagels, donuts, crackers & cheese, salad, fruit - it doesn't need to be fancy, or even homemade. Just a little nosh to share while we spend time together in fellowship. Coffee and tea are provided by St. Dunstan's.

If you prefer not to bring food, an extra pair of hands for set-up or clean-up are always welcome.

Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, chair has set-up a SignUp Genius webpage to help:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0d48abad2ba3fb6-coffee#/

Welcome to our Refugee Family:

It's truly exciting to announce that we finally have a refugee couple, who have come to the United States from Burma (Myanmar). Vivian and Mimi met Syukur and Sharifah last Sunday in Clarkston. Syukur, a perfect gentleman, was waiting outside, knowing we would need help finding the apartment. Sharifah greeted us warmly at the door. It was exciting to learn that both of them are able to communicate with some English and added gesturing. They were very happy to learn that we and other volunteers would be teachers and that our church members would help them obtain household goods, furniture and more.

Please let us know if you are moving and have furniture available. Of particular need: Small desk with drawers; desk lamp, bedroom chest of drawers, easy / arm chair, standing / floor lamp.

We are very blessed to have such a delightful and openly excited couple to help learn English and explore their community."

Happy Anniversary Tom Gibbs & Steven Schnieder October 10 Cathy & Charlie Leake October 11

Happy Birthday

Julia Koenig October 8 Llewellyn Bell October 11 Nina Braziel October 12 Jessie Leyden October 13 Matthew McCawley October 14

Prayers

Parishioners: Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Rhea Hannah; Nancy Knight Latimore; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Sibley Fleming; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Rosanne Falcone, cousin of Deborah Reece; Kohen Blair, nephew of Emma Blair and Allen Blair and Kelsey Miles, his parents; Sergio Whyte, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; 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: Pam Fruchter (Deborah Reece); Bruce Kenney, 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); 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).

We pray for those have died, remembering especially, **Margaret Davis**, daughter of Priscilla; **Eugenia Dan**, cousin, and **Dorel Popovici**, friend of Titu Doctor; and **Anson Quon**, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Claudia and John Gimson; Mimi Gold; Bill & Sarah Hancock; Mary Jane Hannah; and Rhea Hannah.

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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