St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
January 28, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

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

Prelude

Sinfonia No.11, BWV 797

J.S. Bach



Words: Sts. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; sts. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Russia*, Alexis Lvov (1799-1870).

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 liberation, confronting the powers that exclude the unclean and bind us to death: may we receive your word of authority, your rule of peace, your earthy holiness, which comes not to destroy but to set us free; through Jesus Christ, the holy one of God. Amen.

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole / heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the conger- / gation. Great are the deeds of the / Lord! they are studied by all who delight in / them.

His work is full of majesty and / splendor, and his righteousness endures for / ever. He makes his marvelous works to be re- / membered; the Lord is gracious and full of com- / passion.

He gives food to those who fear / him; He is ever mindful of his cove- / nant. He has shown his people the power of his / works, in giving them the lands of the / nations. The works of his hands are faithfulness and / justice; all his commandments are / sure.
They stand fast for ever and / ever, because they are done in truth and equi- / ty.

Psalm 111

He sent redemption to his / people;
He commanded his covenant for / ever;
Holy and awesome is his / Name,
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of / wisdom.

Those who act accordingly have a good under- / standing;
His praise endures for / ever.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

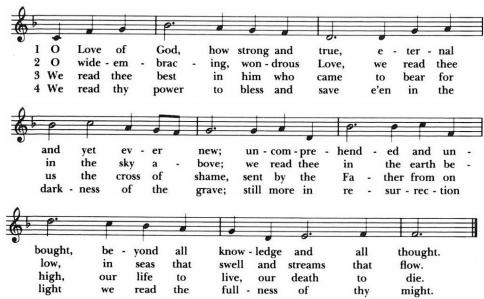
Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.



O Love of God, how strong and true

Dunedin

Mark 1:21-28



The Gospel

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend 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 for Epiphany

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that sustains us from day to day. Enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to your service. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Help us to look with compassion upon the people of this world who live with injustice, terror, hunger, disease and death as constant companions. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

As your Son came to earth not to be served, but to serve, stir in us the desire to serve, to open hearts and hands to the stranger, the lonely, the broken in mind and spirit, and those who come to these shores from foreign lands. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us make our nation a reflection of your kingdom, a place of justice and peace, where all are welcomed and cared for, and where there are no outcasts. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially our parishioners, **David Abner**; Maggie Harney; The O'Connell Family; Cameron Carey; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; Suzanne Van de Mark; and John Floyd.

We pray for those who have died, especially **Joan McCormack**, friend of Kate Gaul; **Pete Libby**, friend of Bob Longino; **Bob O'Connell**, father of Mark, and **Gerald Carey**, grandfather of Cameron.

Celebrant continues:

O God, you made us in your own 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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

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

Ubi caritas "Where all charity and love are found"

Words adapted and Music by Alejandro D. Consolacion II

Fina Hernandez, soloist

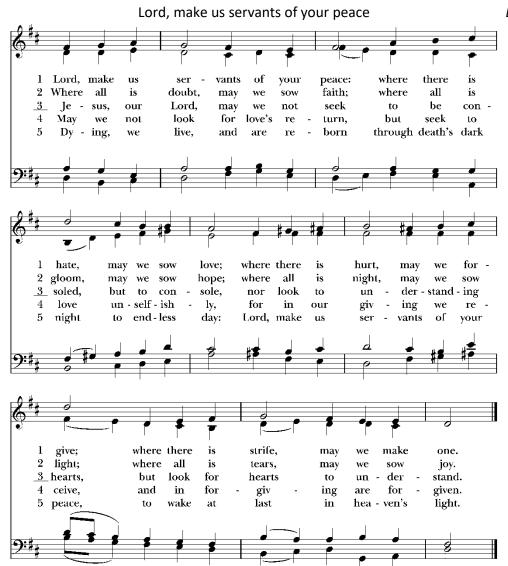
Ubi Caritas et amor, deus ibi est (Where all charity and love are, God is always there).

The love of Christ be upon us, let us rejoice and be glad in Him. Let us love and serve the Lord and love each other from the depths of our hearts.

Let us gather ourselves in His presence, let be one, not divided. Let's give peace to one another, and may the Lord be on our side.

And in the company of the blessed we see God's face, In glory Christ pure and abounded joy forever and ever.

Hymn 593



Dickinson College

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

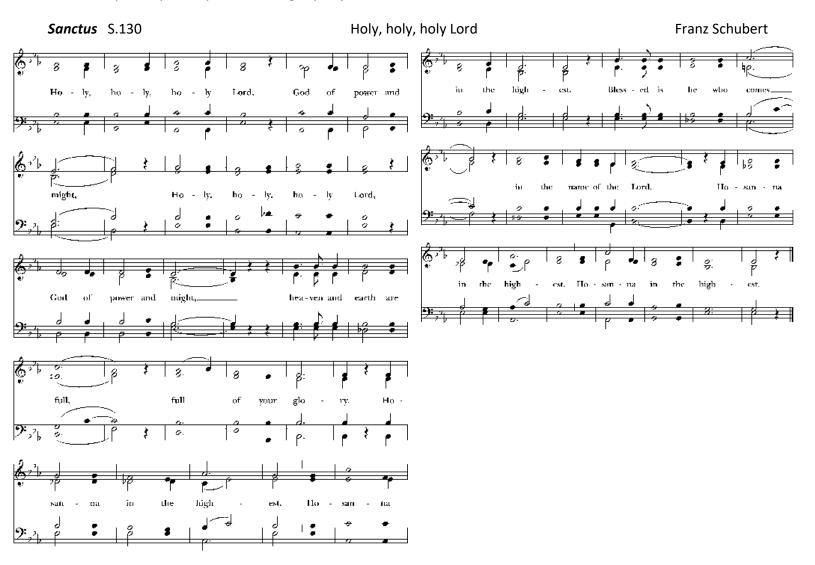
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

The Breaking of the Bread: 490 I want to walk as a child of the light Houston

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,
we shall know the joy of Jesus

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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



Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: Schmücke dich, melody Johann Cruger (1598-1662); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906.

Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Live without fear:

Your Creator has made you holy has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.

Go in peace to follow the good road.

And may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.





Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Paderborn*, melody from *Catolisch-Paderbornisches Gesang-buch*, 1765; harm, Sydney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947).

Postlude Allegretto F. Cunningham Woods

Happy Birthday

John Koenig February 2 Mark O'Connell February 3 Sean Robertson February 3

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: David Abner; Maggie Harney; The O'Connell Family; Cameron Carey; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; and John Floyd

Family: Gregory Neal, grandson, William, son of former parishioner Billie Neal; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Jenny Richard, Diego and Kaira Sanchez, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; 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; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; 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: Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers); Lazlo, Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Jhansi Ponniah, Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Karen Graham, (Toby & Cathy Raper); Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris, (St. Dunstan's New Pathways Family); Lars Olsson, Bruce Kenney, Michael Stratton, (Robertson Family); Madison Fucita & Family; K.C. Williams, Thomas Futch, Lisa Ridges, Bill Whitte, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family, Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Priscilla Davis); Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer, (Paul Zimmer); Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Jackie Quinn, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); and Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

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We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Garrett Wilson & Emma Blair; Lisa & Tom Wilson**; **Tiff & Todd Wilson** and **Gavin**; and **Bob Wolfson**.

Ministry Schedule

| | Jan 28 th 2024 | Feb 4 th 2024 |
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| Vestry on Duty | Vivian Siggers | |
| Lay Reader: 8:30 am | Bob Longino | |
| Lay Reader: 10:45 am | Claudia Gimson | |
| Lector 1 st Lesson | Vivian Siggers | |
| Lector 2 nd Lesson | Suzanne Johnson | |
| Ushers / Greeters | Wayne Hood | |
| Altar Guild | Lisa Wilson / Marshall Kress / Elizabeth Wong Mark | Ralph Paulk / Mary Jane Hannah |
| Flower Guild | Lucinda Kaltenbach | Michele Smither |
| Coffee Hour Hosts | | |

Announcements

TODAY The Philadelphia Eleven, A showing of A new documentary at 5 p.m. at St. Anne's

This year marks the 50h anniversary of the ordination of the first women priests in the Episcopal Church. The ordination of the Philadelphia 11, as they were called, was a faithful act of civil disobedience at a time when the Church had yet to approve women's ordination (that came in 1977). A new documentary, The Philadelphia Eleven, tells the story of the courage and bravery of these women, and the men who put their own careers on the line to support them.

The North Atlanta Convocation (St. Dunstan's, St Anne's, Holy Innocents, St. Martin's, Emmaus House, and Holy Comforter) is sponsoring a viewing of the film today, at 5 p.m. at St. Anne's. Attendance is free, but an offering will be taken to fund scholarships for women seminarians. There will be a light reception following the viewing.

LENT BEGINS Looking ahead a bit, Lent begins on **Ash Wednesday**, **February 14**. That means on **February 11**th we will have what has become our annual "Shrove Sunday" service with the Dixieland Jazz band and following that our pancake and other yummy treats breakfast There will be only one service at 10 a.m. on the 11th. It will be a rousing fun time.

In past Lenten seasons we have done **Stations of the Cross** (following the last steps of Jesus) on our nature trail. That stopped with the pandemic, but several people have expressed interest in doing it again. To do that we need some new crosses. If you're interested in making a cross or in learning more, let me know. There are still a few crosses on the nature trail for you to look at. And the large wooden cross in our Memorial Garden was Toby Raper's offering several years ago.

THANK YOU Secret Santas! For the Secret Santas, Solidarity Sandy Springs has provided In-Kind Donations forms for tax filing. If you would like one you may pick one up in the church office.