

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

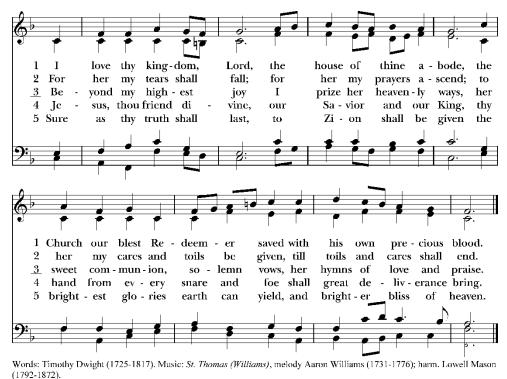
Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:00

Prelude

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

arr. Bish

I love thy kingdom, Lord



The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

CelebrantBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd 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. And also with you.	
People		
Celebrant	Together let us pray.	

The Collect said by all

Offensive God; refusing our religion of sacrifice and power: find us in our wandering, speak to us the word of life, liberate our violent hearts and let us stay with you; through Jesus Christ, the hold one of God. Amen.

The First Lesson

1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

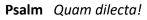
Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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





How dear to me is your / dwelling,

O Lord of / hosts!

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the / Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living / God. Psalm 84

The sparrow has found her a / house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her / young; by the side of your altars, O Lord of / hosts, my King and my / God.

Happy are they who dwell in your / house! they will always be praising / you.Happy are the people whose strength is in / you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' / way.

Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of / springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of / water.They will climb from height to / height, and the God of gods will appear in / Zion.

Lord God of hosts, hear my / prayer; hearken, O God of / Jacob. Behold our defender, O /God; and look upon the face of you're a - / nointed.

For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own / room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the / wicked.
For the Lord God is both sun and / shield; the Lord will give grace and / glory.

No good thing will the Lord with - / hold from those who walk with integr - / ity. O Lord of / hosts, happy are they who put their trust in / you!

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 6:10-20

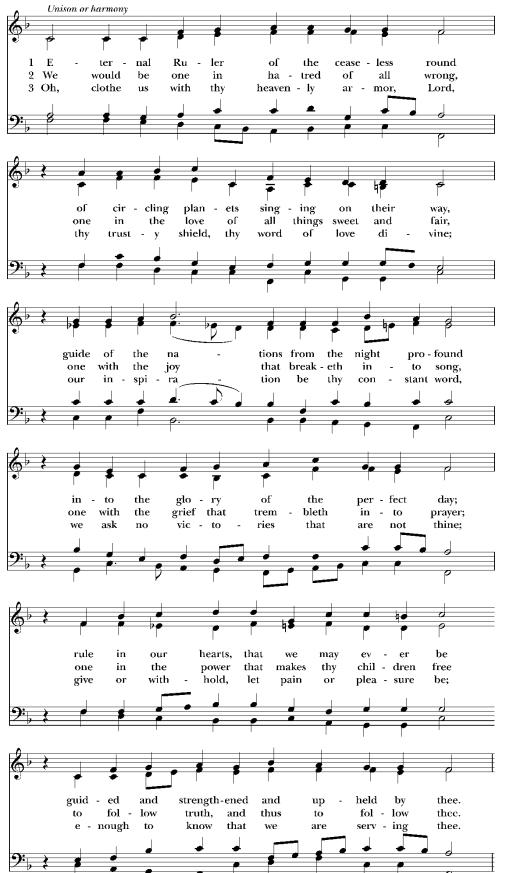
Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round



The Gospel

The Rev. Bill Deneke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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, Sean our Presiding Bishop-elect 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, Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

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 We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Titu Doctor; Penny France;** and **Kate & Patrick Gaul** and **Ellisa** and **Joe.**

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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Silence

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

"Bread of Heaven"

Peter Matthews

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thou art our food indeed. Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread. Day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice. Lord thy wounds our healing give; to thy cross we look and live. Jesus may we ever be grafted, rooted, built on thee.

Josiah Conder, 1789-1855

Hymn 517

How lovely is they dwelling place

Brother Jame's Air



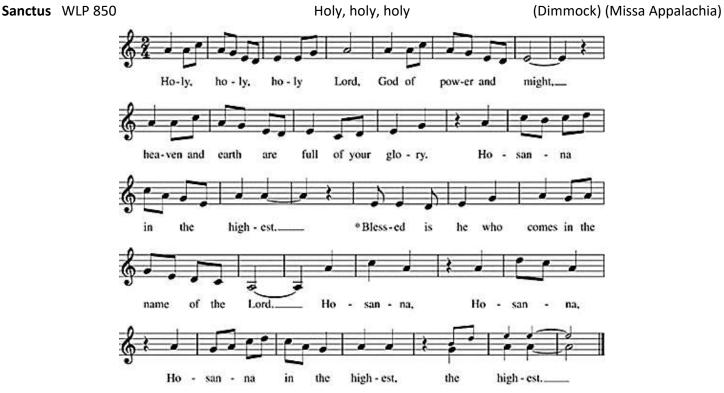
0

The Great Thanksgiving (*Alternative Eucharistic Prayer is from Enriching Our Worship)

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:



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



The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (All are welcome to receive Communion.)

Bread of the world, in mercy broken



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, to honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

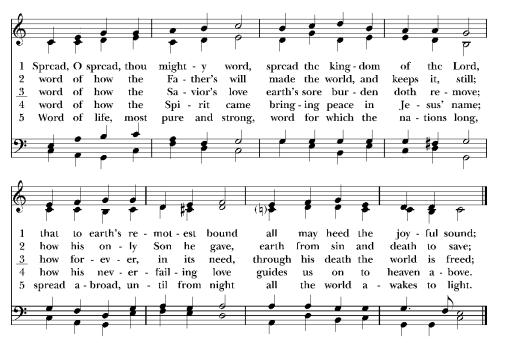
May the joyful fire of the Spirit dance within you and set happiness ablaze in your life. May the blaze of the Spirit's courage May the wind of the Spirit ignite in you a passion for truth and justice.

breathe into you new life, new hope, and new blessings, this day and always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn 530

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei Dank



Dismissal

Response

Postlude

Thanks be to God!

We welcome The Reverend Dr. Deborah Silver and The Reverend Bill Deneke

as our guest priests today.

We welcome Julie Bunn as our guest musician today.

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Mimi Gold by Suzanne Van de Mark.

Ministry Schedule

	August 25	September 1
Vestry on Duty	Jessica Peoples	Sarah Hancock
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Claudia Gimson	Harriett Smith
Lector 1 st Lesson	Josh Taylor	Kate Gaul
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Vivian Siggers	Marshall Kress
Ushers / Greeters	Wayne Hood	Ralph Paulk
Altar Guild	Marshall / Ralph	Claudia / Ralph
Flower Guild	Suzanne Van de Mark	Kate Gaul

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Justin Camara September 3 Reneé Kastanakis & Rick Bent September 3

Happy Birthday

Jim Bird August 30 Susan Hauser September 1

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

Family: Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; John Maloney, father of Heather Robertson; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Katy Greenawalt, sister, Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Allison Rose, daughter, and Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Roswitha & Klaus Moos, grandparents of Katharina McCawley; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-inlaw of Penny France; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: John Ware, (Suzanne Van de Mark); Aaron D., Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Swan Family, (Kate Gaul); Len & Rita DiNapoli, (Marilyn Morgan); Anike Adesokan and her son, Ayo, (Gloria Nelson); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Maria Foust, Clif Frierson, Walter Buchanan, (Rhea Hannah); Ellen Winsor, (Reece Family); Carol Davis (Sandra Dobbs);

Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Carolyn Neely Holmes, (Vivian Siggers); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); 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); Jackie Quinn, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); and Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin).

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially **Duane Davis**, friend of Shirley & John Morgan.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Titu Doctor; Penny France; and Kate & Patrick Gaul and Ellisa and Joe.

Announcements

Looking for something to do?

This Tuesday, August 27th come give **Yoga with Mary Beth van der Hoek on Tuesdays** a try: at 12:00-1.

A new session will begin in September as we return to our fall schedule. Schedule Details to come. 1st class is FREE to try it out! Then, Classes are \$12.00 each if you pay for all, or \$15.00 drop-in rate.

Come join this all-level Yoga class (beginners are welcome), as we carve a peaceful, yet invigorating hour together stretching and learning about some basic yoga poses.

If you want a firsthand perspective, ask Suzanne Van de Mark; she has coordinated the yoga group that meets in the Parish Hall.

Feel free to email Mary Beth with any questions at: Mbvdh1@yahoo.com

Time flies but Sunday, September 8th We will celebrate our return to our "Regular Schedule" with services at 8:30 and 10:45 and Sunday School at 9:30. During Coffee Hour we will have a **Potluck Picnic Lunch** on the Grounds in the Beech Grove with Fried Chicken – Please bring your favorite side dish to share. Look for more details to come.

Vestry 2024 – 2025

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden; Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Paulk; Sarah Hancock; Marshall Kress; Jessica Peoples; Alexander Pierre

> The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate Cameron Carey, Director of Music Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



4393 Garmon Road NW Atlanta, Georgia 30327 404-266-1018 www.stdunstan.net