



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Atlanta, Georgia

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

The Holy Eucharist with Blessing of the Animals

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 AM

Prelude

"The Swan" from *The Carnival of the Animals*
Michael Roberts, cello

Camille Saint-Saëns

Verses 1 – 4



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.

People **And 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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, 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:
Praise the Lord!

All racoons, squirrels, foxes, and deer:
Praise the Lord!

All rabbits, hamsters, and guinea pigs:
Praise the Lord!

All horses, cows, and sheep:
Praise the Lord!

All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:
Praise the Lord!

All lizards, snakes, turtles, and creeping things:
Praise the Lord!

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!

Sequence Hymn

Let all creation bless the Lord

1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise_ is ring - ing. Sun,
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills_ and moun - tains, sing
 3. O men and wo - men ev - 'ry-where, lift up a hymn_ of glo - ry; let
 moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing. Sing,
 to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun - tains. Lithe
 all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry. No
 wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beasts, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -
 alt_ the God who made_ you.
 alt_ the God who made_ you.
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The Gospel

Matthew 6:25-29

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

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“All things bright and beautiful”

Music by John Rutter,

Text: C. F. Alexander (1818-1895)

Fina Hernandez, soloist; Elizabeth Wong-Mark, flute; Michael Roberts, cello

*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.*

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.
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.
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

*He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.*

Offertory Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

1. For the beau - ty of the earth for the beau - ty of the sky,
2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,
3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er sis - ter, par - ent child,
5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense o sound and sight,
friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
gra - ces hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grate - ful - praise.

The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer for the Blessing of Animals

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, 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:

Sanctus S125

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

The Breaking of the Bread

Caribbean Communion Hymn

We come now to your ta - ble, Lord, you are the Liv - ing Bread. We come now to your
ta - ble, Lord, let ev - 'ry soul be fed. You are the Liv - ing Bread; let
ev - 'ry soul be fed; and now may ev' - ry soul be fed with Liv - ing Bread.

The Celebrant continues

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

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

1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark

1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your

1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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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.**

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 Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Introduction and Royal March of the Lion" from *The Carnival of the Animals*

Camille Saint-Saëns

The altar flowers are given in memory of Bob Trukenbrod by Peg Maloney.

We welcome Michael Roberts as our guest musician today.

Ministry Schedule

	September 29	October 6
Vestry on Duty	Marshall Kress	Kate Gaul
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Bob Longino	Nancy Dillon
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Susie Throop	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 st Lesson	Claudia Gimson	Eddie Belgard
Lector 2 nd Lesson	No Lesson	Kate Gaul
Ushers / Greeters	Wayne Hood	Wayne Hood
Altar Guild	Claudia / Cathy / Mary Jane	Kate / Elizabeth
Flower Guild	Suzanne Van de Mark	Lucinda Kaltenbach
Coffee Hour Hosts	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	

Happy Anniversary

Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte October 1

Happy Birthday

Paul Zimmer October 1 Steve Hauser October 3 Tom Barnett October 6

Prayers

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

Family: Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; 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; 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-in-law of Penny France; Tiffany 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: Anne Cronin; Maria Foust, Clif Frierson, Walter Buchanan, (Rhea Hannah); Bob Armstrong; Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Beverly & Donald Shorter, (Bessie & Hollis Holland); John Ware, (Suzanne Van de Mark); Aaron D., Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Swan Family, (Kate Gaul); Anike Adesokan and her son, Ayo, (Gloria Nelson); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); 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); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; and Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold).

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially Allison Rose, daughter, of Sara Thomas; Cindy Hind, friend of Fair Sutherlin and Debby Oakley, cousin of Priscilla Davis.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Lynn & Wayne Hood; Suzanne Johnson; Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; and Lucy & John Kaltenbach and Jace and Wallis.

Announcements

Tuesday Yoga at St. Dunstan's led by Mary Beth van der Hoek

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.

October Schedule

10/1 – 12 10/8 – 2:15
10/15 – 12 10/22 – NO CLASS
 10/29 – 2:15

Come give it a try, the first class is free.

Payment for the month will be \$48.00, cash or check, OR Drop in rate, \$15.00 a class.

Annual Flying Pig & Chicken BBQ – Right after service

Sunday, October 20th there will be no Sunday School and one service at 10:00 AM

\$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 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.

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



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