St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:45

Prelude

Larghetto from *Dix Piéces en style libre,* Op.21

Charles Tournemire



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.*





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

The Collect said by all

Lord of the changing, you help us find our voice that we might find our faith: we praise you for the Gentile woman who answered back the Son of God; release us from the crowds which command our silence and free our tongues to demand from you the healing of the earth; through Jesus Christ, the opener of the gate. Amen.

The First Lesson Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Qui confidunt Psalm 125

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



Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount / Zion, which cannot be moved, but / stands fast for ever.

The hills stand about / Jerusalem;

so does the Lord stand round about the Lord's people, from this time forth / for evermore.

The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the / just, so that the just shall not put their / hands to evil.

Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are / good and to those who / are true of heart.

As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the Lord will lead them away with the / evildoers; but peace be / upon Israel.

The Second Lesson James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Sequence Hymn 568

Father all loving, who rulest in majesty

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The Gospel Mark 7:24-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Dr. Lindsey Hardegree

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 III

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially **Diana Floyd**, wife of John Floyd and those killed in the Apalachee High School shooting: **Richard Aspinwall, Christina Irimie, Mason Schermerhorn** and **Christian Angulo**. **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others including our parishioners, Rhea Hannah; John Morgan; John Floyd; Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

We give thanks for our parish community, Sara & Bill Hancock; Mary Jane Hannah; Rhea Hannah; and Maggie & Tom Harney.

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

Offertory Anthem

"Draw Us in The Spirit's Tether

J.H. Ossewaarder

Moscow

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name, Two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them; Alleluia, Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.

Hymn 371



Words: John Marriott (1780-1825), alt. Music: *Moscow*, Felice de Giardini (1716-1796); harm. *The New Hymnal*, 1916, based on *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, and Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

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:

Sanctus S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Caribbean Communion Hymn



The Celebrant continues

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



Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

O God, you made us in your 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.

Blessing

May God bless us with anger at injustice and oppression, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain and rejection, so that we may reach out to comfort them and ease their pain.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 610

Lord, whose love through humble service

On Following Page

Blaenhafren

Dismissal

Response Thanks be to God!

Postlude Gigue Douglas E. Wagner

Let them praise His name in the dance- Psalm 149:

We welcome Dr. Lindsey Hardegree as our guest priest this Sunday.

The altar flowers are given in celebration of Dolores Delgado Waye's birthday.



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Ministry Schedule

	September 8	September 15
Vestry on Duty	Alex Pierre	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Bruce Lafitte	Nancy Dillon
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Claudia Gimson	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 st Lesson	Susie Throop	Bruce Lafitte
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Lucy Kaltenbach	Sandra Dobbs
Ushers / Greeters	Alex Pierre	Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy / Elizabeth	/ Cathy / Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Suzanne Van de Mark	Nancy Dillon

Happy Birthday

Delores Delgado Waye September 13

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Rhea Hannah; John Morgan; John Floyd; 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-in-law 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: 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); 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 **Diana Floyd**, wife of John Floyd and those killed in the Apalachee High School shooting: **Richard Aspinwall, Christina Irimie, Mason Schermerhorn** and **Christian Angulo**.

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Announcements

Coming up

September 15th Alexander Pierre will introduce the Kickoff of our annual Stewardship Campaign for the coming year.

September 22nd for Sunday School at 9:30, representatives from the Atlanta office of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) will discuss the current situation with refugees and immigrants in the greater Atlanta area and how the IRC is responding. During the coffee hour, the discussion will continue with a focus on specific ways the people of St. Dunstan's can get more involved, including sponsoring a refugee family through the IRC. Everyone is welcome to both discussions.

September 29th we will have the **Blessing of the Animals** at both the 8:30 and 10:45 services.

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

September Schedule

9/3 12:00 9/10. 2:15 9/17 12:00 9/24 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.

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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