

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
Atlanta, Georgia



The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming FaceBook Live at 10:00

Prelude

Introduction & Toccata

by Frescobald

Processional Hymn 409

The spacious firmament on high

Creation

Unison or harmony

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
 2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - veil,
 3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
 the moon takes up the won - drous tale,
 move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
 and night - ly to the lis - tening earth
 What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.
 re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:
 a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,
 In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
 and all the plan - ets in their turn,
 and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6. Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. Dulcimer, or *New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People ***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

The 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.**

Gloria in excelsis S 277 Glory to God Hurd

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant Together, let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Holy One, you breathe the word of love and the promise of new creation into the secret places of the soul, opening heart to heart: in the wildness of your Spirit, uncaptured in the wide world, reach us the costly way of fearless love and priceless peace; through Jesus Christ, through who God dwells with us. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm *Deus misereatur* - Spoken together

Psalm 67

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and
come to us.

Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his
blessing.

May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in
awe of him.

Second Lesson

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
 above, one in joy, and light, and love.

The Gospel**John 14:23-29**

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you,

'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

The Creed

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,
maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,
who created all people in the Divine image,
who led people from slavery to freedom
through exile and exodus,
the God of homelands lost and found,
the God of Temple and desert, of manna and sacrifice.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human, joining us as strangers and exiles on the earth,
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,
who was born under occupation
and as an infant fled with his parents to Egypt for safety,
becoming aliens in a foreign land,
who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,
was crucified by the state, died, and buried.
On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,
destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races,
who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,
a communion of saints across countries and centuries.

I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,
where our passport is love,
our bodies are resurrected and healed,
where the image of God in all of us is honored,
and all nations, tribes, creeds, and people are reconciled in the place
where there is no mourning or sadness, no exile or despair,
where we will be no longer strangers or guests
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd. 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;

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, **Christine Bird; Lucy Davidson; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; Donna Thomas; Rhea Hannah; Sheila Woodard; and Penny France.**

Silence and concluding Collect.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Greetings & Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music

Be Thou My Vision

arr. McDonald

Offertory Hymn 398

I sing the almighty power of God

Forest Green

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Forest Green*, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

Sanctus S. 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless ed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him, Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

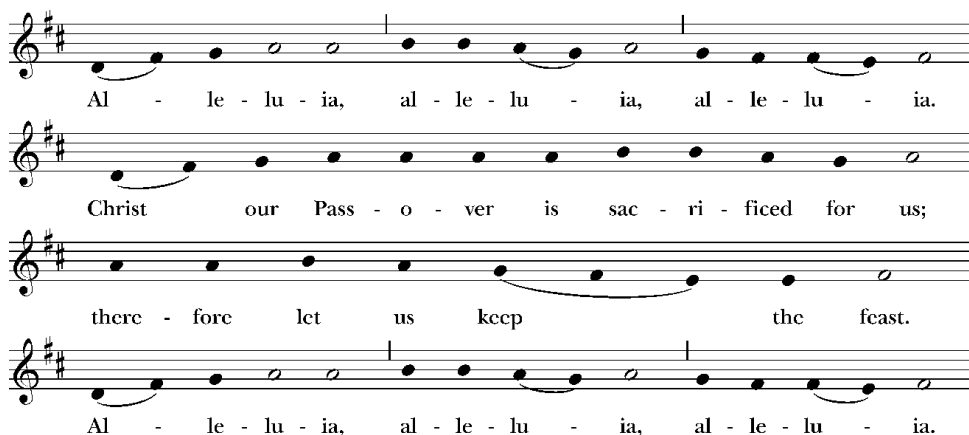
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

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 forever. Amen.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

Communion Hymn 439

What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

Unison



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and
 won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won - drous love is this that
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll
 caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
 is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing
 soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and everliving 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, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Easter Blessing

The blessing of God who creates life,
Be upon you as you celebrate life.

The blessing of God who restores life,
Be upon you as you seek new life.

The blessing of God, who sanctifies life,
Be upon you as you give life to others.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn 535

Ye servants of God
On following page

Paderborn

The Dismissal

Response **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Postlude

Fanfare

by Lemmens

The altar flowers are given in celebration of the marriage of
Shurla Nelson and Elbert Johnson.

Ministry Schedule

	May 25	June 1
Vestry on Duty	Sarah Hancock	Suzanne Johnson
Lay Reader: 10:00	Bill Hancock	Bruce Lafitte
Lector 1 st Lesson	Eddie Belgard	Suzanne Johnson
Lector 2 nd Lesson	John Gimson	Ralph Paulk
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Ralph Paulk
Altar Guild	Claudia / Elizabeth	/ Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul / Gloria Nelson	

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

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

Happy Anniversary

Jeanne & Josh Taylor May 26 Susie & Jon Throop May 26 Kate & Patrick Gaul May 29

Prayers

Parishioners: Christine Bird; Lucy Davidson; Eileen Zimmer Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; Donna Thomas; Rhea Hannah; Sheila Woodard; and Penny France.

Family: Cody Young, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; Ava Marie Buchholz, grandniece, Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Betsy, Kate, Geoff & Alex, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea & Anil Weerakoon; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; Harry Kastanakis III, brother of Reneé; Debra Powers, sister of Lucy Kaltenbach; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; 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; 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: Carolyn Timmons, (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); Sara Corredor (Tiffany Wilson); Dobrik Family; Lynell Walker, Pat Park and Rik Rasmussen (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Carol Fitzgerald, Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Gay McNeely, John Ware (Suzanne Van de Mark); Lauren Courtney Robinson (Lindsey Reece); Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser (Brown family); Barry Mazor (Bob Wolfson); Kishell Muir (Barbara Hawker); Anne Cronin; Walter Buchanan (Rhea Hannah); Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas (Cathy Leake); Swan Family (Kate Gaul); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Carol Davis (Sandra Dobbs); 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); Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard (Mimi Gold).

We pray for those who have died.

We give thanks for our parish community especially Vivian Siggers; Harriett & Whit Smith; Michele & Tom Smither and Michele St. Peter.

Vestry 2025 - 2026

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

The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate
Julie Bunn, Church Organist
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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