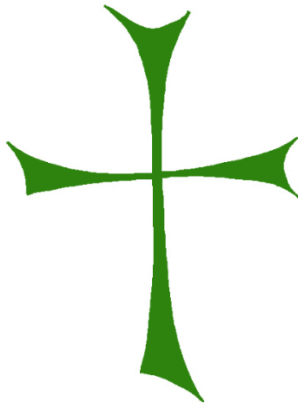


# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 17, 2025

### The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:00 A.M.

**Prelude**

Joyful, Joyful

arr. Bish



*Descant*

4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and  
2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of  
3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of  
4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,  
God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion  
Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness  
thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in  
hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.  
Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.  
in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

Words: Latin, ca. 7th cent.; tr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1818-1856), alt. Music: *Westminster Abbey*, Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt; desc. James Gillespie (b. 1929). Descant by permission of Church Society, London.

# 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.*

## Song of Praise

Let all creation praise 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.  
alt\_ the God who made\_ you.

Music: *Allein Gott in der Höb*, attr. Nikolaus Decius (1490?-1541)

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*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

***And also with you.***

*Celebrant*

Let us pray.

## The Collect *said by all*

God of restless fire, and urgent river's flow: unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions; unfold our hearts to sense your presence; unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ, the first of many brothers and sisters. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm** *Deus stetit, (spoken in unison)*

**Psalm 82**

God arises in the council of heaven;

and gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly,

and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan;

defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor;

deliver them from the power of the wicked.

They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness;

all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods,

and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,

and fall like any leader."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth,

for you shall take all nations for your own.

## The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms,

administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn 623**

O what their joy and glory must be

*Q quanta qualia*

*On following page*

**The Gospel**

**Luke 12:49-56**

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

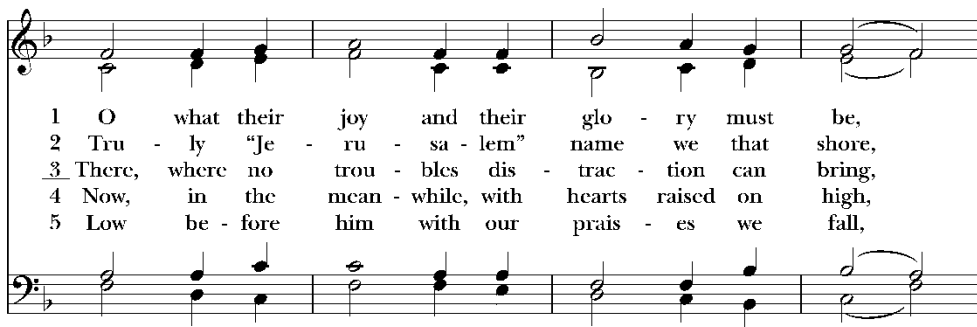
*People*            ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

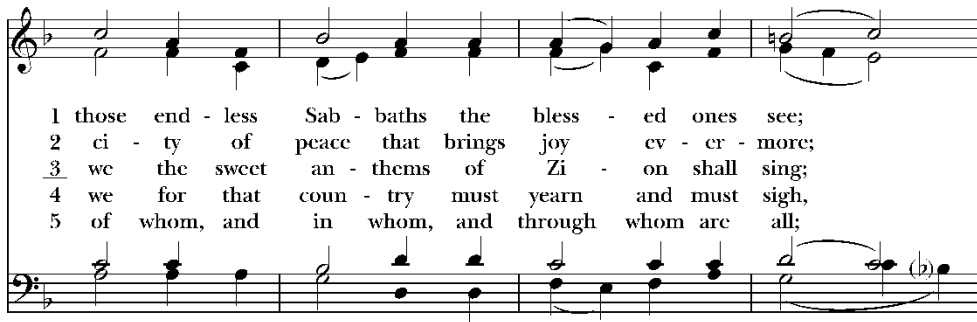
He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

*Priest*            The Gospel of the Lord.

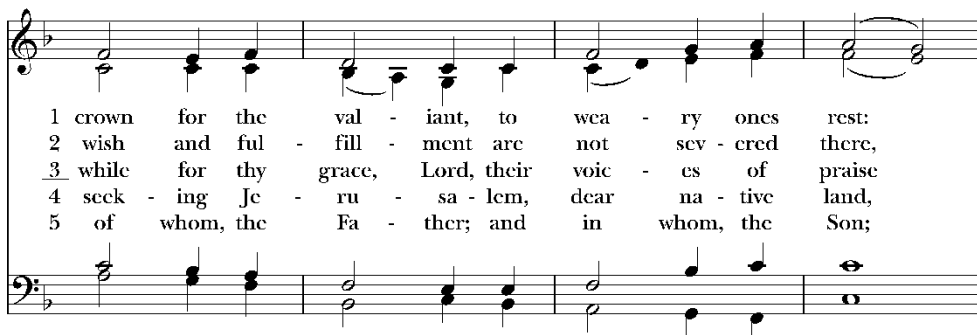
*People*            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***



1 O what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
 2 Tru - ly "Je - ru - sa - lem" name we that shore,  
 3 There, where no trou - bles dis - trac - tion can bring,  
 4 Now, in the mean - while, with hearts raised on high,  
 5 Low be - fore him with our prais - es we fall,



1 those end - less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see;  
 2 ci - ty of peace that brings joy ev - er - more;  
 3 we the sweet an - thems of Zi - on shall sing;  
 4 we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh,  
 5 of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all;



1 crown for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;  
 2 wish and ful - fill - ment are not sev - ered there,  
 3 while for thy grace, Lord, their voic - es of praise  
 4 seek - ing Je - ru - sa - lem, dear na - tive land,  
 5 of whom, the Fa - ther; and in whom, the Son;



1 God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.  
 2 nor do things prayed for come short of the prayer.  
 3 thy bless - ed peo - ple e - ter - nal - ly raise.  
 4 through our long ex - ile on Bab - y - lon's strand.  
 5 through whom, the Spi - rit, with them ev - er One.

Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt. Music: *Q quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876).

## 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 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 Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in God's Church.***

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, for all on our prayer list including. our parishioners **Vivian Siggers; James Millikan; Bob Longino; Lynn Hood; Sheila Woodard; Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; and Donna Thomas.**

*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 **Cathleen Hackett; Sarah & Billy Hancock; Mary Jane Hannah; and Rhea Hannah.**

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, remembering especially **Wesley Dyar**, Tricia's cousin, 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**

Rejoice, Sing Praise! (based on Psalm 96)  
John Morgan, soloist

Composer, J. Morgan

*Rejoice, sing praise, bring forth the honor due his name;*

*Give unto the Lord glory and praise.*

*The Lord is great and greatly to be praised.*

*Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;*

*Bring an offering and come to worship him.*

*O sing unto the Lord a new song all the earth. Amen.*

Composer's Notes at end of bulletin.

# Offertory Hymn 11

Awake, my soul, and with the sun

Morning Hymn

1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new; dis -  
3 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
\*4 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise  
dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign, or do, or say; that all my powers, with  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye  
joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice:  
thought and will, and with thy - self my spi - rit fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711), alt. Music: *Morning Hymn*, melody François Hippolyte Barthélémon (1741-1808); harm. *The Church Hymnal for the Church Year*, 1917.

## 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:

***Sanctus*** S. 128

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

Ho - ly, 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.

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**

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

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless  
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the

love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall

thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Philip Doddridge (1702-1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731-1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

### 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 struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. Amen.

## The 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.

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 344

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

*Sicilian*

1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; let the fruits of thy sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound; ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

**Dismissal**

*Response:   **Thanks be to God!***

**Postlude**

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals -                      *Karg-Elert*   arr. Bish

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We welcome The Reverend Stefanie Taylor as our guest priest today.

The altar flowers are given in gratitude for Julie Bunn and the gift  
of her music that she has shared with us.

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*Ministry Schedule*

	<b>August 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>August 24<sup>th</sup></b>
Vestry on Duty	Susie Throop	Alex Pierre
Lay Reader: 10:00	Bruce Lafitte	Zoe McMichael
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Josh Taylor	Marshall Kress
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Bruce Lafitte	Rhea Hannah
Ushers / Greeters	Ralph Paulk	Ralph Paulk
Altar Guild	Ralph / Claudia	Marshall
Flower Guild	Claudia Gimson	Suzanne Van de Mark

# Happy Birthday

Brenda Patten August 21

## Prayer Requests

**Parishioners: Vivian Siggers; James Millikan; Bob Longino; Lynn Hood; Sheila Woodard; Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; and Donna Thomas.**

**Family: Chris Ekmark**, cousin of Heather Robertson; **Ranee G.; Betsy, Kate, Geoff & Alex**, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea & Anil Weerakoon; **Cody Young**, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; **Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley** family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; **Mary Morris**, sister-in-law of Lee Morris;; **Charlie Bunn**, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; **Harry Kastanakis III**, brother of Renéé; **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; **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: Kelsey Clark; Patricia Woods; Anne Cronin; Walter Buchanan** (Rhea Hannah); **Marilyn Reynolds** (Bessie Holland); **Tony Rizzuto** (Daria Jones); **Dann Brown** (Tricia Templeton); **Carol Davis, 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); **Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas** (Cathy Leake); **Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard** (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); **Carolyn Neely Holmes** (Vivian Siggers); **Steve Murray** (Bob Longino); **Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis); **Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold).

We give thanks for our parish community **The Gaul Family – Kate, Ellisa & Joe. Tom Gibbs & We** give thanks for our parish community **Cathleen Hackett; Sarah & Billy Hancock; Mary Jane Hannah; and Rhea Hannah.**

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially **Wesley Dyar**, Tricia’s cousin.



## **“Rejoice, Sing Praise”-J. Morgan [Some composer insights]**

Intrigued by Tricia’s calendar last year—her photos of massive rock formations of SW U.S.—this summer Shirley & I journeyed West by plane, train & auto to see for ourselves God’s awesome majestic display of mountainous canyons, valleys, mesas & arroyos. Along a trail toward a granite enclosure, tiniest flashes of color—yellow, orange & crimson—caught my eye: freshly blooming cactus flowers adorning the sharp thorny leaves. Oh my, how convincing then were the psalmist’s words juxtaposing—“strength & beauty...are in his (natural) sanctuary!”

The musical setting of this Psalm honoring, praising God features the ‘Perfect’ interval s–4<sup>th</sup>(‘P4’) (e-f-g-a) and its inversion a 5<sup>th</sup>(‘P5’) a-b-c-d-e, reaching the P8 octave (or P1 unison). Why are these intervals—or distances between notes—called “perfect(P)?” During the Middle Ages they were mandated as the only fitting ending (& beginning) of sacred multi-voiced singing—thus, a kind of alpha & omega, which God is...‘Perfect’ ...but also acoustically they happen to be the root & first partials of the overtone series. Further, as a composer under the tutelage of Neo-Classicism of the 1960’s, which hallowed ‘the (very) old,’ I couldn’t resist further weakening allegiance to the tertial (3<sup>rd</sup>-based chords) of ‘common-practice’ by combining 4ths (‘quartal’) and 5ths (‘quintal’) harmonies to produce further ‘austerity’. I added other dashes of ‘mystery’ by using whole-tone scale (no half-steps) and chromatic scale (all half-steps). Within a through-composed form—determined by the psalm text—the initial rising P4th motive recurs throughout as a kind of ‘bonding stitch,’ climaxing in the grand ‘A-men’ (“So be it!”) P4 + it’s inversion P5—all sustained above a grandiose organ cadence deploying a Middle-Age ‘no-no’ interval of dim5 so-called ‘diabolus in musica’ (“devil in music”) as a kind of ‘Satan-chaser’—Bb major→Emajor. Moreover, while this finale chord (Emaj) sounds ‘fresh’ to us— (i.e., “sing a new song”), yet it (still) is related to the opening: Aha! A P5 above (or P4 below) the original key/chord of A! Soli Deo Gloria! JM

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