St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:45

Prelude Fugue in G Major JS Bach



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

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

Living God, burning wild and unconfined, you call us to a new being, free from the fear of death: take away the limits that bind our imagination and choke our compassion that we may feel your pleasure in all that brings us life; through Jesus Christ, risen and ascended. *Amen*.

The First Lesson Job 19:23-27a

Job said, "O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

Psalm Exaudi, Domine

Psalm 17:1-9



Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD; give heed to my | cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying | lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your | presence; let your eyes be fixed on | justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by | night, melt me down; you will find no impurity in | me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others | do; I have heeded the words of your | lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your | law; in your paths my feet shall not | stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will | answer me; incline your ear to me and hear my | words.

Show me your marvelous loving | kindness,
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up a-|gainst them.

Keep me as the apple of your | eye; hide me under the shadow of your | wings,

From the wicked who as-|sault me, from my deadly enemies who sur-|round me.

The Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is

revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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



The Gospel Luke 20:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,

who created all people in the Divine image,

Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

The Creed

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.

maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,

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

O God, for your peace, for your loving-kindness to us, and to all your creation, we thank and praise you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an end to war and a truer understanding among the peoples of the earth, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire, O God, all your faithful people to see your presence in each other and in all people, and to put an end to all guarrels and discords in your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide all those who are responsible for the government of this and other nations, that they may seek your justice and peace for all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen and support with your Holy Spirit, we pray, all those who seek to build bridges between people and those who look for ways to mend the fabric of society.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer oppression, that you will protect, comfort, and sustain them with your abundant love, and that the hearts and minds of their oppressors may be opened to repentance and change.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort those who grieve; shield the courageous; encourage the timid; show those who wander in the wilderness the path to clarity of mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing and grace upon this parish, that we may better serve your Church and this city, spread your Gospel, and nurture the healthy growth of this worshipping community.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our prayer list, including our parishioners, **Brenda Patten**; **Vivian Siggers**; **Keith Latimore**; **Bob Longino**; **Priscilla Davis**; **Donna Thomas**; and **Cathy Leake**.

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially **Linda Johnson**, sister of Vivian Siggers and **Linda Cline**, friend of Claudia.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially Hanna Woodburn & Stephanie Elesser; Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer; Beth Zimmerman, and Anike Adesokan.

The Celebrant continues

O Lord, awaken the consciousness of all peoples and their leaders; raise up men and women full of love and generosity who can speak and act for peace, and show us new ways in which hatred can be left behind, wounds can be healed, and unity restored. 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

"Never Weather-Beaten Sail"

Thomas Campion

Offertory Hymn 623 O what their joy and their glory must be Q quanta qualia O what their and their joy glo ry must be. ly "Je ru sa - lem" name that shore, bring, 3 There, where no trou - bles dis trac can the mean - while, with hearts raised on high, fall, Low be - fore him with our prais end - less Sab - baths the bless edones ci ty peace that brings joy er more: 3 Zi the sweet an - thems of shall sing; we for that coun - try must yearn and must sigh, whom, and whom, and through all; in whom are 1 crown for the val iant, rest: wea oncs wish and ful fill ment are not sev - cred there, while for thy grace, Lord, their voic of praise es seck ing Je ru sa - lem, dear na - tive land, of whom, the Fa ther; in whom, the Son; God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest. things nor do for short of the prayer. prayed come thy bless - ed peo ple c ter nal - ly raise. 4 through our y - lon's long Bab strand. $\mathbf{c}\mathbf{x}$ ile on

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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:



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

(Mass for St. Dunstan's)

Thomas Gibbs

Antiphon: Cantor, then All



Cantor: And at last may we come to your heavenly table where we will join with

saints and angels at the feast you have prepared from the beginning.

All: Repeat Antiphon

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

Communion Anthem

Shalom

Dan Forrest

Josefina Hernandez & Joseph Henry Monti, soloists Elizabeth Wong Mark, Flute

Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world like a mother over her children, be among you and be with you this day and always.

Recessional Hymn 620

Jerusalem, my happy home
On following page

Land of Rest

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Trumpet Tune in C Alice Jordan

We welcome Julie Bunn as our guest musician today.

Ministry Schedule

	November 9th	November 16th
Vestry on Duty	Marshall Kress	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon
Lay Reader: 8:30	Bob Longino	Peg Maloney
Lay Reader: 10:45	Alex Pierre	
Lector 1st Lesson	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Lector 2nd Lesson	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Billy Hancock
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Altar Guild	Claudia / Marshall & Karen /	Ralph / Fina / Elizabeth
	Mary Jane	
Flower Guild	Michele Smither	Claudia Gimson



Happy Birthday Robear Stumpe November 10

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Keith Latimore; Bob Longino; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

Family: Kathy Benedict, family of Andrea, Anil and Brenda; Preston Wilson, brother of Mary Jane Hannah; Roswitha Moos, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; Carson Morris, daughter; Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, of Vivian Siggers; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Michele Goswick, niece of Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Laura Shain; niece; Elizabeth Rhodes, cousin of Marshall Kress; Adam Swartz, brother-in-law of Gwen McAlpine; Joyce Emmons, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Chris Ekmark, cousin of Heather Robertson; Cody Young, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: The Cline Family (Claudia Gimson); Joe James; Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Patricia Woods; 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); 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).

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Announcements

Need is always at the forefront this time of year, more so this year than previously and we support many opportunities to reach out and share with our neighbors during the coming weeks.

Thanksgiving at Home for Emmaus House

Response has been tremendous, thank you! At last check there were only a couple of openings still available. Contributions are already coming in but please have yours here by **Sunday, Nov. 16**th.

Solidarity Sandy Springs food pantry. Bring your food contribution to the narthex and we will get it to them. You can also make a financial donation at their website www.solidaritysandysprings.org.

Christmas for Our Refugee Family

We are also collecting cash gifts for Christmas for our refugee family. And if you have any Christmas decorations in excellent condition that you would like to donate, please put them on the bench in the hallway. We need both cash gifts and decorations by **Sunday, November 23**rd.

Beep! Beep! An important next step toward independence for our refugee family is owning a car. We are looking for a good used car to be donated or sold to the church at a below-market price (with a tax benefit to the donor). If you don't have a car to donate, please ask your friends and neighbors if they can help this remarkable family.

Contact Steve Hauser (404-370-2375) or Suzanne Johnson (804-201-1679) if you have a lead.

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
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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