



**EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ATLANTA
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3:30PM

Lean on Me

G

C

Some times in our lives

G

Bm D

We all have pain, we all have sorrow

G

C

But if we are wise

G

D

G

We' ll know that there' s always tomorrow

G

C

Lean on me, when you're not strong

G

Bm

D

I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on

G

C

For, it won't be long

G

D

G

Till I'm going to need somebody to lean on

G

C

Please, swallow your pride

G

Bm D

If I have things, you need to borrow

G

C

G

For no one can fill, those of your needs

D

G

That you won't let show

G

C

Lean on me, when you're not strong

G

Bm

D

I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on

G

C

For, it won't be long

G

D

G

Till I'm going to need somebody to lean on

G

Just call on me brother when you need a hand

G

D G

We all need somebody to lean on

G

I just might have a problem

That you'd understand

G

D G

We all need somebody to lean on

G

C

Lean on me, when you're not strong

G

Bm

D

I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on

G

C

For, it won't be long

G

D

G

Till I'm going to need somebody to lean on

Opening Acclamation

Elizabeth: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect for Purity

Elizabeth: 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.**

All in All

G

D

Em

You are my strength when I am weak

G

C

You are the treasure that I seek

G

D

G

D

You are my all in all

G

D

Em

Seeking You as a precious jewel

G

C

Lord to give up, I'd be a fool

G

D

G

D

You are my all in all

G D Em G
Jesus, Lamb of God,
C G D G D
worthy is Your name
G D Em G
Jesus, Lamb of God,
C G D G D
worthy is Your name

G D Em
Taking my sin, my cross, my shame

G C
Rising again, I less Your name

G D G D
You are my all in all

G D Em
When I fall down, You pick me up

G C
When I am dry, You fill my cup

G D G D
You are my all in all

G D Em G

Jesus, Lamb of God,

C G D G D

worthy is Your name

G D Em G

Jesus, Lamb of God,

C G D G D

worthy is Your name 2x

C G D G

You are my all in all

Collect of the Day

Elizabeth: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Elizabeth: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Willow: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Something Beautiful

Capo 3 Intro: G C G

G C G

In Your ocean, I'm ankle deep

G C G

I feel the waves crashing on my feet

G C Em

It's like I know where I need to be

D C

But I can't figure out, yeah I can't figure out

G C G

Just how much air I will need to breathe

G C G

When Your tide rushes over me

G C Em

There's only one way to figure out

D C

Will You let me drown, will You let me drown

G C

Hey now, this is my desire

Em D

Consume me like a fire, 'cause I just want something beautiful

G C

To touch me, I know that I'm in reach

Em D

'Cause I am down on my knees, waiting for something beautiful

G C G

And the water is risin' quick

G C G

And for years, I was scared of it

G C Em

We can't be sure when it will subside

D C

So I won't leave Your side, I won't leave Your side

G C

Hey now, this is my desire

Em D

Consume me like a fire, 'cause I just want something beautiful

G C

To touch me, I know that I'm in reach

Em D

'Cause I am down on my knees, waiting for something beautiful

G C

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The Holy Gospel

John 10:1-10

Arianna: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Arianna: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Julia Clark
3rd year at Kennesaw State University

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop:

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People:

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Connor: God of grace and mercy, we lift up our prayers to you as we pray, “Loving God; hear our prayer.”

Connor: We pray for the whole Church. We pray for all of its members and leaders. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for our nation, our state, and our local communities and all who govern them. May they lead with integrity as they work for justice, healing, and peace. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for peace in this world and for all who live in it, that a spirit of respect and love may grow among all nations and people. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for the Earth that you have given us and for the wisdom and the will to protect it. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for our graduating seniors, that they may be reminded that you are with them always and that they may know that they are surrounded by a community that loves and supports them. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for those who are sick or suffering, particularly those who have Covid-19, that they might find healing and wholeness in body, mind, and spirit. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the oppressed, and the imprisoned, that they may be respected and protected. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for those seeking a deeper knowledge of you, that they may find you and be found by you. Loving God,

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for those whose lives are closely linked with ours.
Grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another
as he loves us. Loving God,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for those who feel alone, stressed, or overwhelmed,
that you may grant them the peace that only you can
provide. Loving God,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for those who have died and have entered into your
eternal kingdom. Let light perpetual shine upon them.
Loving God,
All: **Hear our prayer.**

Connor: We pray for the things on our hearts and minds, lifting them up to you now, either silently, aloud, or in the chat.

A period of silence is kept.

Connor: We offer our thanks and praise for all of the blessings which you have given us, lifting them up to you now, either silently, aloud, or in the chat.

A period of silence is kept.

Bishop:

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Senior Recognition and Share

Spirit Booster Video

Blessing of Graduating Seniors

May the Road

D G D

May the road rise with you

Bm G

May the wind be always at your back

A D

May the sun shine warm upon your face

G A Bm

May the rain fall soft upon your field

A G

And until we meet again

A

May God hold you

G D (G, A)

In the hollow of God's hands

The Dismissal

Seniors: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**