



# St. Dunstan's

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

# THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 17

AUGUST 31, 2025

9:00AM

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## THE CLERGY

THE REVEREND DR. ROMAN D. ROLDAN - *Rector*

THE REVEREND STEVE FERGUSON - *Associate Rector*

THE REVEREND NATY MENJIVAR - *Associate Rector*

## WELCOME

We are so glad that you are here! If you are new or visiting, please let an usher know so that we can connect with you! Children are welcome at all of our services. We also offer the following opportunities for children every Sunday:

- Nursery: Open 8:45am-12:45pm for children ages infant - 5 years old and located in the Bentley Education Center (BEC). Enter thru the doors under the porte-cochere
- Children's Chapel: After the Collect, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel in the BEC and will return to the worship service during the announcements.
- Playground: A soft space near the choir loft for little ones to get the wiggles out during service while getting a front row seat to worship. Pews available in the area for parental supervision.

*Please note that this service is being livestreamed and members of the congregation may be captured on camera during communion and other parts of the service.*



*We aspire to live out the Gospel of Christ as a Body of Believers  
Rooted in Faith and Growing in Community*

#### OUR CORE VALUES AND MISSION STRATEGY:

- CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES: We seek to nurture the spiritual development of children and youth by encouraging their participation in the life of our congregation and larger community.
- COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP: We gather often to build friendships and to share the love of God through interests, hobbies, activities, events, speakers, Bible study and outreach.
- CHRISTIAN FORMATION: We share the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Biblical teaching and spiritual growth to develop Christian disciples.
- OUTREACH: We are passionate about providing Christ-centered ministries beyond the walls of St. Dunstan's by meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the local and global communities.
- WORSHIP: We look forward to celebrating the rich traditions of Episcopal worship while offering a variety of preaching styles, musical expressions, and opportunities to participate.
- PASTORAL CARE: We work to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of persons in our parish with well-trained and responsive lay and ordained pastors. Our practice of pastoral care extends beyond times of crisis to encompass our daily lives.

# THE WORD OF GOD

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*  
*Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King*

*Thomas Miller, Robert Robinson, John Wyeth*

## Verse 1

Come thou fount of every blessing  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing  
Call for songs of loudest praise  
Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it  
Mount of Thy redeeming love

## Verse 2

O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it  
Prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## Chorus (sung twice)

Come, Thou fount, come Thou King  
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace  
Hear Your bride - to You we sing  
Come, Thou fount of our blessing

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity*

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.**

*The Celebrant continues with following*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung*

DAVID HORN

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.***

***Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,***

***we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.***

***Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,***

***you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;***

***you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.***

***For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,***

***you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,***

***with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.***

***Amen.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*At this time, all children ages 3-3rd grade are invited to meet at the back of the church and follow the Children's Chapel Cross and adult leaders to your designated Chapel space in the BEC. The Children will return to the service during the announcements.*

## FIRST READING *The people sit.*

**SIRACH 10:12-18**

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord; the heart has withdrawn from its Maker. For the beginning of pride is sin, and the one who clings to it pours out abominations. Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities, and destroys them completely. The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers, and enthrones the lowly in their place. The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations, and plants the humble in their place. The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations, and destroys them to the foundations of the earth. He removes some of them and destroys them, and erases the memory of them from the earth. Pride was not created for human beings, or violent anger for those born of women.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## PSALM 112 *Said by all,*

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.**
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;  
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.**

## SECOND READING

**HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders,

those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

*Grace Flows Down*

*David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, and Rod Padgett*

### **Verse**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
Amazing love, now flowing down  
From hands and feet  
That were nailed to the tree  
As grace flows down and covers me

### **Chorus**

It covers me  
It covers me  
It covers me  
And covers me

### **Repeat All**

## THE GOSPEL

**LUKE 14:1, 7-14**

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

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

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Steve Ferguson*

## THE NICENE CREED

*All standing and saying together,*

**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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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

*The People respond to all the petitions with*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers conclude with*

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People* **To you, O Lord Our God.**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. All saying*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.**

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,*

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

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*At this time you may exchange the sign of peace with those around you - wave, bow, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Whom Shall I Fear*

*Ed Cash, Scott Cash, and Chris Tomlin*

#### **Verse 1**

You hear me when I call  
You are my morning song  
Though darkness fills the night  
It cannot hide the light  
Whom shall I fear?

#### **Verse 2**

You crush the enemy  
Underneath my feet  
You are my sword and shield  
Though troubles linger still  
Whom shall I fear?

#### **Chorus**

I know Who goes before me; I know Who stands behind  
The God of angel armies is always by my side  
The One Who reigns forever - He is a friend of mine  
The God of angel armies is always by my side

#### **Verse 3**

My strength is in Your name  
For You alone can save  
You will deliver me  
Yours is the victory  
Whom shall I fear?

#### **Repeat Chorus**

#### **Bridge 2X**

And nothing formed against me shall stand  
You hold the whole world in Your hands  
I'm holding on to Your promises  
You are faithful, You are faithful

#### **Repeat Chorus 2X**

#### **Tag**

The God of angel armies is always by my side

### THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.*

*The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar, singing*

The Doxology

Old 100th

***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.***

*The Celebrant says*

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

*People* **and of Thine own have we given Thee.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says,*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface*

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

*which concludes*

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 AND BENEDICTUS *Sung*

*David Horn*

***Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!***

***Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord,***

***Hosanna in the highest!***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People say*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Blessed Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant, kneeling*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said*

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

*People* **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

*People* **Grant us thy peace.**

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion follow the direction of the ushers towards the altar. Place your hands together (palms upward), receive the host, and carefully dip the host in the chalice before consuming, or drink from the cup. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest. Prayer teams offering prayers for healing and thanksgiving are stationed in the chapel. You may go before or after you receive the Eucharist.*



## COMMUNION ANTHEM

*Amazed*

*Jared Anderson*

### **Verse 1**

You dance over me, while I am unaware  
You sing all around, but I never hear the sound

### **Chorus (sung twice)**

Lord, I'm amazed by You (3X)  
And how You love me

### **Verse 2**

You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind  
My hope will always stand, for You hold me in Your hand

### **Repeat Chorus**

### **Bridge (sung twice)**

How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me

### **Repeat Chorus**

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us**

**as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*The Priest blesses the people,*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## SONG OF MISSION

*Blessed Be Your Name*

*Beth Redman and Matt Redman*

### **Verse 1**

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name

### **Pre-Chorus**

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say-

### **Chorus**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

### **Verse 2**

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be - Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

### **Repeat Pre-Chorus & Chorus**

## THE DISMISSAL

*From the back of the church, the Priest dismisses the people, who respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God & in honor of Jim and Joan Browning's 74th Wedding Anniversary, given by Claire Browning and Suzanne Montgomery.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Community Coffee in the Mace Room! Come Connect with Us!*

## COMING UP

### SEPT. 7 - FALL KICK-OFF POLUCK & KICKBALL

Families of youth and children - join us on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm for a Potluck and Kickball Game to kick-off the program year! Bring a dish/ dessert to share, your water bottle, and join in on the fun!

### SEPT. 14 - TAIZE SERVICE

Come enjoy a quiet service of meditative song and prayer at 4:00pm on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

### SEPT. 21 - INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL

Join us at 12:30pm for an International Food Festival as we celebrate Hispanic Heritage month! Enjoy food from various Central and South American countries cooked by members of our Spanish congregation!

## GET INVOLVED

### GARAGE SALE DONATIONS

We are now accepting Donations for the Youth Garage Sale in BEC Room 318! The Sale will take place on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> 8am-12pm. Donations can be brought to church on Sundays, or Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 4:30pm. Garage Sale donations cannot be accepted on Fridays. Thank you!

### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Fr. Steve Ferguson will be leading a trip to Israel and Jordan March 18-30, 2026. Cost for the trip is \$4,575 per person, based on double room occupancy. Fr. Steve will be hosting 2 forums to answer questions about the trip on September 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am and October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm. Registration deadline is November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### NEW GROUP - GATHERING OF REMINISCERS

Annette Matthews is leading a new group for parishioners 55+ that will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month, beginning September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. The group will meet at a restaurant and enjoy dinner and a fun discussion. Email [acmmatt@msn.com](mailto:acmmatt@msn.com) to join!

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Honor or remember a loved one through our beautiful Sunday Flowers! Remember to list the date you're purchasing for and the dedication you'd like listed in the leaflets! Visit [www.saintdunstans.org/give](http://www.saintdunstans.org/give) Minimum donation is \$150. **September 14, 21 and 28 are available!**

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We are 69% of the way towards our goal of \$3 Million to fund all parts of our Phase One Project and we need your help to make it to the finish line! Visit [saintdunstans.org/campaign](http://saintdunstans.org/campaign) to make a pledge today!

## NEW ONLINE DIRECTORY

The 2025 Directory is now available to parishioners online! If we have your updated contact information, you should have received an email on August 27<sup>th</sup> with your login credentials (remember to check your junk folder!). You can log in through the link in that email, or through the "Directory Login" link at the top of our website, [www.saintdunstans.org](http://www.saintdunstans.org). Please note the Directory is available ONLY to active St. Dunstan's parishioners and does require a password to access. If you need help, have questions, or didn't receive an email with login credentials, you can email [khelmick@saintdunstans.org](mailto:khelmick@saintdunstans.org) or stop by the Mace Room on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> and Kyra will be there 10:15am - 11:00am to help you get started.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST FOR LABOR DAY.**

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