



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 24

OCTOBER 19, 2025

9:00AM

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

PRELUDE

Because of Your Love

Paul Baloche

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*

Let God Arise

Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what He has done for us
Tell the world of His great love

Pre-Chorus

Our God is the God who saves
Our God is the God who saves

Chorus

Let God arise, let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever

Verse 2

His enemies will run for sure
The Church will stand, she will endure
He holds the keys of life, our Lord
Death has no sting, no final word

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus twice

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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.*

GENESIS 32:22-31

Jacob got up at night and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121 *Said by all,*

**1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?**

**2 My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.**

**3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

**5 The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

**6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.**

**7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.**

**8 The Lord shall watch over your going out
and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.**

SECOND READING

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

I Belong

Kathryn Scott

Verse 1

Not angels, nor demons
No power on earth or heaven;
Not distance, nor danger,
No trouble now or ever

Pre-Chorus

Nothing can take me from Your great love
Forever this truth remains.

Chorus

I belong, I belong to You
I belong, I belong to You

Verse 2

Not hardship, nor hunger,
No pain or depth of sorrow;
Not weakness, nor failure,
No broken dream or promise

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus twice

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 18:1-8

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus told the disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TAIZE RESPONSE

Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord.

Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

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

Firm Foundation (He Won't)

Austin Davis, Chandler Moore, and Cody Carnes

Verse 1

Christ is my firm foundation
The Rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't

Verse 2

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now?

Chorus

He won't, He won't
He won't fail
He won't fail

Bridge

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through
Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through
Yeah, I'm gonna make it through
'Cause my house is built on You

Repeat Verse 1 and Chorus

Ending

He won't

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

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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

How Great is Our God

Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

The splendor of a King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice; all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, trembles at His voice

Chorus

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

Verse 2

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
The beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, Three in One - Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and The Lamb, Lion and The Lamb

Repeat Chorus 2X

Bridge 2X

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing "How great is our God"

Repeat Chorus 2X

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

Everlasting God

Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

Verse (sung twice)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
Wait upon the Lord, we will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus

Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer

Chorus

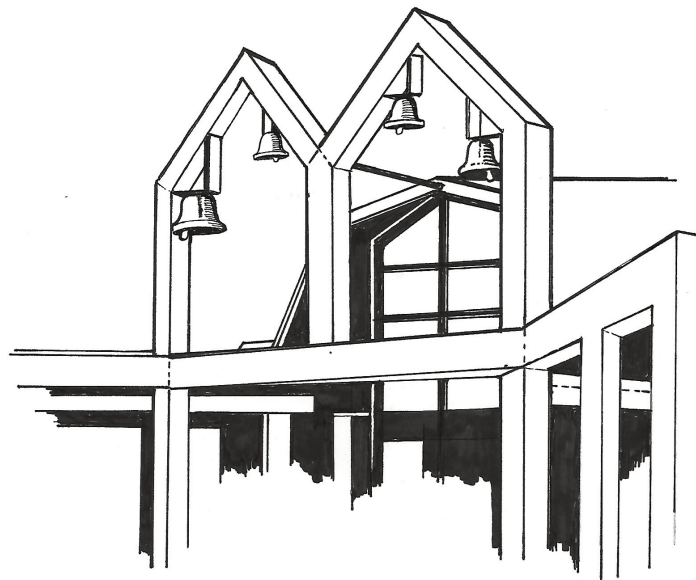
You are the everlasting God, the everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak - You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

Repeat All

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

CHILDREN'S HARVEST FEST

Children and youth of St. Dunstan's are warmly invited to join us for a fun-filled Fall Harvest Fest in the courtyard during the Sunday School hour! Enjoy festive pumpkin-themed arts and crafts, a cupcake walk and delicious snacks from 10:15 to 11:05 AM.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

All current 5-12 graders are invited to join the acolyte corps. Please plan to meet in the Nave on both 10/19/25 and 10/26/25 during the Sunday School hour. The Acolyte Masters (Deena Akinrinsola, Catherine Jones Penco, Gerald Schattle, & Pam Stewart) and experienced Acolytes will provide training for anyone who would like to join. If you have questions, email acolyte@saintdunstans.org

COMING UP

NOV. 2 - REQUIEM SERVICE

The Requiem service for the faithful departed will be held at the 11:15am service on Nov. 2nd. The Parish Choir and string musicians will provide beautiful music to help remember and pray for lost loved ones. Please submit names of loved ones who you would like included in the leaflet to Kyra khelmick@saintdunstans.org by **Sunday, Oct. 26th**.

NOV. 2 - DIA DE LOS MUERTOS POTLUCK

Join us at 12:30pm in the Parish Hall for a Dia de los Muertos Potluck celebration! "Resurrect" a favorite recipe of a lost loved one and bring it to share!

NOV. 8 - BINGO BENEFITING YOUTH

Join us for Bingo on November 8th to support our youth! Doors open at 2:30pm and first game begins at 3:00pm. Light concessions and drinks will be available to purchase. Scan the QR Code to purchase!



GET INVOLVED

REMINISCERS GROUP

Gathering for parishioners 50+ to enjoy fun conversation and good food! Next meeting is October 22 4pm at Zara's. Email Annette Matthews with questions! acmmatt@msn.com

HOLOCAUST MUSEUM TRIP

The Daughters of the King are taking a Precinct 3 bus trip to the Holocaust Museum and Temple Emanu EL on Thursday, Oct. 23 9am-3pm (optional catered lunch is \$13). All parishioners (including men!) are invited to join! Contact Janet Wenckens with questions or to register jwenckens@aol.com

FATHER/ CHILD RETREAT

All Father/child and Grandfather/child combinations are welcome - mom has the weekend off! Sign up for a weekend of fun in the Piney Woods of Camp Allen Nov. 14-16! Register at www.saintdunstans.org/retreat

SOCIAL BUTTERFLIES BRUNCH

Join the Social Butterflies group for Brunch on November 15th 10:30am at Don Ramon's Mexican Restaurant. Call Kathie 281-460-3860 or Gloria 713-398-4818

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Join Fr. Steve and Bonnie Ferguson on a Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan March 18-30, 2026! Cost is \$4547 per person and registration deadline in November 18, 2025. Email Fr. Steve with questions! frsteve@saintdunstans.org

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