



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 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

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*
Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down)

*Chase Jenkins, Dan Hamilton, Ryan Owens, Taylor Johnson,
Robbie Seay, and Tedd Tjornhom*

Verse 1

All things bright and beautiful You are
All things wise and wonderful You are
In my darkest night, You brighten up the skies
A song will rise

Chorus

I will sing a song of hope
Sing along
God of heaven come down
Heaven come down
Just to know that You are near is enough
God of heaven come down, heaven come down

Verse 2

All things new - I can start again
Creator, God - Calling me Your friend
Sing praise, my soul, to the Maker of the skies
A song will rise

Repeat Chorus

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

The Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

The People kneel, and the Celebrant reads the Decalogue

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant Honor your father and your mother.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit murder.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not commit adultery.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not steal.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not be a false witness.

People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
People **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Celebrant If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

The Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.**

KYRIE ELISON

David Horn

Bm Bm A A Gmaj7 Em F#sus Bm

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

7 D Asus A Em A D Bm7 G Em F#

Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

13 Bm Bm A A Gmaj7 Em7 F#sus B

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

ISAIAH 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 122 *Said by all,*

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

You Are God Alone

Billy Foote & Cindy Foote

Verse 1 (sung twice)

You are not a God created by human hands
You are not a God dependent on any mortal man
You are not a God in need of anything we can give
By Your plan - that's just the way it is

Chorus

You are God alone from before time began
You were on Your throne - You were God alone
And right now in the good times and bad
You are on Your throne - You are God alone

Verse 2

You're the only God whose power none can contend
You're the only God whose name and praise will never end
You're the only God Who's worthy of everything we can give
You are God - that's just the way it is

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

Unchangeable Unshakable
Unstoppable That's what You are

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 24:36-44

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said to his disciples,] "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TAIZE RESPONSE

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, — take heart!

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Roman D. Roldan

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 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

Almighty

Brenton Brown and Paul Baloché

Verse 1

One day Sov'reign and Almighty
You will show Your power and forever reign
On that day ev'ry earthly ruler will bow their knee before You
And revere Your Name - Holy Holy Lord Almighty
Lord we long for Your return

Verse 2

One day we will fall before You
Bow in adoration hearing angels sing
On that day we will join their chorus
Overcome with wonder, lifting up our King
Holy Holy Lord Almighty Lord we long for Your return

Chorus

In the twinkling of an eye we will be changed
We will meet You in the sky, Almighty
All the heavens and the earth will sing Your praise
And Your people will rejoice, Almighty, Almighty

Verse 3

One day You will judge the nations
You'll reward Your servants, both the great and small
On that day those who rose against You
Will finally confess You as the Lord of all

Repeat Chorus

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Bm A Bm/G G/E Em Em/G F#sus F# Bm A

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly,

D D/F# G Asus A D Em A Dadd9

Ho ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Heav'n and

G A D G A Bm Em Em/G

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

F#sus F# Bm A Bm/G G/E Em Em/G F#sus F# G G/B A/C#

high - est. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

D D/F# Em Asus A D D

high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est

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

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)

Casting Crowns

Verse 1

One day when heaven was filled with His praises
One day when sin was as black as could be
Jesus came forth to be born of a virgin
Dwelt among men my example is He
The Word became flesh and the Light shined among us
His glory revealed

Chorus

Living He loved me, dying He saved me
Buried He carries my sins far away
Rising He justified freely forever
One day He's coming - O glorious day
O glorious day

Verse 2

One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain
One day they nailed Him to die on a tree
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected
Bearing our sins my Redeemer is He
The hands that healed nations stretched out on a tree
And took the nails for me

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3

One day the grave could conceal Him no longer
One day the stone rolled away from the door
Then He arose over death He had conquered
Now is ascended my Lord evermore
Death could not hold Him; the grave could not keep Him
From rising again

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

One day the trumpet will sound for His coming
One day the skies with His glories will shine
Wonderful day my beloved one's bringing
My Savior, Jesus, is mine

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,

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Saviour Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin; 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

Your Grace is Enough

Matt Maher

Verse 1

Great is Your faithfulness, O God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

Pre-Chorus

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, O God

Chorus 1

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Verse 2

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus 1

Chorus 2

Your grace is enough
Heaven reaching down to us
Your grace is enough for me
God, I sing Your grace is enough
I am covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me, for me

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 and in celebration of Don and Shirley Ball's 58th Wedding Anniversary
given by Don and Shirley.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

NOV. 30 - ADVENT DECORATING

Help us make the Christmas spirit come alive on our campus. Meet in the Mace Room at 10:15am.

CHRISTMAS BAGS ARE HERE!

Gift bags for our 2025 Children's Christmas Outreach will be available in the Mace Room starting November 30. Please return all gifts by December 19. Thank you for helping make the season bright for children in our community!

COMING UP

DEC. 7 - MANNA BAG ASSEMBLY

Help assemble Manna bags to give to Lord of the Streets and Hope Center Houston during the Holiday season! Meet in the Old Choir Room at 10:15am (enter Parish Hall double doors and take a left).

DEC. 13 - BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICHOLAS

Join us on Dec. 13 9am - 11am for breakfast, hot cocoa, crafts and get your picture taken with St. Nicholas! Plus, come help assemble Christmas shoeboxes for Seafarer's in the Mace Room!

GIVING

SHOP OUR SEAFARER'S AMAZON WISHLIST

Each year at our Breakfast with St. Nicholas event, since St. Nicholas is the patron saint of sailors, we assemble Christmas Shoeboxes for Seafarers at the Port of Houston! We invite you to shop the wishlist, have your items shipped directly to St. Dunstan's, and join us on December 13th 9am-11am to help assemble them during Breakfast with St. Nicholas!



IN HIS STEPS 2026 PLEDGE

Thank you for your faithful and cheerful giving to Jesus Christ's work in and through St. Dunstan's! Your generosity makes our ministries, services and activities possible. We hope you will prayerfully consider a 2026 pledge so that we may continue to grow in our faith and ministries. Set up 2026 pledge payments today at <https://saintdunstans.org/give> or scan the QR Code.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

DEC. 14 - LESSONS & CAROLS 4:00PM

*Hear nine Lessons which tell the story of a God who prepared a great Messiah to be with us and save us from our sins, so that we can be with Him forever. Sing the carols of the season, pray for the world, the Church, and the poor. *Livestreamed.*

DEC. 18 - GRIEF SERVICE 12 NOON

Take a special moment in prayer and Holy Eucharist to remember lost loved ones during this holiday season.

DEC. 21 - ADVENT TAIZE 4:00PM

Slow down amidst this busy season for a service of meditative song and prayer.

DEC. 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00pm | Family Worship with Praise Team, Student Choirs & Christmas Pageant. *Livestreamed.

8:00pm | Traditional Worship with The Parish Choir, Organist & Strings.

10:00pm | Candlelight Choral Worship with Organist & Strings. *Livestreamed.

DEC. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

11:15am | English spoken service in the nave.

11:15am | En español con música de alabanza.

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