



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 21, 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*

Here is Our King

David Crowder

Chorus

Here is our King, here is our love
Here is our God who's come to bring us back to Him.
He is the One - He is Jesus!
He is our King, He is our love
He is our God who's come to bring us back to Him.
He is the One- He is Jesus!

Verse 1

From wherever spring arrives to heal the ground
from wherever searching comes; The look itself,
A trace of what we're looking for. So be quiet now and wait

Verse 2

And what was said to the rose to make it unfold,
Was said to me here in my chest. So be quiet now and rest

Pre-Chorus

The ocean is growing
The tide is coming in - Here it is!

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

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

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

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.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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 7:10-16

Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 *Said by all,*

- 1** Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2** In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3** Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4** O Lord God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
- 5** You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6** You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7** Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16** Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17** And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18** Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

Thy Word

Amy Grant and Michael W. Smith

Chorus

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path
Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path

Verse 1

When I feel afraid Think I've lost my way
Still you're there right beside me
And nothing will I fear As long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Repeat Chorus

Verse 2

I will not forget Your love for me and yet
My heart forever is wandering
Jesus be my guide And hold me to your side
I will love you to the end

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3

Nothing will I fear as long as you are near
Please be near me to the end

Repeat Chorus

Tag

And a light unto my path
You're the light unto my path

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

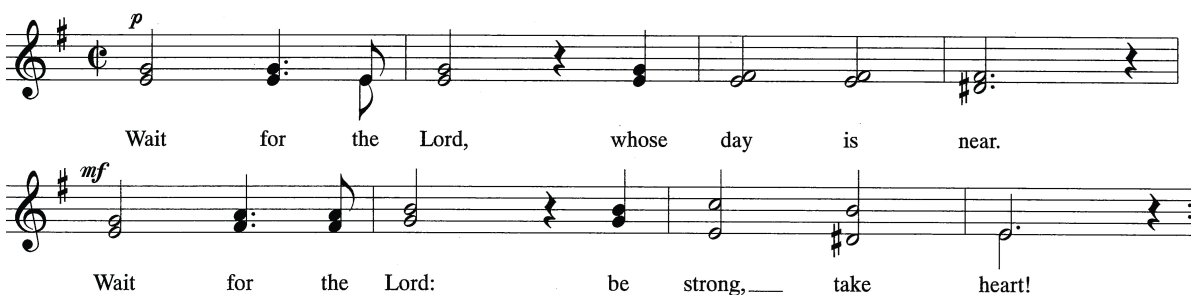
People **Glorify to you, Lord Christ**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TAIZE RESPONSE



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

Even So Come

Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, and Jessie Cates

Verse 1

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord
Jesus is coming soon
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint
Let every nation shout of Your fame
Jesus is coming soon

Chorus

Like a bride, waiting for her groom
We'll be a church ready for you
Every heart longing for our King, we sing
Even so come. Lord Jesus come

Verse 2

There will be justice - all will be new
Your name forever, faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (sung twice)

So we wait, we wait for You
God, we wait, You're coming soon

Repeat Chorus twice

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

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The score begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho ly Lord. God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Chord symbols: Bm, A, Bm/G, G/E, Em, Em/G, F#sus F#, Bm, A, D, D/F#, G, Asus A, D, Em, A, Dadd9, G, A, D, G, A, Bm, Em, Em/G, F#sus F#, Bm, A, Bm/G, G/E, Em, Em/G, F#sus F#, G, G/B A/C#, D, D/F#, Em, Asus A, D, D.

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

Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Ed Cash and Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

What hope we hold this starlit night
A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long, we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

Verse 2

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

Chorus

Emmanuel, Emmanuel
God incarnate, here to dwell
Emmanuel, Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel

Verse 3

The son of God, here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

Repeat Chorus

Ending

Oh, praise His name Emmanuel
Oh, praise His name Emmanuel

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

O Come O Come Emmanuel

Henry Sloane Coffin, Thomas Helmore, and Jason Mason Neale

Verse 1

O come, o come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, o Israel

Verse 2

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

Repeat Refrain

Verse 3

O come, desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind
Bid envy, strife, and sorrow cease
Fill all the world with heaven's peace

Repeat Refrain

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 thanksgiving for the people of St. Dunstan's given by Dennis Willen.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

DEC. 21 - ADVENT TAIZE 4:00PM

Enjoy a service of meditative song and prayer to slow down amidst this busy season.

THANK YOU FROM SOS CRAFTERS

After over 50 years, the Street of Shoppes Crafters group had their final sale this past Sunday. They extend a heartfelt thank you to the entire congregation for their support over the years as this ministry comes to a close, and for helping their last sale be such a success!

COMING UP

DEC. 24 - CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Children Pre-K - 5th grade are invited to take part in our Christmas Eve Pageant at the 5:00pm service on December 24! Roles will be assigned with each child's age, abilities, and the needs of the production in mind. All parts are non-speaking, and we will provide basic costumes—just bring your Christmas spirit! astengl@saintdunstans.org

EPISCOPAL 101 CLASS

Calling all parishioners interested in Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation or just learning more about our Episcopal Faith! The Episcopal 101 class will begin on January 15th via zoom and meet biweekly through April to prepare for the Bishop's visit to St. Dunstan's in May! Email djohnson@saintdunstans.org to be added to the class.

GIVING

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.



SUNDAY FLOWERS

2026 dates are open! Remember or honor a loved one through our Sunday altar flowers. Have their name printed in the service leaflet and read during the Prayers of the People. Remember to include a dedication when making a donation! Minimum donation is \$150. Visit www.saintdunstans.org or scan the QR code. Available dates: January 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED:

DEC. 24 ½ DAY

DEC. 25-26

DEC. 31 ½ DAY

JAN. 1-2