



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2026

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*

Majestic

Lincoln Brewster

Verse

O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth
O Lord our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth

Chorus

The heavens declare Your greatness The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth And I'll give my praise to You

Repeat Verse

Chorus 2

The heavens declare Your greatness The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth and I'll sing--
The heavens declare Your greatness The oceans cry out to You
The mountains, they bow down before You
So I'll join with the earth, And I'll give my praise to You

Tag

So I'll join with the earth
and I'll give my praise to You (2X)

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.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of 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.*

JEREMIAH 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel.' See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty," says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 84:1-8 *Said by all,*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

SECOND READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-6, 15-19A

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give

you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

Glorify Thy Name

Donna Adkins

Verse 1

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 2

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

Verse 3

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:13-15, 19-23

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TAIZE RESPONSE

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 8/8. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature change to one flat. The notes are: D4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

The second staff continues the melody. The notes are: D4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), Bb4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter). The lyrics are: Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation, I turned to heaven
And spoke your name into the night
Then through the darkness
Your loving kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy?
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven
The king of kings calls me His own
Beautiful savior, I'm yours forever
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the one who set me free
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in your name
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Verse 3 (sung twice)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence, the roaring lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus, yours is the victory!

Repeat Chorus

Tag

Jesus Christ, my living hope
Oh God, you are my living hope

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

Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 sing

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

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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.



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

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Christ our passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

People Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.

People Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.

People Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
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

More Than Amazing

Lincoln Brewster and Mia Fieldes

Verse 1

You're the one who walked on water
And You calmed the raging seas
You command the highest mountains
To fall upon their knees
You're the one who welcomed sinners
And You opened blinded eyes
You restored the brokenhearted
And You brought the dead to life

Pre-Chorus

Forgetting all our sins
You remember all Your promises

Chorus

You are amazing, More than amazing
Forever our God, You're more than enough,
You are amazing

Verse 2

With authority You've spoken
And You've set the captive free
You're the King who came to serve
And You're the God who washed our feet
You're the one who took our burdens
And You bled upon the cross
In Your kindness and Your mercy
You became the way for us

Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus

Bridge

Oh, how marvelous
Oh, how wonderful
Oh, how glorious
You are amazing

Oh, how marvelous
Oh, how wonderful
Oh, how glorious You are

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, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness; 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

All Because of Jesus

Steve Fee

Verse

Giver of every breath I breathe
Author of all eternity
Giver of every perfect thing - to You be the glory
Maker of heaven and of earth
No one can comprehend Your worth
King over all the universe, to You be the glory
And I'm alive because I'm alive in You

Chorus

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive
And it's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man's life
And it's all because of Jesus-

Bridge

Every sunrise sings Your grace
The universe cries out Your praise
I'm singing freedom all my days
Now that I'm alive!

Chorus 2

And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive
And it's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
And it's all because of Jesus I'm alive
And it's all because the blood of Jesus Christ
That covers me and raised this dead man's life
And it's all because of Jesus- I'm alive!

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 Julie and Gary Drum's 45th Wedding Anniversary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

COMING UP

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.

ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the Annual Parish Meeting on January 25, 2026 immediately following the 11:15am service. Remember to turn in your Vestry Ballots before the meeting begins, either by email to khelmick@saintdunstans.org or dropping your ballot into the ballot box. All votes are confidential.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Night Bible Study group will study John Ortberg's "Soul Keeping" beginning January 14 and continuing through May 6. The group meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in members' homes. New members are welcome. For more information, contact currentsa@gmail.com

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 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22

STEPHEN MINISTRY

If you're carrying something heavy and need a safe place to talk, a Stephen Minister can walk with you in care, prayer and compassion. St. Dunstan's Stephen Ministers are available and ready to walk alongside you during times of need. Reach out confidentially to Tracy Santoro at 281-728-5005 to find out how a Stephen Minister could support you.

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