



# St. Dunstan's

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 1, 2026

11:15AM

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## THE CLERGY

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

THE REVEREND STEVE FERGUSON - *Associate Rector*

THE REVEREND NATY MENJIVAR - *Associate Rector*

## WELCOME

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

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

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

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

*Blest Jesus, at thy word*

*Paul Manz  
Based on The Hymnal 1982 #440*

## ENTRANCE HYMN *All standing*

*God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest*

**HYMNAL 569**

## 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*

**S- 236**

***Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;***

***you are worthy of praise; glory to you.***

***Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;***

***we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.***

***Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;***

***on the throne of you majesty, glory to you.***

***Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;***

***we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.***

***Glory to you, beholding the depths;***

***in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.***

***Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;***

***we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; 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.*

**MICAH 6:1-8**

Hear what the Lord says: "Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel." "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him

with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 15 *Chanted by Choir; Congregation joins at Antiphon response printed below*



- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart. ANT.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the Lord. ANT.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown. ANT.

## SECOND READING

## 1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN *All standing.* *In the cross of Christ I glory*

## HYMNAL 441

## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 5:1-12

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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 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

*The Beatitudes*

### HYMNAL 560

*Russian Chant*

## 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*

*Hymn 124, vs. 5*

**To God the Father, heavenly Light,  
to Christ, revealed in earthly night,  
to God the Holy Ghost we raise  
our equal and unceasing praise.**

*The Celebrant says*

**All things come of Thee, O Lord,**

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.**

**Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,**

## SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS Sung

**S-125**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*Celebrant and People say*

**We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember our bishops, Andrew, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Dunstan, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and 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 HYMN

HYMNAL 593

*Lord, make us servants of your peace*

## 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 God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN OF MISSION

HYMNAL 556

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart!*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart*

*Kevin Hildebrand  
Based on The Hymnal 1982 #557*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for David Horn and the Parish Choir given by Sister Veronica.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

### ANNUAL MEETING

Join us for the Annual Parish Meeting TODAY immediately following the 11:15am service. Remember to turn in your Vestry Ballots before the meeting begins. Scan the posted QR Code for the Agenda & Financials, livestream link can be found at [saintdunstans.org/worship](http://saintdunstans.org/worship)

### SHOP THE BOOKSTORE

Come shop the bookstore in the atrium of the BEC building! (Enter thru the double doors). Find cards, religious gifts, and other fun treasures.

## COMING UP

### SHROVE TUESDAY - FEBRUARY 17

Join us at 5:30pm for the Burning of the Palms Service in the courtyard, immediately followed by the Pancake Supper in the Parish Hall! Bring your palms from last year to be burned at the service, and wear your best Mardi Gras colors!

### ASH WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18

Services at 6:30am, 12:00pm Noon, & 7:00pm | Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

### TECH VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to assist with Technology in our Spanish service on Sunday mornings! Our goal is to create a rotation so volunteers serve around once a month, and a training will be provided. Tech experience not required! For more information, email [khelmick@saintdunstans.org](mailto:khelmick@saintdunstans.org)

### JOIN DOK!

Are you called? If interested in becoming a Daughter of the King, please email Helen Gilbert [helen7250@att.net](mailto:helen7250@att.net) or Bonnie Ferguson [bonniebabcock@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bonniebabcock@sbcglobal.net). An Orientation will be held after the 10:30am DOK meeting on Feb.19, featuring renowned cardiologist Dr. Christina Paruthi. We hope to see you there!

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Beginning either 2/15 or 2/19, baptized youth grades 8-12 are invited to join one of the two youth confirmation classes being offered by Sandy Jones (in person on Sunday mornings or via zoom on Thursday evenings). Confirmations will happen when the Bishop visits St. Dunstan's in May. Please let Sandy know if you wish to participate by February 1 [sjones@saintdunstans.org](mailto:sjones@saintdunstans.org)

## SOS & MARKET FINAL REPORT FOR 2025

Street of Shoppes is pleased to announce that the proceeds from St. Dunstan's Fall Market 2025 totaled \$8,592.13. This includes income from Handcrafted Gifts, Snack Shop, Once Loved Treasures, Silent Auction, raffle, and booth rentals. The committee wishes to thank all volunteers and parishioners who participated and especially Shelley Smith, who organized and oversaw the entire event.

As a result of these additional funds and remaining reserves in the account, Street of Shoppes has donated \$15,700 to the following ministries: Hope Center Houston, Houston Ground Angels, Lord of the Streets, Northwest Assistance Ministries, Hispanic Ministry, Rector's and Associate Rectors' Discretionary Funds, and our Seminarian. Our committee sincerely appreciates the dedication and efforts of so many who support Outreach Ministries.

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