



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 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.
- Prayground: A soft space near the choir loft for little ones to get the wiggles out during service while getting a front row seat to worship. Pews available in the area for parental supervision.

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



*We aspire to live out the Gospel of Christ as a Body of Believers
Rooted in Faith and Growing in Community*

OUR CORE VALUES AND MISSION STRATEGY:

- **CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES:** We seek to nurture the spiritual development of children and youth by encouraging their participation in the life of our congregation and larger community.
- **COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP:** We gather often to build friendships and to share the love of God through interests, hobbies, activities, events, speakers, Bible study and outreach.
- **CHRISTIAN FORMATION:** We share the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ through Biblical teaching and spiritual growth to develop Christian disciples.
- **OUTREACH:** We are passionate about providing Christ-centered ministries beyond the walls of St. Dunstan's by meeting the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the local and global communities.
- **WORSHIP:** We look forward to celebrating the rich traditions of Episcopal worship while offering a variety of preaching styles, musical expressions, and opportunities to participate.
- **PASTORAL CARE:** We work to meet the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of persons in our parish with well-trained and responsive lay and ordained pastors. Our practice of pastoral care extends beyond times of crisis to encompass our daily lives.

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE *All standing*
Grace Flows Down

David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, and Rod Padgett

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Ralph E. Hudson, Thomas Miller, and Charles Wesley

Verse 1

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Verse 2

If eloquence I could display
And every language speak
A thousand words could never say
The praise I have for Thee

Chorus 1

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
All praise to our God

Verse 3

Before the throne we'll sing the song
With saints from every age
With thousands times ten thousand strong
We'll praise His holy name

Chorus 2

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
All praise to our God
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
All praise to our King

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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*

*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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *The people sit.*

ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 *Said by all,*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SECOND READING

I PETER 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that

you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

The Heart of Worship

Matt Redman

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless Your heart

Pre-Chorus

I'll bring You more than a song
For a song in itself is not what You have required
You search much deeper within to the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to Heart of Worship
And it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it
When it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth, no one could express
How much You deserve
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours
Every single breath

Repeat Pre-Chorus and Chorus

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:1-10

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

TAIZE RESPONSE

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!

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. Steve Ferguson

THE NICENE CREED *All standing and saying together,*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People respond to all the petitions with

Lord, have mercy.

The prayers conclude with

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

People **To you, O Lord Our God.**

The Celebrant says

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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".

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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

House of the Lord

Jonathan Smith and Phil Wickham

Verse 1

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be
He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
My God, He holds the victory

Chorus (sung twice)

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
And we won't be quiet
We shout out Your praise

Verse 2

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way
'Cause He hung up on that cross
Then He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

Repeat Chorus twice

Bridge

We were the beggars
Now we're royalty
We were the prisoners
Now we're running free
We are forgiven, accepted
Redeemed by His grace
Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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*

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

which concludes

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung*

David Horn

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord! God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord,

Hosanna in the highest!

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People 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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Better is One Day

Matt Redman

Verse 1

How lovely is your dwelling place
Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus

Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Verse 2

One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

My heart and flesh cry out
For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen
Come once again to me
I will draw near to You
I will draw near to You

Repeat Chorus Twice

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people,

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight. And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

SONG OF MISSION

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Paul Baloche

Verse (sung twice)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

Chorus

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing - Holy, Holy, Holy

Repeat Verse (2X) and Chorus 2X

Bridge

Holy, Holy, Holy, I want to see You

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Stephen Ministry's summer book study on *The Gift of Empathy* begins today! Come whenever you can to learn practical insights on empathy that will have a positive impact on your life! Located in BEC 316.

COMING UP

BROTHERHOOD GOLF TOURNAMENT - MAY 12

Sign up to play in the 20th Annual Brotherhood of St. Andrew Golf Tournament at the Cypresswood Golf Club! Scan the QR Code to register today!



LORD OF THE STREETS LUNCHEON - MAY 12

A Spring Fundraiser Luncheon for Lord of the Streets will be held at The Junior League of Houston 11:30am-1:00pm Tuesday May 12, featuring The Rev. Hannah E. Atkins Romero as the speaker! Scan the QR Code to get your tickets and support the incredible work done at Lord of the Streets.



HOPE CENTER LUNCHEON - MAY 15

Celebrate Hope Center Houston's 10th Anniversary at St. Ignatius! A Luncheon and Fundraiser will be held 11:00am - 2:00pm to help Hope Center continue their important work. Scan the QR code to purchase tickets!



BISHOP FISHER VISITING ST. DUNSTAN'S - MAY 17

Bishop Fisher will join us for our 11:15am service on May 17th for Confirmations, Receptions and Reaffirmations! We hope you'll plan to be at church that day to give him a warm welcome to St. Dunstan's.

PARISH PICNIC - MAY 17

Join us for our annual Parish Picnic 4:00pm - 7:00pm at Swanny's Grill! 6224 Theall Road, Houston, TX 77066. Food will be served from 4:30pm - 6:00pm. Bounce house, golf (with reservation on Swanny's website), volleyball, fishing pond, and play area! Free, but please scan the QR code to RSVP so we have a head count!



CHILDREN & YOUTH

SENIOR SUNDAY - MAY 24

We will be honoring high school & college graduates at all our services on Senior Sunday, May 24th. For your graduate to be included in a special print out, please scan the QR Code to fill out the form. **Deadline May 17th.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - JUNE 22-26

Registration is now open for our FREE Rainforest Falls VBS! June 22-26, 2026 from 9am-12pm. Register your child (5 years old - 5th grade) for a week of faith discoveries and fun! Interested in volunteering? Email Angela Stengl astengl@saintdunstans.org



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