



# St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026

9:00AM

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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.*



*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*  
*Christ is Risen*

Matt Maher

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*  
*Happy Day*

Ben Cantelon and Tim Hughes

## Verse 1

The greatest day in history, death is beaten  
You have rescued me  
Sing it out - Jesus is alive  
The empty cross, the empty grave  
Life eternal - You have won the day  
Shout it out - Jesus is alive, He's alive

## Chorus

Oh happy day, happy day, You washed my sin away  
Oh happy day, happy day, I'll never be the same  
Forever I am changed

## Verse 2

When I stand in that place, free at last  
Meeting face to face  
I am Yours, Jesus, You are mine  
Endless joy, perfect peace  
Earthly pain finally will cease  
Celebrate, Jesus is alive, He's alive!

## Repeat Chorus

## 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*

## 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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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.*

**ACTS 7:55-60**

Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16 *Said by all,*

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
deliver me in your righteousness.**
- 2 Incline your ear to me; \*  
make haste to deliver me.**
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.**
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
for you are my tower of strength.**
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**
- 15 My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your lovingkindness save me.**

## SECOND READING

**1 PETER 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

*I'm Your Servant*

*Andrew Ulugia*

Now into Your presence, Lord, I will boldly come  
Only by Your grace, o Lord, it's nothing I have done  
Grant me Your servant heart, that I might live like You  
As You set me apart, I will humbly share the love I found in You

I'm Your servant, here I am  
Bended knees and open hands  
Lord, I hear Your voice today  
Lord, I hear and I obey  
When I'm weak You will be strong  
When I'm lost will You lead me home?  
Though I struggle on the way  
Would You use me anyway?

Lord, I give myself today

## THE GOSPEL

### JOHN 14:1-14

*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 told his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

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. Naty Menjivar

## 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

*Scan The QR code to go directly to our PayPal donation site, or you can give online at [www.saintdunstans.org/give](http://www.saintdunstans.org/give). Thank you for your generosity.*



*The Celebrant says*

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Glorious Day*

*Kristian Stanfill, Sean Curran, Jason Ingram, and Jonathan Smith*

### **Verse 1**

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb  
Till I met You

### **Verse 2**

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb  
Till I met You

### **Chorus (sung twice)**

You called my name  
And I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness  
Into Your glorious day

### **Verse 3**

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new  
Jesus, when I met You

### **Repeat Chorus twice**

### **Bridge**

I needed rescue - My sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter - I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken - You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future - My eyes are open

### **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

*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.

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*

*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

*The Wonderful Cross*

*Lowell Mason, Jesse Reeves, Chris Tomlin, J. D. Walt, and Isaac Watts*

### Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of Glory died  
My richest gain I count but loss  
And pour contempt on all my pride

### Verse 2

See from His head, His hands, His feet  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

### Chorus

O, the wonderful cross  
O, the wonderful cross  
Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live  
O, the wonderful cross  
O, the wonderful cross  
All who gather here by grace draw near and bless Your name

### Verse 3

Were the whole realm of nature mine  
That were an offering far too small  
Love so amazing, so divine  
Demands my soul, my life, my all

### 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,*

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

*Forever*

*Chris Tomlin*

### **Verse 1**

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Verse 2**

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Chorus 1**

Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever

### **Verse 3**

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
By the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

### **Repeat Chorus 1**

### **Chorus 2**

Forever You are faithful  
Forever You are strong  
Forever You are with us  
Forever, forever

## 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 memory of Rachael Ruark Keener, given by Jim and Paula Hurst.*

# 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

Summer book study on *The Gift of Empathy* at 10:15am. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 on May 17<sup>th</sup> at both the 9:00am and 11:15am services! Please note the 11:15am service will be bilingual on that day and will include Confirmations and Receptions. 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 - 5<sup>th</sup> grade) for a week of faith discoveries and fun! Interested in volunteering? Email Angela Stengl [astengl@saintdunstans.org](mailto:astengl@saintdunstans.org)



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Remember or honor a loved one with our beautiful Sunday altar flowers! Have their name printed in the service leaflet and read during the prayers of the people. Visit [www.saintdunstans.org/give](http://www.saintdunstans.org/give) and fill out the Sunday Flowers Form to donate. Remember to list your dedication and what date you're requesting in the form!

**Upcoming available dates: June 7, 14, 21, July 5**

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