



# St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 10, 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.
- 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.*

# THE WORD OF GOD

## PRELUDE

*As those of old their first fruits brought*

*Richard Hudson  
Based on The Hymnal 1982 #705*

## ENTRANCE HYMN *All standing*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise*

**HYMNAL 191**

## 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*

**S- 278**

***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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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.*

**ACTS 17:22-31**

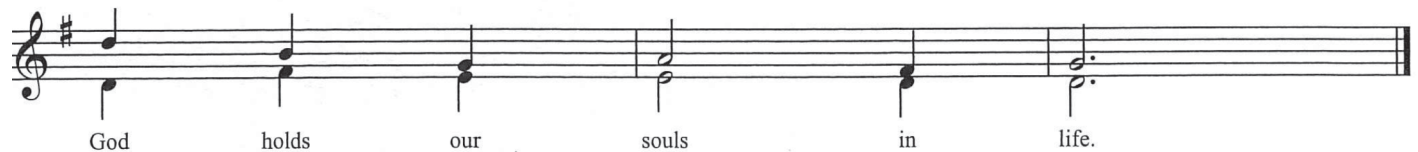
Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life

and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 66:7-18** *Chanted by Choir; Congregation joins at Antiphon response printed below*



7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
*make the voice of his praise to be heard,*  
 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
*and will not allow our feet to slip. ANT.*  
 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
*you have tried us just as silver is tried.*  
 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
*you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.*  
 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
*we went through fire and water; \**  
*but you brought us out into a place of refreshment. ANT.*  
 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
*and will pay you my vows, \**  
*which I promised with my lips*  
*and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.*

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
*with the smoke of rams; \**  
*I will give you oxen and goats. ANT.*  
 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
*and I will tell you what he has done for me.*  
 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
*and his praise was on my tongue.*  
 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
*the Lord would not have heard me;*  
 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
*he has attended to the voice of my prayer.*  
 18 Blessed be God,  
*who has not rejected my prayer, \**  
*nor withheld his love from me. ANT.*

**SECOND READING**

**1 PETER 3:13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *All standing.*  
*Come down, O Love divine*

**HYMNAL 516**

## THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:15-21

*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, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## 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".

## 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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments  
And I will pray the Father,  
And He shall give you another comforter  
That He may abide with you forever  
Even the spirit, the spirit of truth

### 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 618

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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,

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

**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 sing*

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**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.



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*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*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 292

*O Jesus, crowned with all renown*

## 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.**

## HYMN OF MISSION

HYMNAL 455

*O Love of God, how strong and true*

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Now the green blade riseth*

Paul Manz  
Based on The Hymnal 1982 #204

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for John and Mary Taylor's 63rd Anniversary and for their mothers,  
Norma Hay and Ollie Cook.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TODAY

#### GIFT OF EMPATHY 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. *\*Please note this is NOT a Stephen Ministry Training class, but rather a book study with an interactive class discussion led by our Stephen Ministers. All are welcome!*

#### BOOKSTORE OPEN IN THE BEC ATRIUM

The Bookstore is open today in the Atrium of the BEC Building! (Enter through the double doors). If you are looking for a present for those getting confirmed, the bookstore carries a St. Dunstan's silver cross.

### COMING UP

#### 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 **RSVP by Wednesday, May 13!**



#### DOK SPRING LUNCHEON - MAY 21

DOK's Spring luncheon will be held on Thursday April 21 at Hasta la Pasta 11:30am! Cost is \$23 and includes your entree of choice. Rsvp to [jwenckens@aol.com](mailto:jwenckens@aol.com)

#### BOOK SWAP - MAY 31

Need a good summer read? Bring a book, take a book! We will have tables set up in the BEC atrium for a book swap from 8:30 - 11:00am! Drop off a book according to its genre and browse for another. Please bring no more than 5 books of current interest (no yearbooks or textbooks, please). Books available for for all ages, toddler through adult. Leftover books will be donated. No cost, just fun! Questions: contact Jodie Leach, [jodieleach2@aol.com](mailto:jodieleach2@aol.com)

### 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)



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