



# St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2026

9:00AM

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### THE CLERGY

THE RIGHT REVEREND JEFF W. FISHER, D.D.  
*Bishop Suffragan of The Episcopal Diocese of Texas*

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

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

## ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*

*Let God Arise*

*Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin*

### Verse 1

Hear the holy roar of God resound  
Watch the waters part before us now  
Come and see what He has done for us  
Tell the world of His great love

### Pre-Chorus

Our God is the God who saves  
Our God is the God who saves

### Chorus

Let God arise, let God arise  
Our God reigns now and forever  
He reigns now and forever

### Verse 2

His enemies will run for sure  
The Church will stand, she will endure  
He holds the keys of life, our Lord  
Death has no sting, no final word

### Repeat Pre-Chorus

### Repeat Chorus twice

## 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.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 1:6-14**

When [the apostles] had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36** *Said by all,*

**1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \***

let those who hate him flee before him.

**2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \***

as the wax melts at the fire,

so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

**3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \***

let them also be merry and joyful.

**4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; \***

Yahweh is his name, rejoice before him!

**5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \***

God in his holy habitation!

**6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; \***

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

**7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \***

when you marched through the wilderness,

**8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,**

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, \*

at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \***

you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**10 Your people found their home in it; \***

in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

**33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \***

sing praises to the Lord.

**34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

**35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the skies.**

**36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!**

## SECOND READING

**I PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

*Glorify thy Name*

*Donna Adkins*

### **Verse 1**

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

### **Verse 2**

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

### **Verse 3**

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

## THE GOSPEL

**JOHN 17:1-11**

*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] looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that

everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

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 RIGHT REVEREND JEFF W. FISHER, D. D.  
*Bishop Suffragan of The Episcopal Diocese of Texas*

## 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

*You can scan the QR Code or give online at [www.saintdunstans.org/give](http://www.saintdunstans.org/give). Thank you for your generosity.*

*The undesignated offering for this Sunday will be given to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Please make checks*

*Payable to St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church with memo Bishop Fisher's Discretionary Fund.*



*The Celebrant says*

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Taken Up in Glory*

*David Horn*

### Verse 1

The word became one flesh, and He lived among us all.  
He revealed His glory to us, to make kings and tyrants fall.  
The spirit testifies upon this mountainside, that You were-

### Chorus

Taken up in glory! Taken up in glory!  
We believe in You, LORD Jesus, command and teach us well.  
Your vindicated spirit now upon us dwells.

### Verse 2

You are sung by the angels, and beloved as a Son.  
We proclaim you bold and mighty, the true and only one.  
The spirit testifies you are the Son of God, glorified, and-

### Repeat Chorus

### Bridge (4X)

You are Holy!

### Verse 3

The spirit has now warned us that some of us will fall,  
Be tempted by the demons, deceived by their call.  
Hold fast now to the truth. God's house is our foundation sure,  
For you were-

### Chorus 2

Taken up in glory! Taken up in glory!  
We believe in you, LORD Jesus, command and teach us well.  
Your spirit is upon us now, for you were-  
Taken up in glory! Taken up in glory!  
We believe in you, LORD Jesus, command and teach us well.

## 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.

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*

Four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) with lyrics. The lyrics are: "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 melody is simple and repetitive, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

*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

*Agnus Dei*

*Michael W. Smith*

### **Verse (sung twice)**

Alleluia, Alleluia

For the Lord God Almighty reigns!

### **Chorus**

Alleluia!

Holy, holy are you Lord, God Almighty!

Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!

You are Holy

Holy are you Lord, God Almighty!

Worthy is the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb!

Amen

### **Repeat All**

## 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 Bishop blesses the people, who respond*

**Amen.**

# SONG OF MISSION

*You Never Let Go*

*Beth Redman and Matt Redman*

## **Verse 1**

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back, I know You are near

## **Pre-Chorus**

And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear?  
Whom then shall I fear?

## **Chorus**

Oh no, You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, You never let go  
Lord, You never let go of me

## **Verse 2**

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles, but until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

## **Repeat Pre-Chorus**

## **Repeat Chorus**

## **Ending**

Lord, You never let go of me

# 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 given by Dennis Willen.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## 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!*

## COMING UP

### 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)

### WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24

Join us in wearing red next Sunday, May 24 to celebrate Pentecost Sunday!

### 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 all ages, toddler through adult. Bring a tote to take books home. Leftover books will be donated. No cost, just fun! Questions: contact Jodie Leach, [jodieleach2@aol.com](mailto:jodieleach2@aol.com)

### EPISCOPAL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK - JULY 22

Join your Episcopal family for a fun night at the ballpark July 22 7:10pm to see the Astros vs. the Marlins. Complimentary gameday parking will be available, plus a pregame cook out at 5:00pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Visit [epicenter.org/baseball](http://epicenter.org/baseball) for more information and to get your tickets!



## 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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