



# St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

## THE FEAST FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5, 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

*Benedictus*

*Alec Rowley*

ENTRANCE HYMN *All standing*  
*Almighty Father, Strong to Save*

HYMNAL 579

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*The Celebrant says*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues with following*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung*

S- 280

***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.

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*At this time, all children ages 3-3rd grade are invited to meet at the back of the church and follow the Children's Chapel Cross and adult leaders to your designated Chapel space in the BEC. The Children will return to the service during the announcements.*

## FIRST READING *The people sit.*

## DEUTERONOMY 10:17-21

The LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the LORD your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

The Word of the Lord.

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

PSALM 145:1-9 *Said by all,*

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

SECOND READING

HEBREWS 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.” All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN *All standing.*  
*O beautiful for spacious skies*

HYMNAL 719

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:43-48

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said,] “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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 CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. All saying*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*At this time you may exchange the sign of peace with those around you - wave, bow, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

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The Celebrant says

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

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*God of our fathers, whose almighty hand*

HYMNAL 718

### 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 #717, vs. 4

***Our fathers' God, to thee,  
author of liberty, to thee we sing;  
long may our land be bright  
with freedom's holy light;  
protect us by thy might,  
great God, our King.***

The Celebrant says

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

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

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says,*

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

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

### SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Sung*

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***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

***Hosanna in the highest.***

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

***Hosanna in the highest.***

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

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

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

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

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

*Celebrant and People say*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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

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

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

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

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant, kneeling*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said*

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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

*Faith of our Fathers!*

HYMNAL 558

## 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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

*People* **Amen.**

## HYMN OF MISSION

*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

HYMNAL 690

## THE DISMISSAL

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Masque*

*Denis Bedard*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday, given by Burgess and Angela Stengl.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TODAY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT 4<sup>TH</sup>!

## COMING UP

### COFFEE WITH THE CLERGY

Join our clergy for a virtual coffee hour Tuesdays @8am! The link can be found at <https://saintdunstans.org/adult-groups/> under the Tuesdays tab.

### ISRAEL TRIP NOVEMBER 2026 - DEADLINE JULY 11

Great news! Our pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan, originally scheduled for March of this year, has been re-scheduled for November 12-24, 2026, with a registration deadline of July 11. All-inclusive price of \$4575 per person remains the same. I spoke to my dear friend and guide, Reuven, last week, and he assures me that it is safe and a great time to visit the Holy Land. Our space is limited, and I would like to see more of our St. Dunstan's family be a part of this special journey. If you have always wanted to visit the Holy Land, now is the time. Brochures are available in the narthex, or you can contact me, and I will send you the information. Come join us—this year in Jerusalem! Blessings, Fr. Steve.

### TAIZE SERVICE - JULY 19

Join us at 4:00pm on July 19th for a meditative service of song and prayer. This beautiful service encourages reflection in periods of silence and provides a peaceful environment to talk to God.

### 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!



## SUNDAY FLOWERS

Remember or honor a loved one through our beautiful Sunday altar flowers! Have their name printed in the service leaflet and read during Prayers of the People. Visit [saintdunstans.org/give](http://saintdunstans.org/give) to donate and remember to include the date you're requesting! **Upcoming available dates: July 12, 26, September 6, 13 (August dates are gone!)**

## PASTORAL CARE HIGHLIGHT

### EVENING PRAYERS

Every weekday evening, members of the Pastoral Care team gather prayer requests, and email them to the clergy, Daughters of the King and Brotherhood of Saint Andrew to add their powerful voices to our prayers. Prayer requests are gathered through direct contact with members of the parish, by checking with our St. Dunstan's clergy, via the Saint Dunstan's website, and by checking in with one another. We often add prayers for the greater community and the world. If you would like to have us add your personal petition to evening prayers, submit your request through the link on the website, or contact Cathy Sullivant (713-725-5844 [csullivant@saintdunstans.org](mailto:csullivant@saintdunstans.org)) or Suzanne Montgomery (513-259-4722 [smontgomery@saintdunstans.org](mailto:smontgomery@saintdunstans.org)).

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