



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FEAST FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

JULY 5, 2026
9:00AM

THE CLERGY

THE REVEREND DR. ROMAN D. ROLDAN - *Rector*
THE REVEREND STEVE FERGUSON - *Associate Rector*
THE REVEREND NATY MENJIVAR - *Associate Rector*

WELCOME

We are so glad that you are here! If you are new or visiting, please let an usher know so that we can connect with you! Children are welcome at all of our services. We also offer the following opportunities for children every Sunday:

- Nursery: Open 8:45am-12:45pm for children ages infant - 5 years old and located in the Bentley Education Center (BEC). Enter thru the doors under the porte-cochere
- Children's Chapel: After the Collect, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel in the BEC and will return to the worship service during the announcements.
- Prayground: A soft space near the choir loft for little ones to get the wiggles out during service while getting a front row seat to worship. Pews available in the area for parental supervision.

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



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

OUR CORE VALUES AND MISSION STRATEGY:

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Raise A Hallelujah

Bethel Music, Jonathan David Helser, and Melissa Helser

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Ralph E. Hudson, Thomas Miller, and Charles Wesley

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

Chorus 1

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
All praise to our God

Verse 3

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

Chorus 2

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant says

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*

*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 SONG *All standing.*

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 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

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

Repeat Chorus 1

Chorus 2

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

Chorus 1

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

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:43-48

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

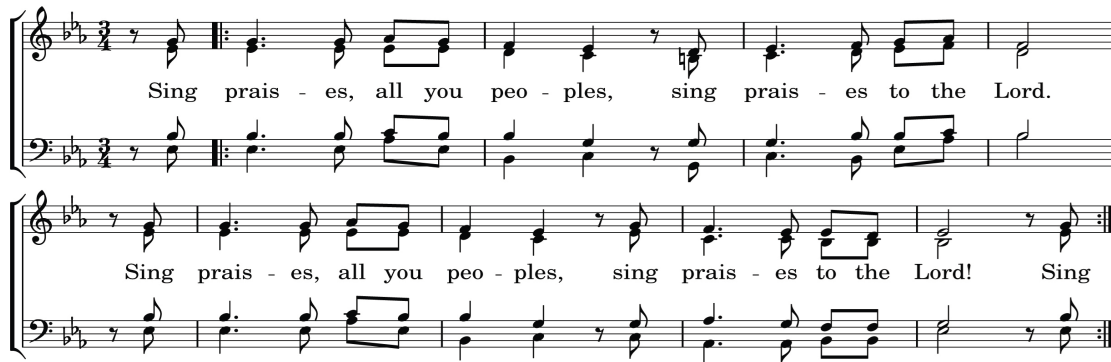
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[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.**

TAIZE RESPONSE



Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord.

Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

The image shows a musical score for a Taize response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord." and "Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing".

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 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 ANTHEM

Great Are You, Lord

David Leonard and Leslie Jordan

Verse

You give life, You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope, You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord

Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only

Repeat Verse

Repeat Chorus twice

Bridge (sung three times)

All the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing-
Great are You, Lord

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

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

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of 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;**

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.



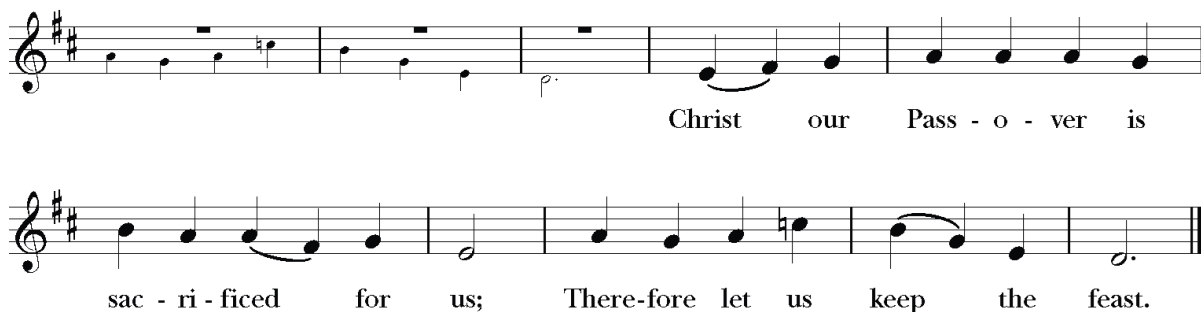
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

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



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
America the Beautiful

HYMNAL 719

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.**

SONG OF MISSION

How Can I Keep From Singing

Ed Cash, Chris Tomlin, and Matt Redman

Verse 1

There is an endless song - Echoes in my soul
I hear the music ring
And though the storms may come, I am holding on
To the rock I cling

Chorus

How can I keep from singing Your praise?
How can I ever say enough? How amazing is Your love!
How can I keep from shouting Your name?
I know I am loved by the King, and it makes my heart want to sing

Verse 2

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night
For I know my Savior lives
And I will walk with You, knowing You'll see me through
And sing the songs You give

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

I can sing in the troubled times; sing when I win
I can sing when I lose my step and fall down again
I can sing 'cause You pick me up, sing 'cause You're there
I can sing 'cause You hear me, Lord when I call to You in prayer
I can sing with my last breath - sing for I know
That I'll sing with the angels and the saints around the throne

Repeat Chorus

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 celebration of America's 250th birthday, given by Burgess and Angela Stengl.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL - HOPE EVERYONE HAD A GREAT 4TH!

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 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 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) or Suzanne Montgomery (513-259-4722 smontgomery@saintdunstans.org).

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