



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 16

AUGUST 23, 2026

11:15AM

THE CLERGY

THE REVEREND DR. ROMAN D. ROLDAN - *Rector*

THE REVEREND STEVE FERGUSON - *Associate Rector*

THE REVEREND NATY MENJIVAR - *Associate Rector*

WELCOME

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

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

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

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

The Church's One Foundation

*Charles Callahan
Based on The Hymnal 1982 #525*

ENTRANCE HYMN *All standing
Glorious things of thee are spoken*

HYMNAL 522

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*

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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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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.*

ISAIAH 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my

deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 138 *Said by all,*

**1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.**

**2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;**

**3 for you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.**

**4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.**

**5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

**6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord, *
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

**7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.**

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury
of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

**9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *All standing.* *Take my life, and let it be*

HYMNAL 707

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:13-20

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Word of God, come down on earth

HYMNAL 633

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

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly 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 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

Where charity and love prevail

HYMNAL 581

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

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

HYMNAL 334

THE DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O Holy Spirit, by whose breath

*Paul Manz
Based on The Hymnal 1982 #502*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for 14 years of marriage given by Bill and Kate Wheelless.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

MINISTRIES IN BLOOM - AUGUST 23

Come learn about the ministries of St. Dunstan's from the Ministry leaders themselves! Join us in the Mace Room at 10:15am and find a ministry to get involved in!

COMING UP

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY - AUGUST 26

The Wednesday Night Bible Study group starts a new study on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mace Room. Our kick-off meeting is a potluck supper to begin our discussion of "Embracing the Uncertain" by Magrey R. deVega. Thereafter the group meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month in members' homes. Please join us! For more information, contact Sharon Current, currentsa@gmail.com.

REMINISCERS MEETING - AUGUST 26

The Reminiscers Group will meet at 4pm at Zara's on Wednesday, August 26th. All are welcome! Contact Annette Matthews 832-244-4524 to RSVP.

CHILDREN/ YOUTH OPEN HOUSE - AUGUST 30

Children, youth and families can come see Sunday School classrooms and meet your teachers before the program year kicks off! Come by the BEC 10:15am - 11:15am and make sure to sign up for Sunday School!

CHILDREN/ YOUTH MINISTRY KICK OFF - SEPTEMBER 13

This is the first day of children and youth Sunday School for the Fall Semester! Enjoy Sunday School at 10:15am, then Kick off the program year with a Potluck and Family Kickball game at 5:45pm! Bring a dish to share and wear comfortable shoes. Meet in the Parish Hall and be prepared to have fun!

GARAGE SALE - OCTOBER 3

We are now collecting items for the Youth Garage Sale in Room 315! To make sure someone is available to assist when you bring your donations, please call the church office before coming by. Drop offs are accepted Monday - Thursday, 9am - 4pm. Thank you for supporting our garage sale and our youth - we truly appreciate it!

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: Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 18, Nov. 1**

VOLUNTEER

JOIN A MUSIC MINISTRY!

Come make a joyful noise with our Praise Team at 9:00am or our Parish Choir at 11:15am! No experience necessary! Each group rehearses the hour before their service every Sunday, plus one weeknight during the program year (September - May). Email David Horn dhorn@saintdunstans.org for more information!

BECOME AN USHER

Volunteer to be an usher! Ushers distribute leaflets, pass offering plates, direct parishioners for communion, and assist with the overall flow of the service. Email Ken Santoro ken@santoromail.com

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