



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 17

AUGUST 30, 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.
- 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.



*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

Almighty

Brenton Brown and Paul Baloche

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*

I Will Follow

Jason Ingram, Reuben Morgan, and Chris Tomlin

Intro

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow

Verse 1

All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure
I will trust in You alone
Higher than my sight, high above my life
I will trust in You alone

Chorus

Where You go, I'll go
Where You stay, I'll stay
When You move, I'll move
I will follow You
Whom You love, I'll love
How you serve I'll serve
If this life I lose
I will follow You
I will follow You

Verse 2

Light into the world, light into my life
I will live for You alone
You're the One I seek, knowing I will find
All I need in you alone - in You alone

Repeat Chorus

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 of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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.*

JEREMIAH 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 26:1-8 *Said by all,*

**1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
 for I have lived with integrity; *
 I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**
**2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
 examine my heart and my mind.**
**3 For your love is before my eyes; *
 I have walked faithfully with you.**
**4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

**5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
 I will not sit down with the wicked.**
**6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
 that I may go in procession round your altar,**
**7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
 and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**
**8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
 and the place where your glory abides.**

SECOND READING

ROMANS 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live

in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

I Love You, Lord

Laurie Klein

Verse (sung twice)

I love You Lord
And I lift my voice
To worship You
O my soul rejoice
Take joy my King
In what You hear
May it be a sweet sweet sound
In Your ear

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 16:21-28

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 began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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 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

Search My Heart

Matt Crocker and Joel Houston

Verse 1

Search my heart, and search my soul
There's nothing else that I want more.
Shine Your light and show Your face.
In my life Lord, have Your way

Verse 2

Hear my cry and hear my prayer.
Draw me close, I know You're near.
Give me strength and give me grace
to walk with You Lord, all my days

Chorus

So with all my heart, and all my soul.
With all I am Lord, I will follow You.
You took the cross, You took my shame,
Restored my life, now I live to worship You.

Bridge (5x)

Without You I am nothing.

Repeat Chorus

Tag

Search my heart, search my soul.

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

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.

AMEN.

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

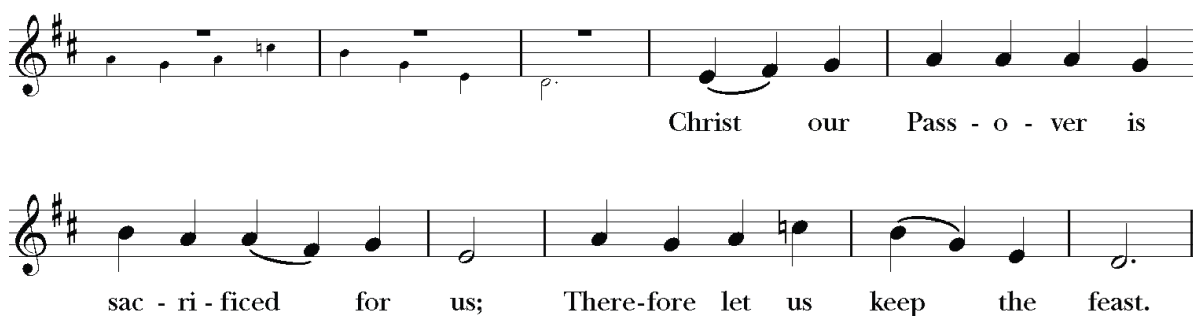
People and Celebrant, kneeling

**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

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



Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

People **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

People **Have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world

People **Grant us thy peace.**

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

Jesus Messiah

Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves, and Chris Tomlin

Verse 1

He became sin who knew no sin
That we might become His righteousness
He humbled Himself and carried the cross
Love so amazing - love so amazing

Chorus

Jesus Messiah - name above all names
Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel
The Rescue for sinners; The Ransom from Heaven
Jesus Messiah; Lord of all

Verse 2

His body the bread; His blood the wine
Broken and poured out all for love
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn
Love so amazing - love so amazing, yeah

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

All our hope is in You
All our hope is in You
All the glory to You, God
The Light of the world

Repeat Chorus

Ending

Jesus Messiah - Lord of all
The Lord of all
The Lord of 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 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

Today is the Day

Paul Baloche and Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1

I'm casting my cares aside, I'm leaving my past behind
I'm setting my heart and mind on You - Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all you have in store for me is good - it's good

Chorus

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm trusting in what You say -
Today is the day

Verse 2

I'm putting my fears aside, I'm leaving my doubts behind
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to You - Jesus
I'm reaching my hands to Yours, believing there's so much more
Knowing that all You have in store for me is good - it's good

Chorus 2

Today is the day You have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
today is the day you have made
I will rejoice and be glad in it
And I won't worry about tomorrow
I'm giving You my fears and sorrows
Where You lead me I will follow
I'm trusting in what You say -
Today is the day
Today is the day
Today is the day

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 the marriage of Kyra Helmick and Cameron French,
given by Dave and Kelley Helmick.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

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!

COMING UP

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!

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY - RESUMES SEPTEMBER 14

Monday Bible Study meets at 1:00pm in BEC 309. This Fall, the group will study both the book of Ecclesiastes and The Gift of Empathy together. For more information, contact Betsy Sullivan hoodles411@att.net

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

The Wednesday Night Bible Study 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.

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!

SOCCER PRACTICE

Our St. Dunstan's Soccer Team meets every Saturday from 6pm-8pm in our field behind the parking lot. All ages are welcome to join! Contact Jonas (832) 441-7619

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**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

CONSTRUCTION PLAN FOR FALL 2026

- The Renovation of our Sanctuary is set to begin on September 8th, 2026
- During this time, all four Sunday Services will take place in the Parish Hall. English services will keep their normal times of 7:45am, 9:00am and 11:15am, and the Spanish service will temporarily move to 1:00pm. All services except for the 7:45am will continue to be livestreamed.
- Pews will be refurbished, walls will be painted, and carpet will be replaced. We will also add a new alcove for tech, a larger clergy vesting area, storage for Altar Guild and install a new air conditioning unit for the old kitchen area.
- Goal of returning to our completed Sanctuary by December 13th, 2026.
- Read Fr. Roman' blog from 08/25 for more details!

PLEASE NO FOOD OR DRINK IN WORSHIP SPACES. THANK YOU!

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