



St. Dunstan's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RITE II - HOLY EUCHARIST

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: PROPER 18

SEPTEMBER 6, 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

Wake Up, Sleeper

Austin French, Ben Glover, and Colby Wedgeworth

ENTRANCE SONG *All standing*

Holy is the Lord

Louie Giglio and Chris Tomlin

Verse

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing, everyone sing

Chorus

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory

Bridge

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
Yeah, it's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing, everyone sing

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*

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *Sung*

DAVID HORN

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.*

EZEKIEL 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, "As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 119:33-40 *Said by all,*

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE SONG *All standing.*

Love the Lord

Lincoln Brewster

Verse 1 - X2

Love the Lord Your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength

Chorus 1

With all your heart, with all your soul,
With all your mind, with all your strength
Love the Lord Your God with all your heart,
With all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength

Verse 2 - X2

I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength

Chorus 2

With all my heart, with all my soul,
With all my mind, with all my strength
I will serve You, Lord, with all my heart,
With all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:15-20

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

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. Dr. Roman D. Roldan

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

Your Love

Brandon Heath

Verse 1

I felt it first when I was younger - a strange connection to the Light
I tried to satisfy the hunger. I never got it right
So I climbed a mountain and built an altar
Looked out as far as I could see.
And every day I'm getting older. I'm running out of dreams

Chorus

But Your love, Your love - The only thing that matter is
Your love, Your love. That's all I have to give
'Cause Your love is enough to light up the darkness.
It's Your love, Your love - all I ever needed is Your love.

Verse 2

You know the effort I have given.
And You know exactly what it cost
And though my innocence was taken, not everything is lost
Not everything is lost, no.

Repeat Chorus

Bridge

You're the hope in the morning.
You're the light when the night is falling
You're the song when my heart is singing. It's Your love
You're the eyes to the blind man.
You're the feet to the lame man walking.
You're the sound of the people singing. It's Your love

Repeat Chorus

THE PRESENTATION OF ALMS AND OBLATIONS

*Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts.
The People stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar*

The Doxology

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***Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.***

The Celebrant says

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says,

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface

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 say

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,

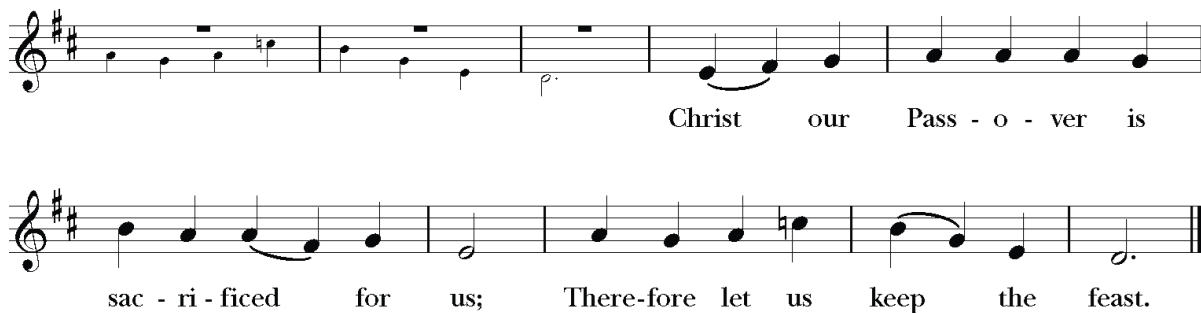
People and Celebrant, kneeling

**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



People Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.
People Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us.
People Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
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

Amazed

Jared Anderson

Verse 1

You dance over me, while I am unaware
You sing all around, but I never hear the sound

Chorus (sung twice)

Lord, I'm amazed by You (3X)
And how You love me

Verse 2

You paint the morning sky with miracles in mind
My hope will always stand, for You hold me in Your hand

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (sung twice)

How wide, how deep, how great is Your love for me

Repeat Chorus

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

Marvelous Light

Charlie Hall

Chorus

Into marvelous light I'm running-
Out of darkness, out of shame
By the cross, You are the Truth, You are Life, You are the Way

Verse 1

I once was Fatherless, a stranger without hope
Your kindness wakened me, wakened me from my sleep
Your love, it beckons deeply, a call to come and die
By grace, now I will come and take this life, take Your life

Pre-Chorus

Sin has lost its power, death has lost its sting
From the grave You've risen - VICTORIOUSLY!

Repeat Chorus twice

Verse 2 (sung twice)

My dead heart now is beating, my deepest stains now clean
Your breath fills up my lungs, Now I'm free, now I'm free!

Repeat Pre-Chorus

Repeat Chorus twice

Bridge (sung twice)

Lift my hands and spin around
See the light that I have found
Oh, the marvelous light - marvelous light!

Repeat Chorus twice

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 Joan and Jim Browning's 75th wedding anniversary,
given by Claire Browning and Suzanne Montgomery*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

LAST SUNDAY IN THE NAVE - SEPTEMBER 6

- The Renovation of our Sanctuary begins September 8th, 2026
- During this time, all Sunday Services will take place in the Parish Hall. English at 7:45am, 9:00am and 11:15am; Spanish service will temporarily move to 1:00pm. All services (except 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.

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 boodles411@att.net

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING - SEPTEMBER 17 & 20

DOK is hosting two meetings this month! Thursday, Sept. 17 at 10am in the Parish Hall, enjoy a presentation entitled "The Reformation: An Historical Perspective" by Mike Adams, lecturer for the Academy of Lifelong Learning at Lone Star College. Sunday, Sept. 20 at 10:15am in the BEC, join DOK President Janet Wenckens to learn more about the DOK and enjoy some morning coffee and refreshments. All women of the parish are invited to attend both meetings.

SPANISH HERITAGE FOOD FESTIVAL - SEPTEMBER 20

All are invited to join in on the Spanish Heritage Festival and sample incredible food from different Latin American Countries! Meet in the Parish Hall at 2:30pm

FAITH AND FAMILY FELLOWSHIP - SEPTEMBER 26

Families are invited to our kick off gathering at St. Dunstan's on Saturday, September 26th at 5:30pm! Bring your favorite board games and a snack or dessert to share, and enjoy fellowship with other St. Dunstan's families!

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!

OUTREACH

HOUSTON GROUND ANGELS

Houston Ground Angels is a non profit providing free rides for medical patients to get their critical treatment. Visit www.groundangels.org for details and to sign up!

EILAND ELEMENTARY FOOD DRIVE

We are collecting food donation items for Eiland Elementary this month to help support students and their families this fall. Scan the QR Code for a list of donation items needed! Bring your food donation items to church on September 27th.



THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH FOR LABOR DAY.