St. Dunstan's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rite II - Holy Eucharist

All Saints' Day

November 1, 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

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

Entrance Song *All standing*

Blessed Be Your Name — *Beth Redman and Matt Redman*

Verse 1
Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness - Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus
Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say-

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 2
Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be - Blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering - Blessed be Your name

Repeat Pre-Chorus & 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.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **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 w ill return to the service during the announcements.

First Reading *The people sit.* Revelation 7: 9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *Said by all,*

**1 I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
**2 I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.**
**3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.**
**4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.**
**5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.**
**6 I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.**
**7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.**
**8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!**
**9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.**
**10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**
**22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.**

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Song *All standing.*

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King — *Thomas Miller, Robert Robinson, John Wyeth*

Verse 1
Come thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy, never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2
O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Chorus (sung twice)
Come, Thou fount, come Thou King
Come, Thou precious Prince of Peace
Hear Your bride - to You we sing
Come, Thou fount of our blessing

The Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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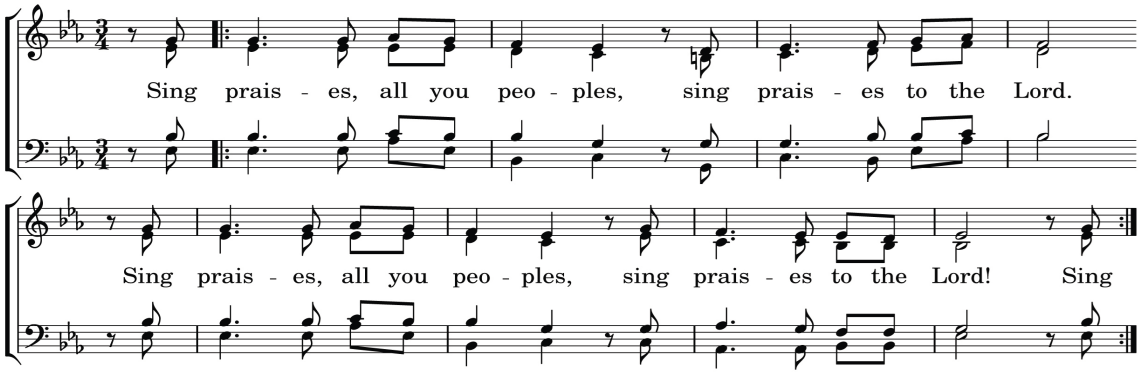

The Sermon

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.

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

All the People Said Amen — *Trevor Morgan, Paul Moak, and Matt Maher*

Verse 1
You are not alone if you are lonely
When you're feeling frail, you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God, it's all you need

Chorus
And all the people said Amen
And all the people said Amen
Give thanks to the Lord, for his love never ends
And all the people said Amen

Verse 2
If you're rich or poor, well, it don't matter
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after
We're all broken, but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And he so loved the world he sent his son to save us all

Repeat Chorus

Bridge
Blessed are the poor spirits who are torn apart
Blessed are the prosecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people lonely for another start
For this is a kingdom, the kingdom of God

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 H-281

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 — Eucharistic 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

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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

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.**

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

Blessings — *Laura Story*

Verse 1
We pray for blessings - we pray for peace
Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity
We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

Chorus 1
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
And what if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise?

Verse 2
We pray for wisdom - Your voice to hear
We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt Your goodness, we doubt Your love
As if every promise from Your word is not enough
And all the while You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe

Repeat Chorus 1

Bridge
When friends betray us
When darkness seems to win
We know that pain reminds this heart
That this is not- this is not our home
It's not our home

Chorus 2
'Cause what if Your blessings come through raindrops?
What if Your healing comes through tears?
And what if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near?
What if my greatest disappointments, or the aching of this life
Is a revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy?
And what if trials of this life - the rain, the storm, the hardest nights
Are Your mercies in…disguise?

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,

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Song of Mission

Mighty to Save — *Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan*

Verse 1
Everyone needs compassion,
a love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Everyone needs forgiveness,
the kindness of a Savior
The hope of nations

Chorus
Savior, He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save
Forever, author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave,
Jesus conquered the grave

Verse 2
So take me as You find me,
all my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
everything I believe in
Now I surrender

Repeat Chorus

Bridge (sung three times)
Shine Your light and let the whole world see
We're singing for the glory of the risen King (Jesus)

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 Jeff and Kim Lawson's 40th wedding anniversary, given by Jeff and Kim.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

Requiem Service

The Requiem service to honor and remember lost loved ones will be at **11:15am today, Nov. 1st.** Join us for this beautiful service of prayer and remembrance.

Sew Much Love - November 1

This brand new ministry kicks off at 4:00pm on Nov. 1 in BEC 309! Come learn practical sewings skills and share knowledge and skills with others. No experience necessary! Just bring your needle and thread, and some fabric to practice on or an item you're wanting to repair!

Shop the Bookstore Today

Thinking ahead to Christmas, a gift of our own St Dunstan's silver crosses crafted by James Avery. We have 3 sizes in stock: tiny, medium and large. Visit us in the bookstore located in the atrium in the education building today!

COMING UP

Bingo Fundraiser - November 14

Join us for Bingo at 3:00pm on November 14th! Proceeds support our youth and help send them to camp! Scan the QR Code to get your card!

Commitment Sunday - November 15

Commitment Sunday will be on November 15th at all services! We invite you to prayerfully consider a commitment for 2027 and look for a letter from Fr. Roman in the mail. Your gifts make our ministries and day to day operations possible! Visit saintdunstans.org/give to set up your 2027 pledge!

DOK Meetings - November 15 & 19

"Reflections on Thanksgiving" is the topic for the meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15 at 10:15am in BEC 309. Our speaker is Sister Veronica-Noel. On Thursday, Nov. 19 at 11am, the DOK hosts a docent-led tour of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Houston's own Gothic Revival church. Following the tour, lunch will be available in the Cafe as well as shopping in the Gift Shoppe. Please RSVP to currentsa@gmail.com by November 10. All parish women are invited!

Thanksgiving Eve Service - November 25

Come give thanks at the Lord's table before Thanksgiving Day! Join us for a service at 7:00pm on November 25th.

MINISTRIES

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Stephen Ministry training equips you to provide one-on-one, Christ-centered care through listening, prayer, and encouragement. You don't need all the answers—just a willing heart! Could God be calling YOU to this ministry? Contact Kelley Helmick to learn more: 713-899-1746.

Clothed by Faith Collection

JDOK is still collecting clothes for the whole family through December! Clothed by Faith provides clothes and shoes for families in need throughout Houston. Bring donations to the bin outside of Sandy's office in the Mace Room!

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Limited dates remaining for the rest of 2026! Please note we accept only one donation per Sunday so that each person's dedication receives the proper attention. Visit saintdunstans.org/give to donate.

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