St. Dunstan's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rite II - Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost: Proper 27

November 8, 2026

9:00am

The Clergy

The Reverend Dr. Roman D. Roldan - *Rector*
The Reverend Steve Ferguson - *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Naty Menjivar - *Associate Rector*

Welcome

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

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

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



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

Our Core Values and Mission Strategy:

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

The Word of God

Prelude

Love Came Down — *Jeremy Edwardson, Brian Johnson, Iam Mclntosh, Jeremy Riddle*

Entrance Song *All standing*

Come, Now is the Time to Worship — *Brian Doerksen*

Verse
Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.

Chorus 1
One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now

Repeat Verse and Chorus 1

Chorus 2
Willingly we choose to surrender our lives
Willingly our knees will bow
With all our hearts, soul, mind, and strength
we gladly choose You now

Repeat Verse

Tag
Come, oh come.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 w ill return to the service during the announcements.

First Reading *The people sit.* Amos 5:18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *Said by all,*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Song *All standing.*

Awakening — *Reuben Morgan and Chris Tomlin*

Verse 1
In our hearts, Lord, in this nation - AWAKENING
Holy spirit, we desire - AWAKENING

Chorus
For You and You alone, awake my soul
Awake my soul, and sing
For the world You love, Your will be done
Let Your will be done in me

Verse 2
In Your presence, in Your power - AWAKENING
For this moment, in this hour - AWAKENING

Repeat Chorus

Bridge
Like the rising sun that shines
From the darkness comes a light
I hear Your voice, and this is my---
AWAKENING!

Bridge 2
Like the rising sun that shines
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing
From the darkness comes a light
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing
Like the rising sun that shines
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing
Only You can save a life
Awake my soul, awake my soul and sing

Ending
In our hearts, LORD, in the nations - AWAKENING!

The Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13

The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying

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

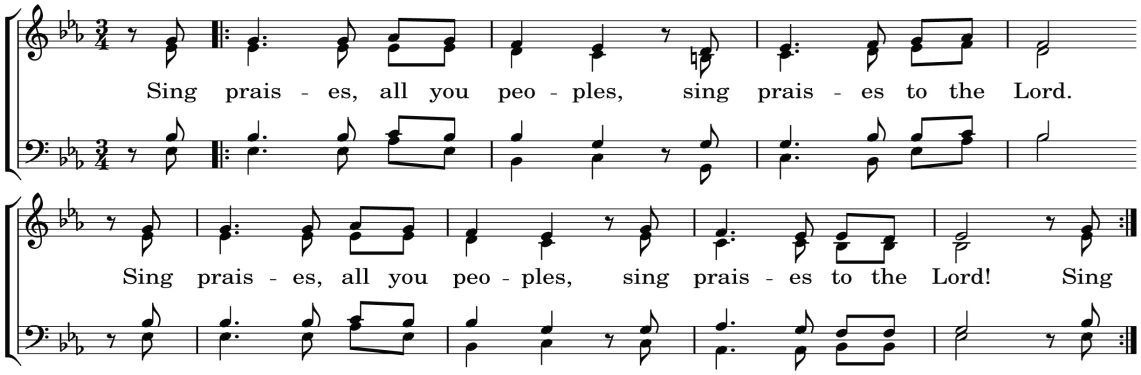
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

[Jesus said,] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Taize Response



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.

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

When the Stars Burn Down — *Jonathan Lee and Jennie Lee Riddle*

Verse 1
When the stars burn down and the earth wears out
And we stands before the throne
With the witnesses who have gone before
We will rise and all applaud

Chorus
Singing blessing and honor and glory and power
Forever to our God
Singing blessing and honor and glory and power
Forever to our God

Verse 2
When the hands of time wind fully down
And the earth is rolled up like a scroll
The trumpets will call, and the earth will fall
To its knees as we all go home

Repeat Chorus

Bridge
Star of the morning Light of salvation, Majesty
God of all mysteries Lord of the universe, Righteous King

Verse 3
There will come a day, standing face to face
In a moment - we will be like Him
He will wipe our eyes dry, and take us up to His side
And forever we will be His

Repeat Chorus twice

The Presentation of Alms and Oblations

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

The Doxology 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

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

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

Better is One Day — *Matt Redman*

Verse 1
How lovely is your dwelling place
Oh, Lord Almighty
For my soul longs and even faints for You
For here my heart is satisfied
Within Your presence
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

Chorus
Better is one day in Your courts
Better is one day in Your house
Better is one day in Your courts
Than thousands elsewhere

Verse 2
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells
One thing I ask and I would seek
To see Your beauty
To find You in the place Your glory dwells

Repeat Chorus

Bridge
My heart and flesh cry out For You, the living God
Your Spirit's water to my soul
I've tasted and I've seen Come once again to me
I will draw near to You, I will draw near to You

Repeat Chorus Twice

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

You, You Are God *Walker Beach*

Verse 1
Here I am - I've come to find You
Here I am to see Your grace
To bring to You an offering
I have to ask myself one thing-
"How can I do anything but praise?"
I praise

Chorus
You, You are God - You are Lord
You are all I'm living for
you are King of everything
I want my life to praise You

Verse 2
Here I am, I've come to thank You
Here I am - a life You've changed
Because You gave your life for me
You crucified Your Son for me
How can I do anything but praise
I praise

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 Kimberly J. Cross' birthday, given by Barbara Jones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

TODAY

Pick up a NAM Christmas Bag!

NAM Bags are available to pick up today! Shop for toys for the age listed on your bag so children in need get a Christmas present! Bags are due back to church by **November 29th.**

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.

Advent Decorating - November 29

Help decorate and make the Christmas season come alive on our campus! Meet in the Mace Room at 10:15am.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas - December 12

Enjoy food, holiday crafts, & a visit from Saint Nicholas. FREE—invite friends for some holiday Fun! Scan the QR Code to shop our Seafarers amazon wishlist for items to assemble in boxes during the event!

MINISTRIES

Become a Stephen Minister!

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

Four 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!

The Church Office will be Closed on Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans Day.

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