St. Dunstan's
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rite II - Holy Eucharist

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 28

November 15, 2026
11:15am

The Clergy

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

Welcome

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

- Nursery: Open 8:45am-12:45pm for children ages infant - 5 years old and located in the Bentley Education Center (BEC). Enter thru the doors under the porte-cochere
- Children's Chapel: After the Collect, the children may follow the cross to Children's Chapel in the BEC and will return to the worship service during the announcements.
- 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.

The Word of God

Prelude

Christ Who is my Life — *Johann Pachelbel*

Entrance Hymn *All standing* — Hymnal 680

O God, our help in ages past

Verse 1
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home:

Verse 2
Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

Verse 3
Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

Verse 4
A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Verse 5
Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

Verse 6
O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

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* S- 280

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 w ill return to the service during the announcements.

First Reading *The people sit.* Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90: 1-8, 12 *Chanted by the choir, Congregation joins at Antiphon*

*Antiphon: We shall rejoice all the days of our life; **

*1 Lord, you have been our refuge **
from one generation to another.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
*or the land and the earth were born, **
from age to age you are God. [ANT]
*3 You turn us back to the dust and say, **
"Go back, O child of earth."
4 For a thousand years in your sight
*are like yesterday when it is past **
and like a watch in the night. [ANT]
*5 You sweep us away like a dream; **
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
*6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; **
in the evening it is dried up and withered. [ANT]
*7 For we consume away in your displeasure; **
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
*8 Our iniquities you have set before you, * [ANT]*
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
*12 So teach us to number our days, **
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. [ANT]

Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *All standing.* — Hymnal 59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Verse 1
Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding:
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
'Cast away the works of darkness,
O ye children of the day.'

Verse 2
Wakened by the solemn warning,
from earth's bondage let us rise;
Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.

Verse 3
Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;

Verse 4
So when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
may he with his mercy shield us,
and with words of love draw near.

Verse 5
Honor, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit
while unending ages run.

The Gospel — Matthew 25: 14-30

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, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one

who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. All saying

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name.
Amen.

The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins,

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

At this time you may exchange the sign of peace with those around you - wave, bow, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".

Announcements & Offering

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The Celebrant says

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Zion hears the watchmen singing — *J.S. Bach*

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her Star is risen, her Light is come.
Ah come, Thou blessèd One, God's own belovèd Son:
Alleluia! We follow till the halls we see
Where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.

David Horn, soloist

The Presentation of Alms and Oblations

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

The Doxology Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Celebrant says

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

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

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer D

The people remain standing. The Celebrant says,

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus and Benedictus *Sung* — S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures.

When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People say

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember our bishops, Andrew, Jeff, Kai, Hector, and Brian, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed Dunstan, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant, kneeling

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

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 Hymn — Hymnal 655

O Jesus, I have promised

Verse 1

O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end:
be thou for ever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle,
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway,
if thou wilt be my guide.

Verse 2

O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me
listen, thou guardian of my soul.

Verse 3

O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

Postcommunion Prayer

The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People **Amen.**

Hymn of Mission — Hymnal 312

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands

Verse 1
Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands
that holy things have taken;
let ears that now have heard thy songs
to clamor never waken.

Verse 2
Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang,
keep free from all deceiving;
the eyes which saw thy love be bright,
thy blessed hope perceiving.

Verse 3
The feet that tread thy hallowed courts
from light do thou not banish;
the bodies by thy Body fed
with thy new life replenish.

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 thanksgiving for Laura's birthday and our church family, given by Ed and Laura Gunn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY

Commitment Sunday - November 15

Commitment Sunday is today at all services! We invite you to prayerfully consider a commitment for 2027. 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!

COMING UP

Reminiscers - November 18

The Reminiscers Group will meet at 4pm at Zara's on Wednesday, November 18th. All are welcome! Contact Annette Matthews 832-244-4524 to RSVP. ***Bring a copy of your favorite Thanksgiving Recipe!

Youth Day Time Lock In - November 23

Enjoy games, food, a movie and fun with your fellow youth during Thanksgiving break! In the Youth Room 8am-2pm Monday, November 23rd. Email sjones@saintdunstans.org

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!

Lessons & Carols - December 13

Hear nine Lessons which tell the story of a God who prepared a great Messiah to be with us and save us from our sins, so that we can be with Him forever. Sing the carols of the season, pray for the world, the Church, and the poor. Livestreamed.

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

Three 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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