

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 25, 2025

10:15 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Processional Hymn *Christ For The World We Sing!*

Hymnal #537

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| 1 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal. | 3 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord. |
| 2 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost
from dark despair. | 4 Christ for the world we sing!
The world to Christ we bring
with joyful song;
the new-born souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong. |

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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.**

Gloria A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the
high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
mer-cy on us; You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our pray'r, re -
ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - men. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 16:9-15

Reader: A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Revelation 21:10, 21:22, 22:1-5

Reader: A Reading from The Book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve

kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *O Holy City, Seen of John*

Hymnal #583

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| 1 O holy city, seen of John,
where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
within whose foursquare walls
shall come
no night, nor need, nor pain,
and where the tears are
wiped from eyes
that shall not weep again! | 3 Give us, O God, the strength
to build
the city that hath stood
too long a dream, whose laws
are love,
whose crown is servanthood,
and where the sun that shineth is
God's grace for human good. |
| 2 O shame to us who rest content
while lust and greed for gain
in street and shop and tenement
wring gold from human pain,
and bitter lips in blind despair
cry, "Christ hath died in vain!" | 4 Already in the mind of God
that city riseth fair:
lo, how its splendor challenges
the souls that greatly dare—
yea, bids us seize the whole of life
and build its glory there. |

John 14:23-29

Deacon: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: Rev. Anna Scherer

The Nicene Creed

**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.

Prayers of the People

Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continue to proclaim Christ's resurrection, strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential. Open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around. Guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue, that the poor might know his healing and love through our actions.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care. Grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way. Grant that they might feel Christ's caring touch on their hurts. Especially we pray for Michael, Jack, Karen, Nancy, Elizabeth, Richard, Nese, Mani, Elliott, Brian, Louisa, Jacob, Catherine, Sean, Harry, Roy, Wayne, Jim, Theresa, Misty, Cathy, Dan, Helen, Bill, Caroline, and Ann.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life. Grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, you have promised to be with us always, fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best for us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. **Amen.**

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Clergy and People:

**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.**

Clergy: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all of 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.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory Anthem *Look For Me In Lowly Ones* Text: Aelred Rosser, O.S.B
Music: Richard Proulx

Presentation Hymn *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* Hymnal #193 v. 5

5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us,

and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*

Hymnal S-125



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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 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,

**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

Fraction Anthem: *Christ Our Passover* from *A Community Mass*

by: Richard Proulx

Choir: Alleluia

Congregation: **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast.**

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Congregation: **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness, and believe.
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

3 If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in,
you can make it right if you will yield;
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People :

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

May God who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1 Now the green blade riseth from
the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days
has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead
has been:

Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love
whom hate had slain,
thinking that never he would wake
again,
laid in the earth like grain that
sleeps unseen:

Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the
risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave
had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord
is seen:

Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

4 When our hearts are wintry,
grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life
again,
fields of our hearts that dead and
bare have been:

Love is come again
like wheat that springeth green.

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Our mission is to build and strengthen relationships among God and God's children, through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

May 25, 2025

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Emmanuel, Delaplane, St. John the Baptist, Ivy, and St. Peter's, Purcellville.

In our Chesterbrook Community, we pray for First Baptist Church.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially William Suringa and Peter Keck and for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

We pray for those who are ill or in special need: Michael, Jack, Karen, Nancy, Elizabeth, Richard, Nese, Mani, Elliott, Brian, Louisa, Jacob, Catherine, Sean, Harry, Roy, Wayne, Jim, Theresa, Misty, Cathy, Dan, Helen, Bill, Caroline, and Ann.

We pray for those who have died.

We pray for: Our Country, our military, peace in Ukraine, peace in the Middle East.

Assisting today: Linda Young (Chalicerist), Myles Denny-Brown (Lector), Carol Saunders (Usher), Helen Vogel, Eileen Place, & Nancy Rider (Altar Guild), Alison Keck (Flower Guild), Philip Chalk (Greeter).

Announcements

Dying Well: A Conversation About Funerals and End of Life Decisions

Join us after church today for a forum after church led by Anna, Derrick, and Chris. The topic will be end-of-life preparations. We will dive into the language and theology of our Book of Common Prayer, wonderful hymns customarily played at funerals, and much more. One of the best gifts we can give to our loved ones when we die is clarity about end-of-life care, funeral plans, and all else.

Ascension Day Service

Join us for a special Ascension Day service of Holy Eucharist in the chapel at 11:30AM on Thursday, May 29, which is open to all. In addition to celebrating Ascension Day, we will be giving special thanks to those who serve on the Altar Guild at this service. If you are interested in joining the altar guild, let us know by reaching out to Pat Moore.

Outreach Meeting

The Outreach committee will meet after church on Sunday June 1 to finalize plans for the Chili Cook-off and begin preparations for this summer's Ice Cream Sunday event.

Lunch Bunch

Lunch Bunch will meet at J. Gilbert's on Wednesday, June 4 at noon. J. Gilbert's is located at 6930 Old Dominion Dr. in McLean. Please contact Linda Young at 703-915-1887 or lindacy1001@gmail.com by Tuesday, June 3 if you plan to attend so a reservation count can be made.

Monthly Building & Grounds Team Meeting

One of our greatest assets and one of our greatest challenges at St. Dunstan's is our property. We are calling all volunteers to step up and join us for a new monthly Buildings & Grounds team gathering. We will meet on the **4th Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the Undercroft Common Room**. Our Jr. Warden will facilitate the meetings (Zoom option available). We will focus on action items that can be accomplished from within our community. These meetings are open to all, especially if you are willing to lend a helping hand. These gatherings are sure to be another great opportunity for fellowship. Join us!

Summer Fellowship Hosts Needed

Summer is a great time to get involved and host an outdoor fellowship. No coffee making, just cold drinks and snacks. Please contact Martha Taishoff (703) 582-3338 or mvtaishoff@gmail.com to pick a Sunday or to get more information.



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