

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



**Holy Eucharist Rite II  
with Confirmation and Reception and Reaffirmation**

Fifth Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024, 10:15am



# **Prelude** *Plein chant du premier Kyrie, en Taille*

François Couperin

*Dialogue sur la Voix humaine*

*Messe Pour Les Paroisses*

## **Processional Hymn** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Hymnal 686

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! Oh, fix me on it,  
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure;  
hither, by thy help, I've come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

3 Oh, 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, oh, take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

*Bishop:* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People:* **His mercy endures forever.**

*Bishop:* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People:* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Bishop:* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People:* **One God and Father of all.**

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

*A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 51:1-13

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

- 12 Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## Hebrews 5:5-10

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you," as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn *Hail, Thou Once Despisèd Jesus!*

Hymnal 495

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| <p>1 Hail, thou once despisèd Jesus!<br/>Hail, thou Galilean King!<br/>Thou didst suffer to release us;<br/>thou didst free salvation bring.<br/>Hail, thou universal Savior,<br/>bearer of our sin and shame!<br/>By thy merit we find favor:<br/>life is given through thy Name.</p> <p>2 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,<br/>all our sins on thee were laid:<br/>by almighty love anointed,<br/>thou hast full atonement made.<br/>All thy people are forgiven<br/>through the virtue of thy blood:<br/>opened is the gate of heaven,<br/>reconciled are we with God.</p> | <p>3 Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,<br/>there for ever to abide;<br/>all the heavenly hosts adore thee,<br/>seated at thy Father's side.<br/>There for sinners thou art pleading:<br/>there thou dost our place prepare;<br/>ever for us interceding,<br/>till in glory we appear.</p> <p>4 Worship, honor, power, and blessing<br/>thou art worthy to receive;<br/>highest praises, without ceasing,<br/>right it is for us to give.<br/>Help, ye bright angelic spirits,<br/>all your noblest anthems raise;<br/>help to sing our Savior's merits,<br/>help to chant Emmanuel's praise!</p> |
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## John 12:20-33

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

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say, 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Deacon:* *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

## The Sermon: The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson

*Bishop:* The Candidates will now be presented.

*Confirmation Presenters:* I present Caitlin, Carter, Julia, and Wilson for Confirmation.

*Reception Presenters:* I present Stephanie to be received into the communion.

*Reaffirmation Presenters:* I present Vivienne who desires to reaffirm her baptismal vows.

*Bishop:* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

*Candidates:* I do.

*Bishop:* Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*Candidates:* I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

*Bishop:* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*Bishop:* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

*Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?*

*People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.*

*Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?*

*People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.*

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?*

*People: I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.*

*Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?*

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?*

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?*

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbors as yourself?*

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?*

*People: I will, with God's help.*

*Bishop: Let us now pray for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ.*

*Leader:* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send them into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Bishop:* Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### *For Confirmation*

*Bishop:* Strengthen, O Lord, your servant N., with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. **Amen.**

#### *For Reception*

N., we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

#### *For Reaffirmation*

N., may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. **Amen.**

*Bishop:* Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Bishop:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **Announcements**

### **Offertory Anthem** *I Waited for the Lord*

Felix Mendelssohn

From A Symphony-Cantata "*Hymn of Praise*"

Callie Cooper and Karin Paludan Sorey, Sopranos

### **Presentation Hymn** *The Doxology*

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

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.

*Bishop:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Bishop:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Bishop:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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 Hymn** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord*

Hymnal S-129

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.

*Bishop continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us



to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Bishop and People:* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Bishop continues:*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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*

*Bishop:* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Bishop:* 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.

## **Communion Hymn** *Let thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

Hymnal 313

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| <p>1 Let thy Blood in mercy poured,<br/>let thy gracious Body broken,<br/>be to me, O gracious Lord,<br/>of thy boundless love the token.<br/>Thou didst give thyself for me,<br/>now I give myself to thee.</p> <p>2 Thou didst die that I might live;<br/>blessèd Lord, thou cam'st to save me;<br/>all that love of God could give<br/>Jesus by his sorrows gave me.<br/>Thou didst give thy self for me,<br/>Now I give myself to thee.</p> | <p>3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow,<br/>by the spear-wound and the nailing,<br/>by the pain and death, I now<br/>claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.<br/>Thou didst give thy self for me,<br/>Now I give myself to thee.</p> <p>4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring?<br/>All my penitence I give thee;<br/>thou art my exalted King,<br/>of thy matchless love forgive me.<br/>Thou didst give thy self for me,<br/>Now I give myself to thee.</p> |
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## Communion Hymn *What Wondrous Love is This*

Hymnal 439

- 1 What wondrous love is this,  
    O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this,  
    O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this  
    that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown  
    for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown  
    for my soul.
- 2 To God and to the Lamb,  
    I will sing, I will sing,  
to God and to the Lamb,  
    I will sing.  
To God and to the Lamb  
    who is the great I AM,  
while millions join the theme,  
    I will sing, I will sing,  
while millions join the theme  
    I will sing.
- 3 And when from death I'm free,  
    I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and when from death I'm free,  
    I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free  
I'll sing and joyful be,  
    and through eternity  
    I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
and through eternity  
    I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

*Bishop:* Let us pray.

*Bishop and People:* **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 Bishop blesses the people.*

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand;  
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth  
flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar,  
lead me all my journey through;  
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and  
shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side;  
songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude** *Trumpet Voluntary*

John Travers

We congratulate and lift up Julia Williams, Carter Brown, Wilson Buttz, and Caitlin Farley who are confirmed today, Stephanie Kitchen who is received into the Episcopal Church today, and Vivienne Holly who is reaffirming her baptismal vows today. If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation, please speak with Chris, Anna, or Silas.

***“Our mission is to build and strengthen relationships among God and God’s children, through Christ our Lord.”***

## **PRAYER LIST FOR March 17, 2024**

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, Suzan Yungner, Betty Dunn, Louisa Dietrich, Desmond Curran, Matthew Thompson, and those celebrating anniversaries this week.

We pray for those who are ill or in special need:

Michael, Mani, Jack, Karen, Trish, Nancy, Lee, Dave, Deanna, Lisa, Mike, Lara, Rae, Stephen, Elizabeth, Richard, Maureen, Dona, Heather, Clem, David, Chris, Phil, Rachael, Sara, Rietta, Geri, Ellen, Court, Victor, Rick, and Bishop Michael Curry.

We pray for: Our Country, Peace in Ukraine, Peace in the Middle East.

We pray for those who have died, Thomas McCall.

Assisting today: Russ Keck (Chalicer), Caroline Brethauer (Lector), David Graling (Usher), Helen Vogel & Eileen Place (Altar Guild), Alison Keck (Flower Guild).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Worship Committee Meeting on Music Sun Mar 24<sup>th</sup>**

Please join the Worship Committee for a meeting following church on Sun, March 24<sup>th</sup> in the Common Room. In this meeting we will focus on **music** so please come and share your thoughts and ideas.

### **Easter Flower Donations**

Envelopes for Easter flowers are available in this bulletin and on the table at the back of the church. Flower donations can be made in memory of a loved one or for any special blessings you may want to recognize. Names will be listed in the Easter bulletin. Deadline for donations is Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Easter Sunday Egg Hunt Volunteer Opportunities**

St. Dunstan's will host an egg hunt, complete with a visit from the Easter Bunny. We are asking the parish to bring small, individually wrapped candies (like kisses or mini candy bars) that will fit in plastic eggs. Please leave donation in the basket at the back of the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **New Formation Series Begins Sun, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Join us for the new formation series based on the book by Michael Frost: *Surprise the World; The Five Habits of Highly Missional People*. Learn about Frost's approach to evangelism using the BELLS model: **B**less others, **E**at together, **L**isten to the Spirit, **L**earn Christ, **U**nderstand yourself as **S**ent by God into others' lives. Class begins at 9:00am in the Common Room in the undercroft.

### **Discernment Process Discussion**

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback to the discernment committee. We've received a robust response from the congregation. The insight has been helpful in shaping our work. We are compiling a position profile which will be shared with the congregation soon. If you have any input or questions, please email, or talk with a member of the committee. We would be more than happy to hear from you at any point in the process.

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