# Holy Communion: Rite Two Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



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#### WELCOME!

We are an Episcopal (Anglican) community of various backgrounds and beliefs, drawn together by our love of God in Jesus Christ. We believe that God's radically inclusive love excludes no one. At St. Dunstan's, all people are welcome, no exceptions. Please visit our Welcome Table on the patio to get more information about our church. A "Welcome Pad" is located at the end of each pew if you would like to share your name and/or contact information. If you are interested in membership, please speak with our Rector, Rev. Rebecca. We're so glad you're here!

**Prayer book & Hymnals:** In the pews you will see various books in different colors. The red book is our Book of Common Prayer (BCP). BCP pages are included if you prefer to use the Prayer Book. The blue Hymnal 1982 contains many of the hymns in today's service. Other hymns, beginning with "J-", can be found in the white, large ringed book entitled "Make a Joyful Noise," produced by our Parish Musician, Gregory Funk.

#### The Prelude

Opening Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

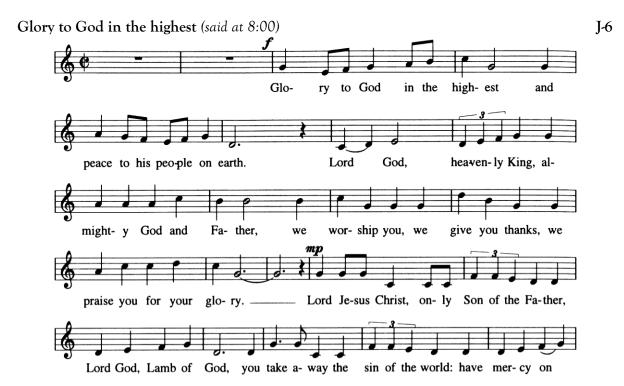
## **Opening Sentence**

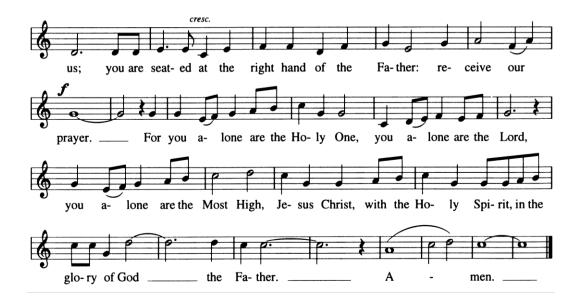
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

BCP 355

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.





## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People and also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The

eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

#### Psalm 22: 24-30



- 24 My praise is of him in the great as-/sembly; \*
  - I will perform my vows in the presence of those who / worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
  - and those who seek the LORD shall / praise him: \*
  - "May your heart live for / ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the / LORD, \* and all the families of the nations shall bow be-/fore him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the / LORD; \* he rules over the / nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in / worship; \* all who go down to the dust fall be-/fore him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall / serve him; \* they shall be known as the LORD's for / ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet un-/born \* the saving deeds that he has / done.

# Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to

be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:00) Sequence Hymn 529

In Christ there is no east or west

## The Gospel: John 15:1-8

Leader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John...

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you*, *Lord Christ.* 

# Children's Moment

#### Sermon

# The Nicene Creed, standing as able

Celebrant and people
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

Let us join through prayer with everything that lives. Let us acknowledge to God who makes us one in the life we share:

Hear our prayer.

O God, your Holy Spirit is alive in all the earth. Your Spirit that moved and shaped land and sea, trees, and beasts, still moves and shapes us into creation. Through Christ we know your one Holy Spirit, for You are God of all. That all the world may know your Spirit, we pray, O God who makes us one:

Hear our prayer.

Open your world before our eyes, so that we see far and near. Show us newly what lives around us, over and behind and within. Give us the mind of Christ. O God, who makes us one:

Hear our prayer.

Bring us to one another, that we may hear and understand each other. Bring trust and sympathy between the people of the world. Make all nations one household with many rooms. O God, who makes us one:

Hear our prayer.

Enliven the church with the Spirit of Christ. Through us give your loving Spirit to a world in need of comfort. Make our many gifts one offering for the world. O God, who makes us one: *Hear our prayer*.

Heal us who are sick. Cheer us who are guilty, Love us who are alone. Join us who are distant. Call all the world to yourself. Let us pray for those on our healing prayer list: Brian, Alice, Frasier, Mike, Kathy, Janice, Jen, Kay, Ben, Claire, Bette, Steve, Bishop Sanford, Richard, Wayne, Bob, Lydia, Adrian, Vanessa, Joan, Bette Jo

O God who makes us one:

Hear our prayer.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and for peace in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine
- For those affected by the floods and storms
- Additional prayers and online requests

For our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for Earth Day and the care of all. creation. We also pray for those participating in the EDSD Creation Care Playday.

For our Military cycle of Prayer we pray for the Military Sealift Command, Naval Base Point Loma.

We pray for those listed at the end of the bulletin, and also for intercessions from our community.

## **Concluding Collect**

O God, keep our minds inside your love, for we are many parts and need to be one. We beg for this unity which only your Spirit can give, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace BCP 360

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Announcements

## (10:00) Prayer Quilts, said together

Gracious and Loving God, we thank You for the loving hands and spirits of those who created this quilt for the comfort of those in need. Let this quilt be a tangible sign and symbol of your enfolding love as Your Holy Spirit embraces them, eases their pain and worry, and brings them Your comfort and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

Birthdays this week: Irene, Zuhamy, Thomas, CJ, Liam, April Anniversaries: Stephanie & Jesse, Ray & Sue, Guy & Anne-Elise

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Offertory Sentence**

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; And, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

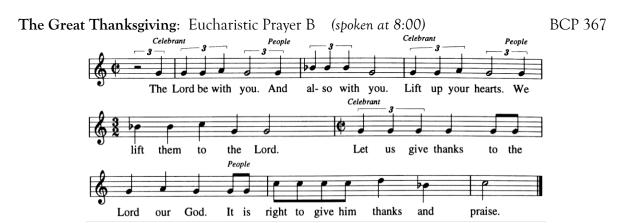
Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; Show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, And whatever I can be give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; Help me now thy pow'r to see, I would be like thee; 'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield; Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee.

## (10:00) Offertory Hymn 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song

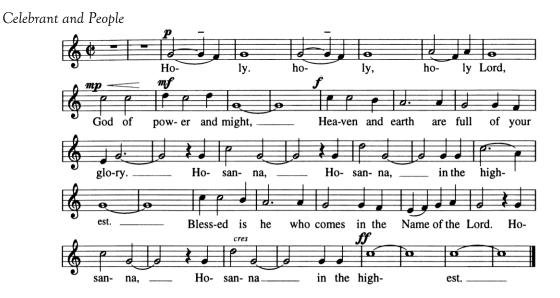


#### Celebrant

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 sins 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:



## Celebrant continues

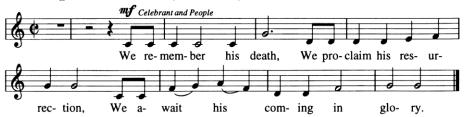
We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the 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,



#### 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 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.



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

People and Celebrant

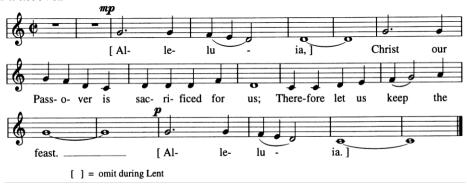


# The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

#### Christ our Passover



## Celebrant

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.

#### The Communion

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church regardless of your church/denominational background. Please extend 2 hands if you wish to have your bread dipped into the wine and extend one hand if you prefer to receive bread only and/or the common cup. If you need gluten free bread or prefer no wine, please indicate this. If you do not want Communion, you can come forward for a blessing instead, indicated by crossing your hands over your chest or simply remain in your seat.

## (10:00) Communion Voluntary:

## (10:00) Communion Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

# Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

Priest In the name of Christ Jesus, and through the family of St. Dunstan's, we send you out bearing these holy gifts for God's holy people: that those who will receive them with us may experience the majesty and the mystery of His presence. We who are many are one body,

People because we all share one bread and one cup.

**BCP 366** 

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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 Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn 457

Thow art the Way

#### The Dismissal

Alleluia! Let us go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!* 

#### The Postlude

#### **PARISH NOTICES**

**Fellowship Dinners:** Come on Wednesday evenings from April 10- June 5, at 6 pm. For \$7.00, you can enjoy a three-course meal and conversation in the Parish Hall. All ages welcome! Ages 0-6 eat free.

Game Night: Come join us Saturday May 11 at 4pm for board games and pizza in the youth building. If you have a game you like and would be willing to teach it to others, please bring it! It will be easiest to find a group to start a game with if you arrive on time, as most games are difficult to add additional players to once they have begun. All Are Welcome!

The ROMEOS will meet on the second Tuesday of the month at Noon at the Denny's on the corner of Fletcher Parkway and Navajo. What is ROMEO? "Retired Old Men Eating Out." If you belong in this category contact Art Wrightson by phone, e-mail, or text.

**Second Friday Ladies' Luncheon:** The SFLL will meet on the second Friday of each month at Noon, at Marie Callender's Bakery Restaurant 6950 Alvarado Road, in Mission Valley. All ladies of the parish who are retired, widowed, or have the itch to get together with other ladies for lunch, contact Ellen Single by phone, text or e-mail for exact dates.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS: RUMMAGE SALE 2024

- Sunday, June 30 first day we are accepting rummage at the Youth Bldg
- Monday, July 29 empty storage and set up in Parish House
- Thursday, Aug. 8 Gala
- Friday/Saturday, August 9 & 10 SALE DAYS, 7 am to 2 pm

#### ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector Music Gregory Funk, Parish Musician

Deborah Berglund, Children's Victory Choir

Readers David Bagley, Donna Vaughan

Nancy Lujan, Lynn Marvin, Lisa Chaddock

Eucharistic Ministers David Bagley

Sandia Tuttle, Sarah Mitchell, Mindy Wilcox

Altar Guild Amy Lockwood, Bea Coke
Acolytes Sarah Mitchell, Eve B., Seth B.
Sunday Sexton Ryan Sifton

Connect: The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector, rhansen@stdunstans.org

Church office hours: M-TH, 9am-3pm; Fridays 9am-12pm noon

#### INFORMATION FOR THE SERVICE

**St. Dunstan's Pledge cards** are available in the back of the church. You can mail a check to the office or donate online through ACS or on www.stdunstans.org or in person on Sunday morning.

If you wear hearing aids with T-coil you can hear our service directly through your hearing aids. If you do not have T-coil, or have hearing loss and are not yet ready for hearing aids, you can use one of our portable receivers and headset. A "quiet room" with streaming of the service is available in the back-east corner of this building and accessible seating options are marked and available throughout the church. Check with a Hospitality Minister for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our services (noises and all). Our nursery is also open all morning for ages 0-3 (located on the east side of this building) and our "Pray-Ground" (front-left pew of the church) is open during the service with quiet children's activities. Christian education is at 9:00am for all ages (Sept-May) and during the 10:00am service children are welcome to come forward for a "Children's Moment" and may leave with teachers during the sermon for brief children's education and return just before Holy Communion. Children of all ages may receive Holy Communion at their parent's discretion.

Accessible bathrooms are located inside the church to the left and right of the main entrance. Please let a Hospitality Minister know if you need assistance with anything or have any questions.

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