Holy Communion: Rite Two Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost First Sunday in the Season of Creation: Forest September 1, 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 J-197 (8:00 v1-2)

How great thou art

Opening Sentences

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's Kingdom.

The world around us is full of beauty

We praise your name O God.

For the gift of life on earth

We praise your name O God.

Open our eyes to see your artistry

Your image in all that you have made.

Where our praise is short or silent

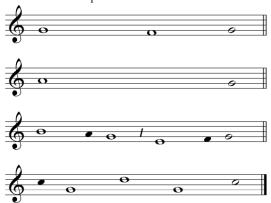
All creation sings out with joy.

Here we join creation's song

We praise your name O God

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation Benedicite, omnia opera Domini (8:00 spoken)

The following music setting is used for all verses. Pitch changes are at the slash marks. Bold text corresponds to black notes.



praise him and highly ex-alt him for ever.

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you / works of the / Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for / ever.

In the firmament of his power, / glorify the Lord, * praise him, and / highly ex-/ alt him for / ever.

I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you / angels and all powers of the /Lord,*
O heavens and all waters above the / heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, / glorify the Lord, *
praise him, and / highly ex-/ alt him for / ever.

Glorify the Lord, every / shower of rain and fall of / dew, * all winds and fire and / heat.

Winter and Summer, / glorify the Lord, * praise him, and / highly ex- / alt him for / ever.

Glorify the Lord, O / chill and / cold, * drops of dew and flakes of / snow.

Frost and cold, ice and sleet, / glorify the Lord, * praise him, and / highly ex-/ alt him for / ever.

Glorify the Lord, O / nights and / days, *
O shining light and enfolding / dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, / glorify the Lord, *
praise him, and / highly ex- / alt him for / ever.

II The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth / glorify the / Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for / ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and /
all that grows upon the earth, *
praise him, and / highly ex- / alt him for / ever.

Glorify the Lord, O / springs of water, seas, and / streams, * O whales and all that move in the / waters.

All birds of the air, / glorify the Lord, * praise him, and / highly ex-/ alt him for / ever.

Glorify the Lord, O / beasts of the / wild, * and all you flocks and / herds.

O men and women everywhere, / glorify the Lord, * praise him, and / highly ex-/ alt him for / ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: / Father, Son, and Holy / Spirit; * praise him and highly exalt him for / ever.

In the firmament of his power, / glorify the Lord, * praise him, and / highly ex-/ alt him for / ever.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Creator God, whose love was poured out in Jesus, give us the strength and the vision to so care for your world and its peoples, that we may be faithful stewards of all your creation, working in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation

has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15



- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? * who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, * who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; * he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, * but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong * and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, * nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things * shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act-they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(10:00) Sequence Hymn 416, v1-2

For the beauty of the earth

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit,

licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

Children's Moment

The Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

Let us stand (as you are able) and re-affirm our faith with the words of 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 - A Christian prayer in union with creation - (Pope Francis - Laudato Si')

Leader: Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

All: Praise be to you!

Leader: Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world toward the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.

All: Praise be to you!

Leader: God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

All: Lord, have mercy

Leader: O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

All: Lord, have mercy

Leader: Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

All: Lord, have mercy

From our Healing Prayer List we pray for Dan, Elizabeth, Tammy, Pamela, Joanne, Judith, Cathy, Cheryl, Kathy H., Sue, Richard, Abby, George, Jaimy, Tim, Jim, Ron, Jen, Wayne, Bob, Lydia, Adrian, Vanessa M., Joan

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and for peace in Sudan, Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza
- For peace, discernment and charity throughout our national election cycle.
- Additional prayers and online requests

From our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Clergy and people of: St. Luke's, San Diego, and the Diocesan Institutions & Organizations – The Bishop's School, Episcopal Community Services, Jubilee Centers

From our military cycle of prayer we pray for the Combat Logistics Battalions 1 & 13, Camp Pendleton.

Please add your own petitions silently or aloud.

Concluding Collect

Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home, strengthen us to care for your creation: our forests, land, wilderness, rivers, and all your creatures; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory. Amen

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Absolution

strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,

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

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.

Offertory Sentence

(10:00) Offertory Anthem: This is my Father's world

Malcolm Williamson

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hands the wonders wrought.

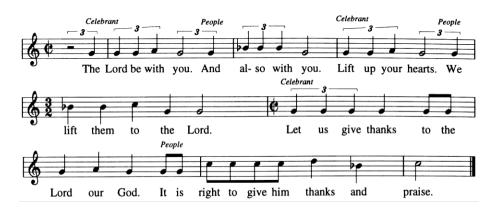
This is my Father's world: the birds their carols raise, the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

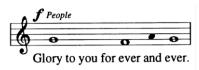
This is our Father's world, oh, let us not forget that though the wrong is great and strong, God is our Father yet. He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair, all earth and trees, all skies and seas, all creatures everywhere.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C (8:00 spoken)

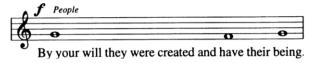
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God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.



At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

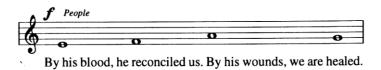


From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

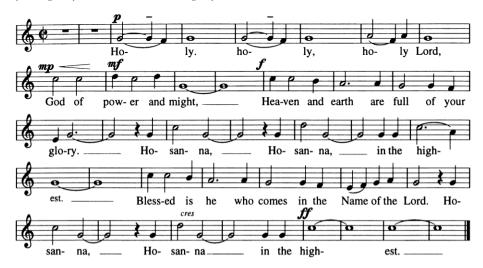


Have mer-cy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

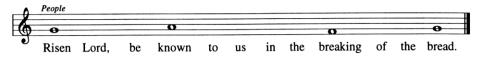
On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



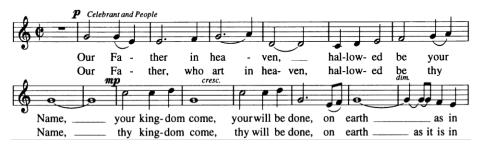
Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.



(Sung) Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.



(Sung) And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

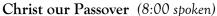




The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.





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 Anthem: The Gardener

Chaddock/Hanson

You thought I was the gardener, yet everything is mine. I left you as the wardens here ascending to divine.

To care for all the waters clear, and like the creatures free: Enjoy the colors of the world in which you live and breathe.

You thought I was the caretaker, but you should understand: I gave your kind the stewardship of ocean, air and land.

To care for all the waters clear, and like the creatures free: Enjoy the colors of the world in which you live and breathe.

You stop and call me teacher, yet, what have you learned? Hear me when I tell you: my love is in each living thing on earth.

You thought I was the gardener, yet everything you see I left to you as the guardians: it's precious all to me.

To care for all the waters clear, and like the creatures free: Enjoy the colors of the world in which you live and breathe.

You live and breathe. you live and breathe. you live and breathe.....



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(10:00) 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.

Post Communion Prayer

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

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in Earth and Christ within you. Amen.

Closing Hymn 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Let us go out into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

The flowers on the altar are given by Jennifer Gaebe in celebration of Brandon Brownlee's birthday.

Church Office Closed Monday, Sept. 2nd

PARISH NOTICES

Please look for the Flower Board and sign up for your favorite dates in 2024. It costs \$35 per sign-up. A great way to celebrate a special day and support our altar flower ministry.

Kick off Sunday will be on Sunday, September 8th with a Ministry Fair and Cake Walk after the 10am service. This will be a great time for you to get information on all our ministries and see how you can join Children's Ministry will host carnival games and a waterslide bounce house with a splash pad. Kids who would like to get in the water should bring a swimsuit and a towel.

The Return of Sunday Education & Formation! Ministries & Bible Studies that went on Summer Break return on September 15th. If you're wondering if your group is returning, please reach out to your Ministry leader. If you're looking for a new ministry to join, be sure to check out all the ministries we have during our Kick Off Sunday & Ministry Fair!

Creation Care Series

Sundays, September 15-29 at 9am

Dr. Lisa Chaddock will present on Sept. 15 and 29:

For this Season of Creation, Prof. Lisa Chaddock will lead a discussion about how the earth systems interact and work together, and how climate change is going to change things throughout the year for everyone. We will look to the bible for guidance and prayers to lift up the earth and each other and learn to practice restorative sustainability for a just and peaceful world.

Rev. Rebecca will present a forum on Creation Care, Saints, and Scripture on Sept. 22

You are invited! To all Rummage Sale volunteers & angels, please join us on Friday, Sep 6 at 6 pm for a Wrap-Up Potluck. Come feast with us to celebrate an amazing rummage sale and to share your ideas and feedback for next year. Signups will be available after church or you can contact Anne-Elise Kelly at anne-elise9137@gmail.com to provide your name and the dish you will bring. Can't wait to see you and hear all about your experience. Thank you!!

How's your Summer Reading going?

Our first annual "All-Parish Summer Book Reading" with C.S. Lewis' "The Screwtape Letters" will start it's discussion on Sunday, October 13th at 9am!

Whether you've never read the *Letters* or have read it many times before, there's always something new to learn in this insightful classic of Christian fiction. Happy summer reading!

Broadway, Our Way

Pacific Coast Chorale

John Nettles, Director Rodney Girvin, Assistant Conductor & Accompanist

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Clergy The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

Music Gregory Funk, Parish Musician

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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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