

Holy Communion: Rite Two
Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, 2024 | 10:00 AM



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: *O come, O come, Emmanuel* arr. Richard Purvis

Opening Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a —
 2 O — Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God — en - dur - eth, the —



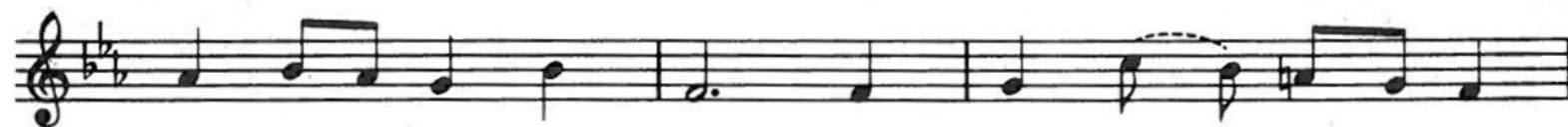
call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst — of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The —
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they — per - ish, like
 feed his — flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and — pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our — God — may go!
 na - tions shall — pass like a dream — a - way;
 lead them, and — bring them — safe to his fold.

The Lighting of the Advent Candle

- Reader 1* What indeed are we looking for? Advent is looking for the beginning of new things, different things: new life!
- Reader 2:* The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
- People:* *the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.*
- Reader 2:* They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain;
- People:* *for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.*
- Reader 1* On this third Sunday of Advent we light the third candle which symbolizes joy.

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

- Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
- People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant

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.*

Trisagion, sung three times

Hymnal S 102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

- Celebrant* The Lord be with you.
- People* And also with you.
- Celebrant* Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

All are seated.

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

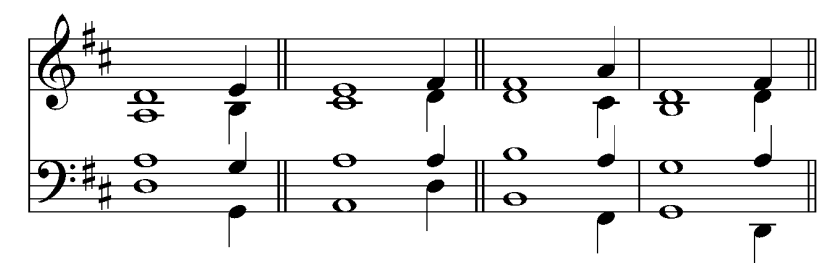
Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9 The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6



Surely, it is God who / saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be a-/fraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-/fense, *
and he will be my / Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with re-/joicing *
from the springs of sal-/vation.

And on that day you shall / say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his / Name;

Make his deeds known among the / peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is ex-/alted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done / great things, *
and this is known in all the / world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your / joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of / Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn J-183

Rejoice in the Lord always

Rejoice in the Lord always

J-183

Capo 1

[1]

F(E)

C7(B7)

F(E)



Re- joice in the Lord al- ways and a- gain I say re- joice.

[2]

F(E)

C7(B7)

F(E)



Re- joice, re- joice, and a- gain I say re- joice.

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire." And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Moment

Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

The Nicene Creed, *standing as able*

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 our hearts and minds be stirred as we pray to God for that peace so much greater than we can imagine, saying: Quicken your Spirit within us; O Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in the world: May the wars on every continent cease, may nations be at rest, may refugees and survivors find a new home and the spirit to begin again. May wounds be healed, losses, grieved, and honorable deeds remembered. May grace abound in all land, and the lion and the lamb lie content. Quicken your Spirit within us:
O Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace in the church: May we intensify our efforts of peacemaking with the separated churches, that peace may prevail over conflict and we be reconciled in one family, exercising one baptism, one eucharist, and one common ministry in its many forms. Quicken your Spirit within us:
O Lord, hear our prayer.

For this assembly: May we let go of our vested interests and inspired by your Spirit seek peace with one another. Help us give up the grievances we harbor within our families and communities and among our co-workers and friends. Help us build trust, the cornerstone of all reconciled relationships. Quicken your Spirit within us:

O Lord, hear our prayer.

For peace where we live, work and recreate, and for peace within ourselves: May the noises in and around us diminish so that we can hear the sounds of the trees, the birds, the winds, and the rain. Give us space and time to hear ourselves, to feel our own feelings and express our own longings, knowing that the only one true longing is your longing for us. Quicken your Spirit within us:

O Lord, hear our prayer.

For our young people: Let us provide space for them in our midst, and time to reassure them in their insecurities, encourage them in their hopes, and ever strengthen them in their gifts. Quicken your Spirit within us:

O Lord, hear our prayer.

For the elderly and the infirm: We give thanks for the health and long life that many enjoy, and we pray for those who are overcome with suffering in body and spirit. Help us comfort one another and share with one another, knowing that whatever we ask for in prayer, those needs will be satisfied.

O Lord, hear our prayer.

May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need. We especially pray for those in need on our prayer list: Chris, Joanne, Art, Lily, Stephanie, Jess, Eva, Diane, Dan, Bette, Mary Helen, Leila, Linda, Shirley, Bea, Anne Elise, Candyce, Tammy, Abby, George, Jaimy, Jim, Jen, Wayne, Bob, Lydia, Adrian, Vanessa, Joan

Hear our prayer, O Lord, *and grant us mercy.*

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and for peace in Sudan, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, and Lebanon
- *Additional prayers and online requests*

From our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for the Clergy and people of St. Michael's by-the-Sea, Carlsbad

From our military cycle of prayer we pray for the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing,
Camp Pendleton

You are invited to add your own petitions at this time in your heart or with your voice.

Concluding Collect, *Celebrant*

O Lord, fill our minds and hearts with everything that is good and loving and worthy of thanksgiving and praise, everything that comes to us under the sign of your peace and in the name of Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin, *kneeling*

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

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

The Peace

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.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers, *said together*

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

Offertory Anthem: *Rejoice! Rejoice, believers* John Finney

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers, and let your lights appear!
The evening is advancing, and darker night is near.

The Bridegroom is arising, and soon he will draw nigh;
Up, watch in expectation! at midnight comes the cry.

See that your lamps are burning, replenish them with oil;
Look now for your salvation, the end of sin and toil.

The marriage feast is waiting, The gates wide open stand;
Rise up! Ye heirs of glory, the bridegroom is at hand!

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise thou Sun so longed for, above this darkened sphere!

With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord, to see
The day of earth's redemption and ever live with thee.

Offertory Hymn 70

Herald, sound the note of judgment



1 Her - ald, sound the note of judg - ment, warn - ing us of right and
 2 Her - ald, sound the note of glad - ness; tell the news that Christ is
 3 Her - ald, sound the note of par - don— those re - pent - ing are for -
 4 Her - ald, sound the note of tri - umph; Christ has come to share our



wrong, turn - ing us from sin and sad - ness
 here; make a path - way through the des - ert
 given; God re - ceives his way - ward chil - dren,
 life, bring - ing God's own love and pow - er,



till once more we sing the song.
 for the one who brings God near. Sound the trum - pet!
 and to them new life is given.
 grant - ing vic - tory in our strife.



Tell the mes - sage! Christ, the Sa - vior King, has come!

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. 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.

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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.

The Celebrant sings a Proper Preface.

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 and People

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

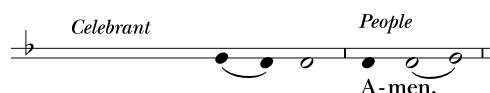
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

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.



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

People and Celebrant

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

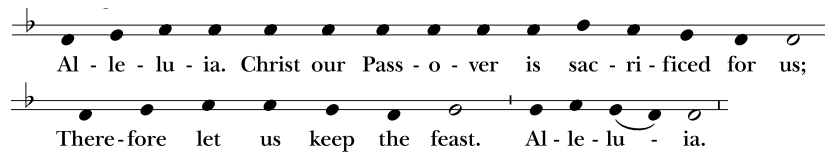
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover



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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.

Communion Hymn J-61

Isaiah the prophet has written of old

Communion Hymn J-64

On Jordan's bank

Capo 1: play Em

Fm
(Em)

Bbm
(Am)

♩ = 48

1. I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

Fm
(Em)

C7
(B7)

Fm
(Em)

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

Bbm
(Am)

Fm
(Em)

Cm7
(Bm7)

Fm
(Em)

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

Ab
(G)

Eb
(D)

Fm
(Em)

Cm7
(Bm7)

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, The
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

Db
(C)

Eb
(D)

C7
(B7)

Fm
(Em)

peo - ples be led forth in peace.
no one shall hurt or de - stroy.

For the earth shall be filled with the
When wis - dom and jus - tice shall

Bbm
(Am)

Fm
(Em)

Cm7
(Bm7)

Fm
(Em)

knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the seas.
reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

With vigor (♩ = 104)

Introduction

1,6 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry—
 2. Then cleansed be ev - 'ry breast_ from sin;—
 3. For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord,
 4. To heal the sick, stretch out___ thine hand,
 5. All praise e - ter - nal Son___ to thee_

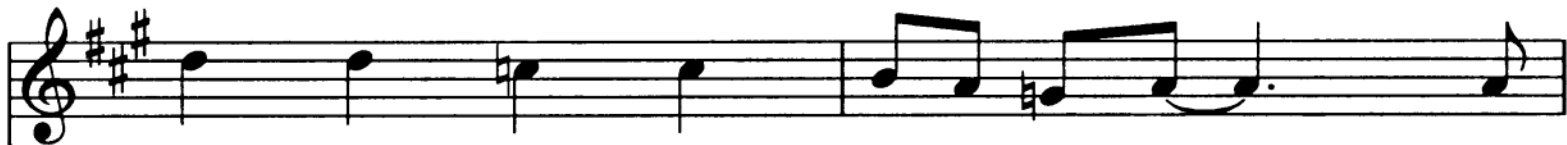
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 make straight the way for God_ with - in,___ and
 our ref - uge, and our great_ re - ward;_ with -
 and bid the fall - en sin - ner stand;_ shine
 whose ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free;_ whom

D

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A



wake and heark - en for he brings glad
 let each heart pre - pare a home where
 out thy grace we waste a - way like
 forth and let thy light re - store earth's
 with the Fa - ther we a - dore and



G

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A

1-5



ti - dings of the King of kings.
 such a might - y guest may come.
 flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 own true love - li - ness once more.
 Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.



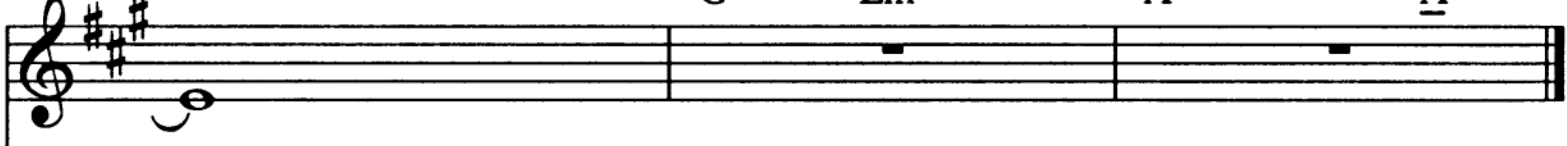
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Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

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

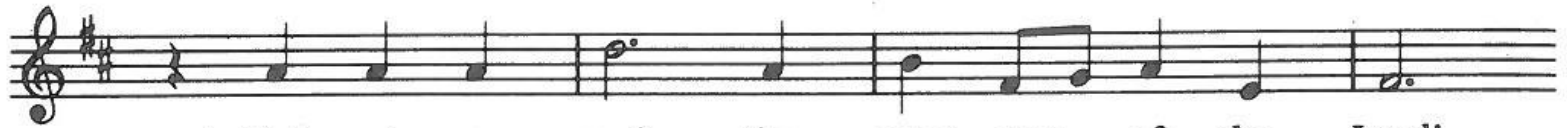
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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, 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.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn 438

Tell out, my soul



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!
 2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!
 3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!
 4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
 Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
 Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
 Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - jice.
 his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Music: *Woodlands*, Walter Greatorex (1877-1949)

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The Dismissal

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

The Postlude

INTERCESSIONS

The names listed here are for your daily prayers throughout the coming week. You are welcome to add names to the list before or after the service in the clipboard located in the narthex. If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at 619-460-6442 or Ellen Single at 619-241-2925 and tell us if you want it made available just to the Clergy, to the Daughters of the King, or to the whole parish. Names will be removed 1 month after they are listed.

Healing: Chris Reed, Joanne Bilodeau, Art Wrightson, Lily Feingold, Stephanie Bass, Jess Bass, Eva Brooks, Diane LeBlanc, Dan Moore, Bette Boucher, Mary Helen Kane, Leila McCoy, Linda Shirley, Shirley Wehrs, Bea Coke, Anne Elise Kelly, Candyce, Tammy Randall, Abby Conroy, George Kelly, Jaimy Scott, Jim Haaland, Jen Sisskind, Wayne Christopher, Bob Igoe, Lydia Coblentz, Adrian Garcia, Vanessa Martinez, Joan Jones

Death: Gloria Jones

Birthdays this week: Linda Shirley, Lucus Tuttle, Tori Maches, Sue Caldwell

PARISH NOTICES

We are recruiting for new Vestry members (4 positions open) for a term of 3 years. If you are interested, please talk with Rev. Rebecca.

Advent Supper Series 2024

Jesus and Peacemaking in a Violent World: The Gospel Theology of René Girard Dec. 18 at 5:30pm in the Parish Hall. As we prepare to welcome the Prince of Peace this Advent and seek peace in our own hearts, lives, and world, we are faced with difficult questions: Why is there so much violence in our nation and world? What does the message of Jesus and the Bible teach us about our response to violence as Christians? How we can bring peace to our lives and the wider world? Looking at the theology and philosophy of scholar René Girard, we will explore these questions through a teaching series with the Rev'd Rebecca Hansen followed by small group discussions. Dinner at 5:30pm followed by the class at 6:00pm (Come for one or both!) Please let us know if you will need childcare. All are welcome!

Advent/Christmas Mite Boxes

Friends, This year, the Outreach Committee decided that St. Dunstan's Mite Box offering should go to a congregation that was hard hit by the floods in North Carolina by Hurricane Helene. St. Mary & St. Stephen's, a small parish in Morganton, NC, is made up of an historically black congregation (St. Stephen's) and St. Mary's, a traditional white congregation.

Remember the widow who gave what she could. Pick up your Mite Box in the narthex & fill it with coins, bills, and checks for this needy congregation. Bring these Mite Boxes back to church on Epiphany.

Angel Tree | Now – December 15

Check out the Angel Tree at church on Sundays, select the ornament that lists gifts you'd like to donate, purchase the gifts, and bring them, unwrapped, to St. Dunstan's by December 15. This year we are supporting those in need from the Refugee Network, ECS, KinderCare, and Teen Shelter.



In addition to our normal angel tree, an amazon Christmas gift registry has been created. The Amazon QR Code is live, so please feel free to purchase gifts from there or pick out an angel on Sundays from the tree. You may also consider using our Scrip program to purchase gift cards! Using our Scrip Program allows for a percentage to be given back to the church. Please talk to Jen Sisskind to place an order for gift cards!

2025 Interfaith Shelter Network: Our Shelter dates for 2025 are February 1st through the 15th. The Interfaith Shelter Network recommends preparing for our church's commitment six weeks ahead of our start date. Therefore, St. Dunstan's Interfaith Shelter Committee has decided to begin posting our sign-up chart on Sunday, December 15th. We realize people will be in the middle of their Christmas holiday preparations but we are hoping that in the spirit of Christmas giving it will be a welcome additional gift to be able to sign up to participate in our two weeks of housing, feeding and caring for our homeless guests. This opportunity offers you the true 'hands on' experience of reaching out to those in need. We look forward to seeing you and answering any questions on Sunday, December 15 and all the following Sundays leading up to our February Commitment. Peace and Blessings to all,
Ann Jarrett & Bonnie Hatchard

Help Brighten the Holidays for Our ECS Adopted Family!

This holiday season, St. Dunstan's is supporting a family of seven through the ECS Family-to-Family Holiday Giving Program. Thanks to your generosity, the younger children and the grandmother are already taken care of! We're now focusing on ensuring the holidays are just as special for Sophia (age 23) and Santana (age 22), two young adults in the family, as well as Aurora (Mom, age

44) and Joshua (Father, age 38).

If you'd like to help with a gift for one of these family members or would like more information on please contact Andrea Muir at andreamuir@gmail.com to let us know what you'd like to contribute. Thank you for continuing to make this holiday season a joyful and memorable one for our adopted family! Together, we're bringing warmth, care, and hope to their lives.

Are you interested in Junior Daughters of the King?

Open to all baptized girls and young women from ages 7 to 21, Junior Daughters of the King (JDOK) provides opportunities for girls to experience the joy of belonging to a fellowship in which love of God, others and self is the framework for meetings, activities and ministry to others. We have a great time and would love for you to join us! The next series of discernment classes for membership will begin in Early February! If you are interested in joining, please contact Melody Quin (melodyrquin@gmail.com) by January 12th with any questions and to sign up. A special Candlelight Service will be held on February 2nd during the 10 am service for any interested young women as they begin their discernment process. Please join us in offering our prayers and encouragement for them on their journey with Jesus.

The **Greening of St. Dunstan's and Dinner** | Sunday, December 22. Starts at 3 PM | Help us decorate the church for Christmas!! Check out today's Bulletin insert for details.

GET A RIDE, GIVE A RIDE

There is a current need for a ride to church in the 92120 zip code. Please let me know if you or someone you know is interested in being a volunteer driver, whether on a regular or rotational basis. Contact David Jespersen at accessibility@stdunstans.org or the church office at (619) 460-6442.

The **St. Dunstan's Youth Group** will be hosting a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 4:30pm in the Youth Room.

We will be offering a potluck dinner so please bring a dish to share with everyone. We will also be hosting a White Elephant gift exchange. Please bring a small gift of \$15.00 or less if you would like to participate.

We are looking forward to a wonderful evening of food, fun, games, and gifts! All Junior High and High School students, and their friends, are welcome! We hope to see on December 22nd!

Christmas at St. Dunstan's

DEC. | Blue Christmas - A Requiem Midweek Service
18th | At 4:30 pm in the church on Wednesday

DEC. | Children's Christmas Pageant Service
24th | With Carols at 3:00 pm

DEC. | Christmas Eve Festive Service w/ Instruments &
24th | Carols at 5:00 pm, Eucharist Service at 5:30 pm



DEC. | Christmas Morning Service is at 10:00 am
25th | This Service will not be live streamed

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector

Assisting Neil Kramer, Associate for Pastoral Care & Formation

Music Gregory Funk, Parish Musician

Deborah Berglund, Children's Victory Choir

Readers Carl Larsen, David Berglund, Bette Boucher

Eucharistic Ministers Ann Jarrett & CJ Lowder

Altar Guild Cindy Bond

Acolytes Graysen & Brennie

Sunday Sexton Johnny Turner

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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