Holy Communion: Rite Two Sixth Sunday after Epiphany February 16, 2025 | 8:00 & 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.

Opening Hymn 544 (8:00 v1,4,5)

Jesus shall reign

Opening Sentence

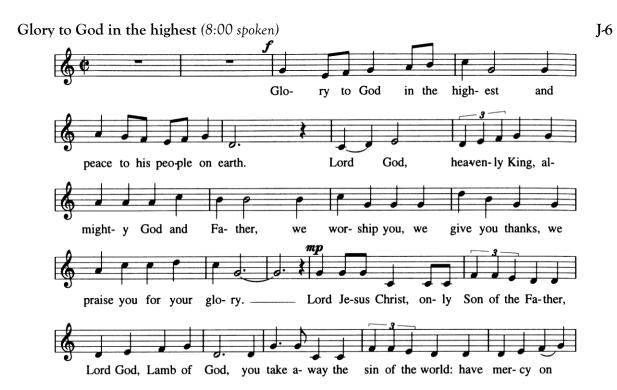
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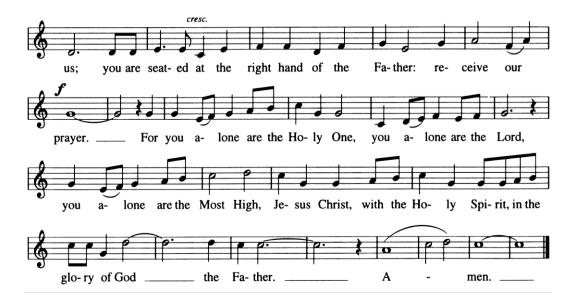
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

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.





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

All are seated.

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse~ who can understand

it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the / wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the / scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the / Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and / night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not / wither; * everything they do shall / prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the / wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows a-/way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment / comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the / righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the / righteous, * but the way of the wicked is / doomed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ-whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have

perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 296 (8:00 v1,4)

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

The Gospel: Luke 6:17-26

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

(10:00) 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.

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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

With all our heart and our mind let us offer to God our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer,

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. In Jesus you have made the cursed shrub of desolation to be our tree of life. Cut us away from trust in ourselves, and water our parched and withered hearts with the streams of your love. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

O God, you brought life out of death through the Red Sea waters and through the death and resurrection of our Lord. Call all the peoples of the world out of futile living and believing, that we all may hope in your dominion of justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Holy One, in Jesus you touched the troubled and unclean. Reach out and touch all who are troubled. Heal our diseases. Remove the evil spirit of racism. Let your power cleanse us that we may sing praises to you alone. Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our brayer*.

Gracious Lord, your mercy encompasses all creation. Stretch out your gracious hand even as we deny and distort your presence in our midst. Fill us with the hunger which makes us dependent on you alone. May our lives extend your healing hand to all the world. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Lord, from creation to covenant and from prophets to present day, you have judged those who seek consolation in their possessions. Bless us with the poverty which opens us to your dominion. Call us away from a life which hoards and squanders your creation. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Abba God, you came to us little and vulnerable. Make us see and become one with the poor that we may share in your dominion. Make us see and become one with the hungry that we may find our satisfaction in serving others. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We especially pray for those in need on our prayer list: Sammi, Katie, Dhyana, Sharyn, Sandy, Terry, Kendra, Ryan, Lisa, Brandy, Chris, Joanne, Mary Helen, Leila, Shirley, Anne Elise, Candyce, Abby, Jaimy, Jim, Jen, Wayne, Bob, Vanessa M, Joan

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war, and peace for the people of Syria, Sudan, and Ukraine
- For the ceasefire to hold between Israel and Palestine

- For victims of fire, and for those who are called to support them.
- For all Christians to be rooted in unity and commitment to Jesus
- For refugees: especially the Ibraham and Machot families, and for all refugee families being served through Refugee Net and the churches of our diocese.

From our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of St. Peter's, Del Mar, and for the youth and leaders at the Epiphany Retreat at Camp Stevens. We also prayer for our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority.

From our military cycle of prayer we pray for the Amphibious Vehicle Test Branch, Camp Pendleton

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

Concluding Collect

Give us, O God, tears of sorrow for this world. May our laughter grow out of trust that you are indeed Lord of heaven and earth. May we leap for joy in you, through 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

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.

(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 bring them Your comfort and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

(10:00) Offertory Anthem: Beatitudes

Betty Carr Pulkingham

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they that suffer for righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are you when people revile you, and accuse you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, for your reward is in heaven. Rejoice, for your reward is in heaven.

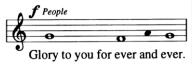
For so they treated the prophets. Rejoice! Rejoice!

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

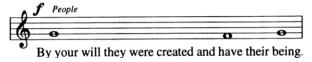
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God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.



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.



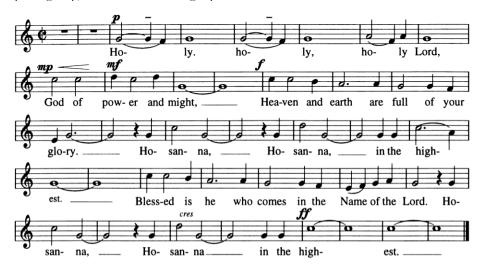
Have mer-cy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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.



By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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:

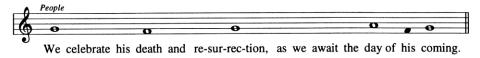


And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

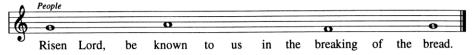
After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.



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.

Christ our Passover (8:00 spoken)



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 Piano Voluntary: We Shall Behold Him

Dottie Rambo/arr. Bock

(10:00) Communion Hymn J-340

Heal me, hands of Jesus

(10:00) Sending out of Eucharistic Visitors

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

BCP 365

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.*

Blessing

Closing Hymn 537 (8:00 v1,2,4)

Christ for the world we sing!

The Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The Postlude

PARISH NOTICES

The Spiritual Practice of Chinese Calligraphy | Sunday, February 16

You are welcome to join our very own Michael Yang - Vestry member and experienced teacher of Chinese calligraphy, who will teach us about this beautiful and ancient practice and art form. We will write calligraphy together and learn how to paint a passage from Scripture in Chinese calligraphy as a keepsake. This can be done prayerfully as a spiritual practice to help us engage God's Word in a new and beautiful way. All are welcome! Supplies will be provided, donations welcome.

Book Release, Reading, and Signing By Children's Author Gail Zhuang Schmidt

Gail Z. Schmidt ("G. Z. Schmidt") will lead a session at St. Dunstan's on Sunday, February 23 to coincide with the paperback release of her latest children's book, The Curious Vanishing of Beatrice Willoughby. Gail will share about her writing, books, and background, and will offer a reading and signing of her book. Limited copies will be available for purchase. About the Author: Gail, aka "G. Z. Schmidt" was born in China and immigrated to the U.S. when she was six. She grew up in the Midwest and the South, where she chased fireflies at night and listened occasionally for tornado/hurricane warnings. She graduated from Wellesley College with a B.A. in Economics. Her books have gotten starred reviews and have been named to Best Book of the Year lists by Entertainment Weekly and the New York Public Library. She currently lives in Southern California with her husband Hayden and daughter Lucy and their tuxedo cat. Gail and her family attend St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.

Join Lent Madness 2025!

You are invited to the annual fun tradition of learning more about the saints by participating in the Episcopal Church's "Lent Madness" throughout the duration of Lent. Be sure to subscribe to the daily Lent Madness updates, read about the dueling-saints of the day, and then cast your vote in this "tournament" of the saints! Out of 32 saints only one will be the winner and be awarded the coveted Golden Halo. For more information and to participate/subscribe check out: www.lentmadness.org

St Dunstan's High School Seniors!

If you're a high school senior, now is the time to think about college financial assistance! The Biondo Memorial Scholarship is available only to St. Dunstan's high school seniors who have been accepted to an accredited four-year college or university. To request a Biondo Scholarship application, email Vanessa Hiday, St. Dunstan's Parish Administrator, at vanessah@stdunstans.org. If you have questions or need additional information, reach out to Bill Chisum. ALL completed applications MUST be emailed to Bill by May 16.



ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen, Rector Assisting Neil Kramer, Associate for Pastoral Care & Formation Gregory Funk, Parish Musician Music Deborah Berglund, Children's Victory Choir Gail Zhuang, violin; Mindy Wilcox, flute; Sue Caldwell, piano Readers Neil Kramer & Donna Vaughan Mark Alcorn, Gail Schmidt, Laura Fields **Eucharistic Ministers** Dennis Martin Ann Jarrett, Sandia Tuttle, CJ Lowder Altar Guild Barbara Heiner & Cindy Bond **Sunday Sexton** Rvan 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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