



Holy Communion: Rite Two
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 | 10AM



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: *Praise to the Lord*

Opening Hymn 390

Praise to the Lord

Opening Sentence

BCP 355

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Glory to God in the highest

BCP 356, J-6

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It begins with a rest followed by a forte (*f*) dynamic marking. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplets indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score is divided into five lines of music. The first line ends with 'and'. The second line ends with 'al-'. The third line ends with 'we'. The fourth line ends with 'Lord'. The fifth line ends with 'on'. The lyrics are: 'Glo- ry to God in the high- est and peace to his peo- ple on earth. Lord God, heav- en- ly King, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo- ry. — Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the Fa- ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on'.

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Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a- way the sin of the world: have mer- cy on

cresc.

us; you are seat- ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re- ceive our

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prayer. ____ For you a- lone are the Ho- ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,

you a- lone are the Most High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spi- rit, in the

glo- ry of God ____ the Fa- ther. ____ A - men. ____

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 103: 8-13



- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and / mercy, *
slow to anger and of great / kindness.
- 9 He will not always ac-/cuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for / ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our / sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our / wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the / earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who / fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the / west, *
so far has he removed our / sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his / children, *
so does the Lord care for those who / fear him.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 411, v1-4

O bless the Lord, my soul

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Moment

The Sermon

The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen

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

Our God is a God of unity, not of division; of love, not of hate; of forgiveness, not of resentment. With open hearts, bearing the pain of the world, let us beseech the God of love saying: We beseech you, O Lord.

For our brothers and sisters of every race and nation:
For their safety and well-being,
For the relief of their sufferings,
For the assuaging of their hunger and thirst,
And for the overcoming of enmity, let us pray to the Lord.
We beseech you, O Lord.

For those peoples we have come to view as enemies:
For the healing of hatred and the birth of friendship,
Let us pray to the Lord.
We beseech you, O Lord.

For the churches of the world, let us pray:
For the healing of divisions,
For growth in understanding,
For devotion to the truth of the gospel,
For our mutual enrichment,
And for complete communion in the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.
We beseech you, O Lord.

For our homes and families:
For an end to feuds,
For release from the cycle of violence,
For the healing of painful memories,
For forgiveness and peace between those who injure,
For patience in bearing with one another, let us pray to the Lord.
We beseech you, O Lord.

We pray especially for those on our prayer list: Shawn, Bill, Jean, Laurie, Dick, Alice, Susan, Bonnie, Renee, Bill, Lisa, Joan, Jen, Norma, Sandia, Anita, Gary, Jim, Brennie, Irene, Emily, Jaimy, Mary Helen

Let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

For those who perished on September 11th, 25 years ago this week; for the families and friends impacted, for world leaders and the governments of nations, that they will put aside petty concerns and work together to ensure justice and peace, and for courage to stay grounded in God's love, let us pray to the Lord:

We beseech you, O Lord.

We also pray for requests from our community:

- For an end to war and peace for the people of our nation and abroad, including the Middle East, Congo, Sudan, and Ukraine
- For God's compassion, truth, justice and peace to rule in our hearts as a nation.
- For local and international stability and security.
- For refugees, migrants, the hungry and those who cannot afford food.
- We pray for and give thanks today for all our Children and Youth Ministry teachers and volunteers

From our Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

From our Diocesan cycle of Prayer: We pray for the clergy and people of St. Paul's Cathedral, San Diego. We also pray for the Executive Council, Standing Committee, Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Committees and Ministries.

From our Military Cycle of Prayer, we pray for those who serve in the 12 Marine Corps District Recruiting Command. We also pray for our Episcopal chaplains and service men and women who have been deployed.

You are invited to add your own intercessions out loud or in your heart.

Concluding Collect

Lord God, your Son made himself the least among us, bore our sins upon the cross, and delivered us from death by his own suffering and dying. Forgive us our sins, by which we have added to the world's pain, and make us instruments of peace and reconciliation, through the same Christ our Lord, Amen.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant 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 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace, *standing*

BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

Children & Youth Ministry Teacher and Volunteer Appreciation

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

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.

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

People and tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song.
 Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.
 All God's creatures, of men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.
 He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.

Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song.
 Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song.
 Praise him! Praise his name, sing "Alleluia! Praise him for his mighty deeds.
 This is our song, our supplication: "Sing to the Lord a new song."

Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens.
 Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name.
 Angels above make melody to him.
 Now lift your voice, lift up your heart and sing, and sing!

Come. Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song.
 Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song.
 Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; Dance your dance, and shout for joy.
 Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song.

Sing! Sing! Sing a new song!

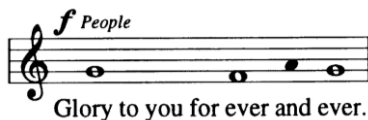
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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

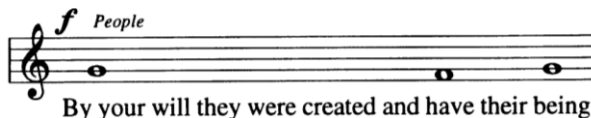
BCP 369

The musical score is written on three staves. The first staff is in 3/4 time and contains the lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al- so with you. Lift up your hearts. We". Above the staff, "Celebrant" is written above the first measure and "People" above the second measure. The second staff is in 3/4 time and contains the lyrics: "lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the". Above the staff, "Celebrant" is written above the first measure. The third staff is in 3/4 time and contains the lyrics: "Lord our God. It is right to give him thanks and praise." Above the staff, "People" is written above the first measure. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, key signatures (one flat), time signatures, and dynamic markings like "3" (triplets).

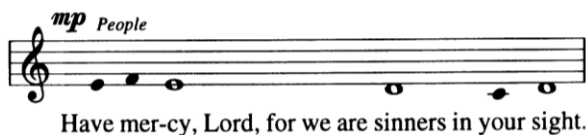
God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.



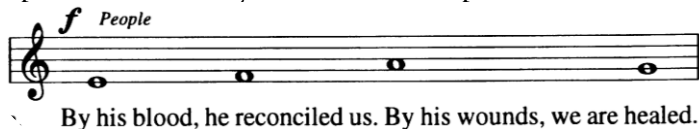
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.



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.

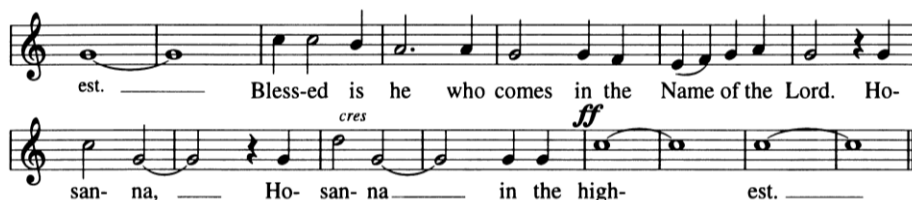


Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.



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:





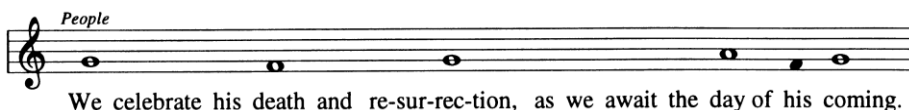
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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."

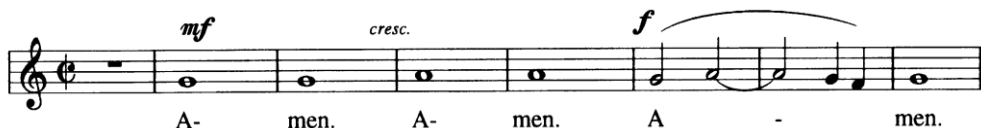
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,



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.



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:

p *Celebrant and People*

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, — hal-low - ed be your
 Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal-low - ed be thy
 Name, — your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth — as in
 Name, — thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth — as it is in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins — as
 hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass - es as
 we for - give those who sin — a - gainst us. } Save us from the time — of
 we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead us not — in - to temp -
 tri - al, and de - liv - er us — from e - vil. — For the king -
 ta - tion, but de - liv - er us — from e - vil. — For thine is the king -
 dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours — now and for
 dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry for ev - er and — for
 ev - er. — A — men. —
 ev - er. — A — men. —

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Christ our Passover

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[Al - le - lu - ia,] Christ our
 Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the



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.

Violin Voluntary: *Intermezzo Sinfonico*

Pietro Mascagni

Communion Hymn J-288, in remembrance of 9/11

Kyrie eleison

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

BCP 366

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

Closing Hymn 607, *in remembrance of 9/11*

O God of every nation

The Dismissal

Celebrant **Alleluia!** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God. Alleluia!*

The Postlude

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Clergy	The Rev. D. Rebecca Hansen
Music	Gregory Funk, Parish Musician Gail Schmidt, violin
Readers	Todd Butler, Bette Boucher, Jennifer Gaebe Darin Marvin, Nan Yang, Laura Fields
Eucharistic Ministers	Kirt Mitchell, Mindy Wilcox, Pam Matosian
Acolytes	Winston, Kyla
Sunday Sexton	Ryan Sifton

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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 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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