

July 12, 2026
The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Healing Prayers



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts and oddballs gathered at a table, not because they are rich or worthy or good, but because they are hungry, because they said yes. And there's always room for more.

~ Rachel Held Evans



Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Dunstan's this morning! We are a community of seekers doing our best to live authentically and faithfully in this challenging and complicated world, and we are delighted that you are sharing the journey with us today.

Children are *always* welcome here; please make yourself and your family at home. Rest assured: We are delighted by the “joyful noise” that children inevitably make, *and* don't worry if you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a few minutes. *To learn more about offerings for children and families, please share your contact information on the clipboard on the Welcome Table.*

Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

If you find the chairs uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **cushion** from the basket near the door for use during worship.

Please wear a **name tag**! Permanent name tags are on the board in the entry hall. If you don't yet have a permanent tag, please use a stick-on badge until we can make you an official one. **Please return your name tag to the basket on the Welcome Table at the end of the service; we will hang it back up for you!**

This morning we welcome **Dr. David Palmer** as our **Guest Pianist**,
and **Lance Fisher** as our **Guest Cantor**.

For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Diane Adams; Chuck Ault; Joyce Bleby; Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy;
Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Traci Dean; Kenny Farnsworth;
Katie Beck Fey; Amanda and Torrey Finck; Nick Gilbert; Keith Greco;
Louisa Greene; Terry Haight; Ben Hull; Patricia Mackenzie; Rick Nickles; Linda
Rogers; Curtis Shively; Nancy Thoreson; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; David
Wheeler; Martha Lou Youngblood; Anne; Ben; Bill; Christopher; Craig and Robin;
Griffin; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty; Melanie; Michelle;
MT; Paola; Phyllis; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South
Sudan, Ukraine, the United States, and throughout God's world

For refugees and immigrants

For the women and men of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces

For emergency personnel and first responders

For the victims of climate and natural disasters, especially in Venezuela

For missionaries serving throughout the world

In thanksgiving:

For the birth of Calvin Little,
grandson of David and Janet Repka

For the marriage yesterday of Taylor Joy Easterling and Robert Daniel Flanagan, Jr.



The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given by
David and Janet Repka, to the Glory of God and
in in thanksgiving for the safe delivery of **Calvin Takuma Little**.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Allegro Assai, from Sonata in F major

W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

David Palmer, *piano*

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing the hymn.

Opening Hymn

“We plow the fields, and scatter”

Hymnal, 291

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment and a three-part vocal setting. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano line (bass clef). The key signature is F major (one sharp, F#). The time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains the first line of the hymn. The second system contains the second and third lines. The third system contains the fourth and fifth lines. The piano accompaniment is a simple, steady accompaniment consisting of a single note per measure, often a half note or a whole note, providing a harmonic foundation for the vocal lines.

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;
3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;
the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;
the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun-shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.
much more to us, his chil-dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.
but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir Pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800).

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God,

and People **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.**

Song of Praise

“Praise to God, immortal praise”

Hymnal, 288

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
3 As thy pros-peqing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun-teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel-low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful prove;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Words: Anna Laetitia Barbauld (1743-1825). Music: *Dix*, melody Conrad Kocher (1786-1872); arr. William Henry Monk (1823-1889); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1916.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever,
Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34

Lector A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 119:105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O God, according to your word.

Accept, O God, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

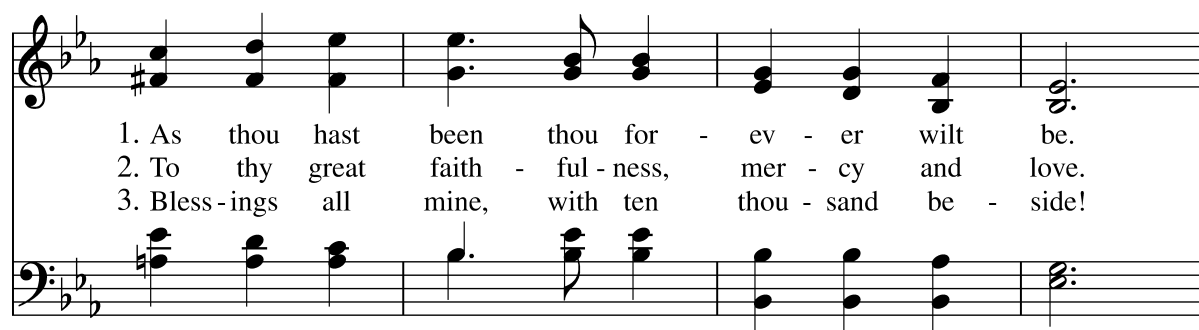
“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 189

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
 2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

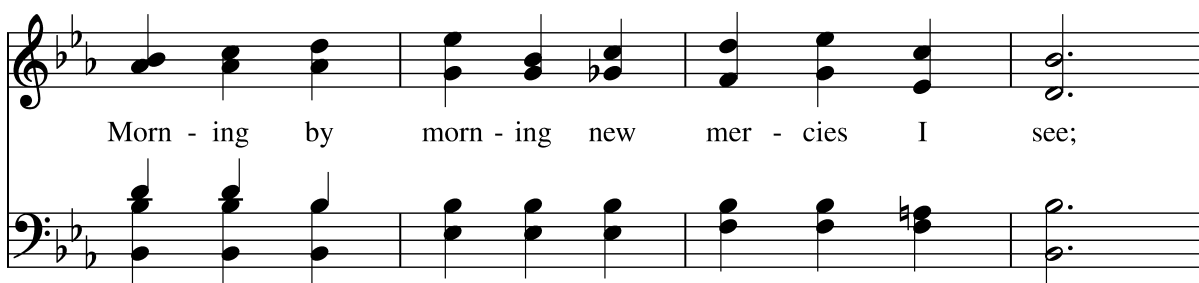
1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
 2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
 3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



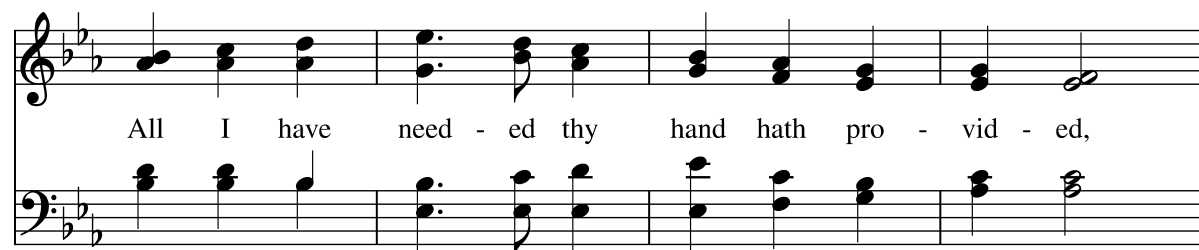
1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,



Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

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The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Leader 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.

**universal*

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Let us pray.

Father, we pray for your Church throughout the world;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all bishops, priests, deacons, seminarians, and lay ministers;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We remember the President and Vice-President, the members of Congress and the Justices of the Supreme Court, and all those called to serve the common good. We ask your blessing on the women and men of our nation's Foreign Service and Armed Forces, and we pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember all who have been commended to our prayers, especially remembering those named on our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 3*). Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died. Give all the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for the safe birth of *Calvin Takuma Little* (grandson of David and Janet Repka) and for the marriage yesterday of *Taylor Joy Easterling* and *Robert Daniel Flanagan, Jr.*, and we pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or out loud.

Pause for prayers of petition, intercession, and thanksgiving

The Presider concludes

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Deacon and People God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will, Amen.

Presider 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

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you!

People **And also with you!**

Please greet one another in the Name of Christ and then be seated.

Welcome

The Offertory

Presider

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;
bring offerings and come into God's courts. *Ps. 96:8*

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministry of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church.
If you would like to make an offering this morning, you may place it in the Offertory bag.
Please also feel free to donate online at <https://stdunstansbethesda.org/support/donate.html>
or mail a check to the Parish Office.*

Offertory Anthem

The Best of Rooms

Text and Music: R. Thompson (1899-1984)
Lance Fisher, *tenor*

The Holy Communion

Please stand as the Offering is brought forward and join in singing.

The Doxology

Music: *Hymnal*, 380

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 255

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est

Please stand or sit.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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, **AMEN.**

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

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

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider These are the Gifts of God, for you, the People of God, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. Consecrated wine is available by sipping directly from the silver chalice or by dipping your bread gently into the blue chalice; gluten-free Communion bread is available upon request. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to place your hand over your heart when you reach the Altar.

Prayers for healing, guidance, or thanksgiving are offered in Founders' Hall during Communion and the Postlude.

Music during Communion

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Text: J. Quinn, SJ (1919-2010),
based on prayer att. to St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
Music: Dickinson College, L. H. Bristol, Jr. (1923-1979)

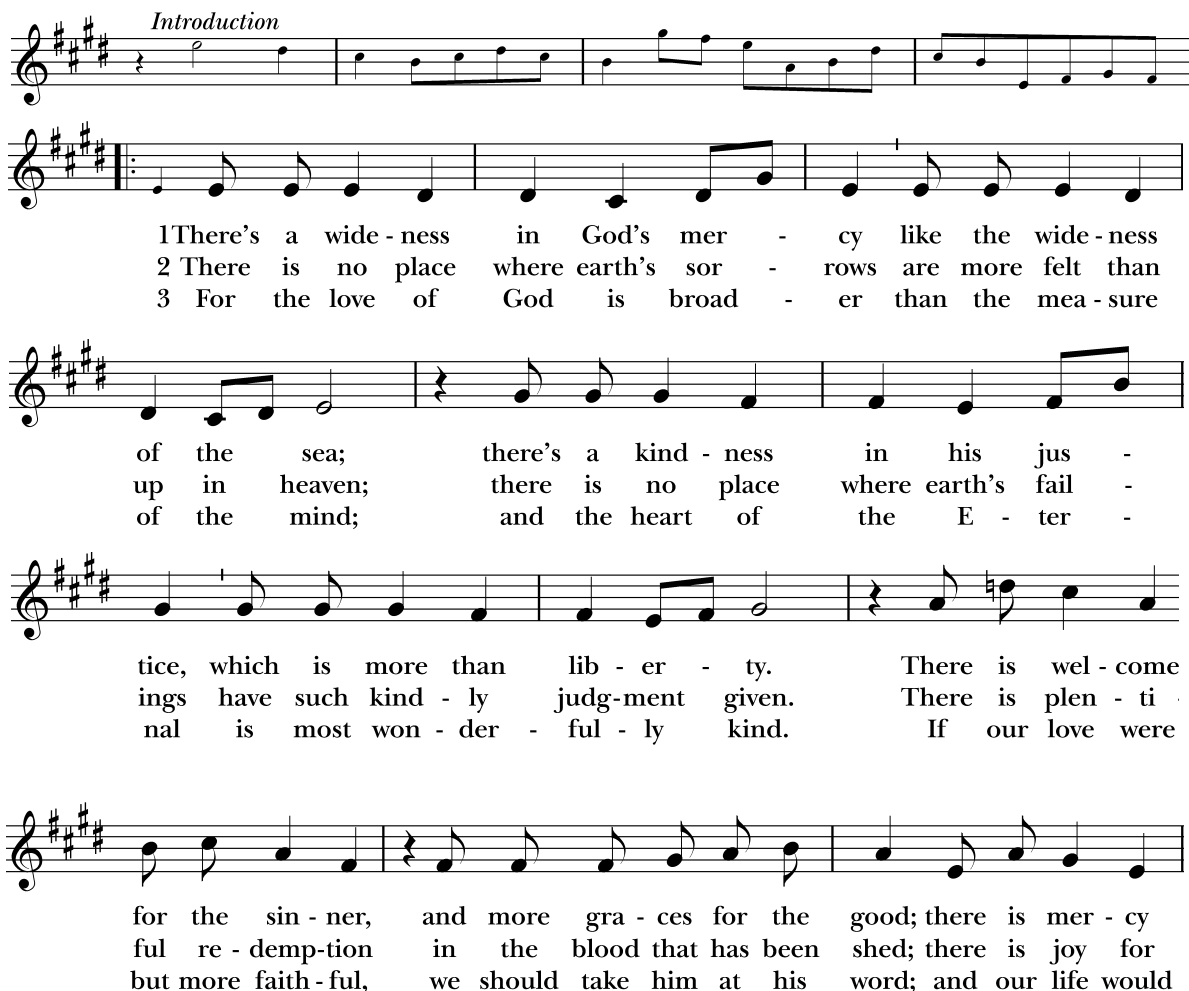
Lance Fisher, tenor

Remaining seated, please join in singing the Communion hymn (next page).

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Hymnal, 469

Introduction



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure
of the sea; there's a kind-ness in his jus-
up in heaven; there is no place where earth's fail-
of the mind; and the heart of the E-ter-
tice, which is more than lib-er-ty. There is wel-come
ings have such kind-ly judg-ment given. There is plen-ti-
nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind. If our love were
for the sin-ner, and more gra-cies for the good; there is mer-cy
ful re-demp-tion in the blood that has been shed; there is joy for
but more faith-ful, we should take him at his word; and our life would

Interlude/Conclusion



with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.



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Please stand.

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray:

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

Presider May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you – and all those you love – from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

“Holy God, we praise thy Name,” vv. 1-4

Hymnal, 366

1 Ho - ly God, we praise thy Name, Lord of all, we bow be - fore thee;
2 Hark, the loud ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a - bove are rais - ing;
3 Lo, the a - po - sto - lic train join, thy sa - cred Name to hal - low;
4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three we name thee,

1 all on earth thy scep - ter claim, all in heaven a - bove a - dore thee;
2 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing,
3 pro - phets swell the loud re - frain, and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low;
4 while in es - sence on - ly One, un - di - vi - ded God we claim thee;

1 in - fi - nite thy vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is thy reign.
2 fill the heavens with sweet ac - cord: ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!
3 and, from morn till set of sun, through the Church the song goes on.
4 then, a - dor - ing, bend the knee and con - fess the mys - ter - y.

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Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements and Prayer of Commissioning

Please stand.

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord!

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Meditation on *I Come with Joy*

D. Palmer

David Palmer, *piano*

If you are able to help rearrange the Parish Hall for Vacation Bible School this week, we would be very grateful!

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Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- **Welcome, Visitors!** We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you will stay for a few minutes after worship so that we can greet you properly. To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form**, found on the **Welcome Table**, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- **Fellowship Time:** We hope you will join us immediately following worship for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack and some good conversation!
- Please note that **there is no childcare or regular Children's Chapel throughout the month of July**. Children of all ages are always welcome to worship with the rest of the congregation, and older children are encouraged to take on roles as lectors and ushers in the service.

This Week:

- **Monday-Friday, July 13-17:**
 - + **9 a.m.-12 Noon: Vacation Bible School ~ Compassion Camp** (*Parish Hall and Grounds*). Please note that **Bible Study and Prayers for Peace and Healing** will *not* meet this week.

Coming Up:

- **Saturday, August 29:**
 - + **10 a.m.-4 p.m.: Children's Choir Camp ~ "A Mary Poppins Musical Adventure"** (*St. Dunstan's*). Please reach out to **Diane Atherton** for more information!



Serving this Morning

Presider:	The Rev. Emily Elder
Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Deacon:	The Rev. Jessica Ault
Musicians:	Lance Fisher and David Palmer
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Laura Hambleton
Greeters:	Julie Anderson and Connelly Anderson Gomez
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Lector:	Michelle Mesen
Psalm Leader:	Susie Cooper
Intercessor:	Sue Carroll
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Michelle Mesen
Healing Minister:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
Hospitality:	Elin Botha and Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Graham Rehrig

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***Artist's Reflection**

I sometimes feel overwhelmed by the amount of "news" that seems to come at me from every direction. There are bits of actual information, but that can be overwhelmed by piles of speculation, opinion, gossip, half-truths and even lies. How are we to pick our way through, and discern what is true? What is important? And what to act upon?

To let the word of God "light our path" doesn't mean to throw a dart at the Bible and let the passage it hits tell us what to do. It means taking what we know about God and God's love, and letting that be the filter for what we are hearing and seeing. Especially, it can help us decide what our prayers should be, and what actions we should take.

This piece is made of newsprint, smudged and stained with ink, on a background of painted paper. The well-lit path is gold embossing powder.

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