

**February 8, 2026**  
**The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany**  
**10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist**  
***with Children's Chapel***



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# Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

*Light is precious in a world so dark.*

~ Kate DiCamillo, *The Tale of Despereaux*

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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. There are coloring sheets on the round table between the glass doors, as well as books and soft toys at the back of the church. 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.



**Babysitting** for children **4 and under** is provided **downstairs in the Nursery**. **For everyone's safety, registration is required:** Please scan the QR code to the left to sign up.

*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 wooden pews uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **cushion** from the rear of the Nave 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.

Unless otherwise noted, music for this morning's **hymns** may be found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* or the red and black *Lift Every Voice and Sing* in your pew rack.

***Please observe quiet in the Nave before the service to enable everyone to pray and prepare for worship.***

# The Holy Eucharist

## Introit

*Keep the Dream Alive*

Words: R. Manuel, Sr.

Music: H. Brinson Jr. (b.1958)

*Martin's dream for all of us so set his soul on fire,  
and lifted him to soaring height that he might with his God conspire;  
to change the course of history that all the brothers, all be free, keep the dream alive,  
we will have the victory, just keep the dream alive*

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

## Processional Hymn

“I sing the almighty power of God”

Music: *Hymnal*, 398

I sing the almighty power of God,  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures with his Word,  
and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread,  
or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flower below,  
but makes thy glories known;  
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that I could be,  
thou, God, art present there.

# 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 forever, 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

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Hymnal, S-280*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. 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.

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev. Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

### The Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray: Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel in the Youth Room..*

### The Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-9a

*Lector* A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,  
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me  
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness  
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;  
they ask of me righteous judgments,  
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?  
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,  
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight  
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today  
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,  
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,  
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,  
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;

your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

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

*People*          **Thanks be to God.**

*Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.*

**Psalm 112:1-9**

Alleluia! Happy are they who fear God, \*  
**and have great delight in the commandments!**

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
**the generation of the upright will be blest.**

Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
**and their righteousness will last for ever.**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
**the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
**and to manage their affairs with justice.**

For they will never be shaken; \*  
**the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
**their heart is right;**  
**they put their trust in God.**

Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
**until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

They have given freely to the poor, \*  
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
**they will hold up their head with honor.**

*Please stand and join in singing.*

### Sequence Hymn

“Blessèd Jesus, at thy word”

Music: *Hymnal*, 440

Blessèd Jesus, at thy word  
we are gathered all to hear thee;  
let our hearts and souls be stirred  
now to seek and love and fear thee;  
by thy teachings pure and holy,  
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight  
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,  
till thy Spirit breaks our night  
with the beams of truth unclouded;  
thou alone to God canst win us;  
thou must work all good within us.

*continued*

Gracious Lord, thyself impart!  
Light of Light, from God proceeding,  
open thou our ears and heart,  
help us by thy Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry thy Church upraises;  
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20**

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

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.    *continued*  
“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

*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.**

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### **The Prayers of the People**

To God who welcomes all in love, let us pray for the good of the Church and the concerns of those in need.

I ask your prayers for God's Church: For *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all who serve in the many ministries of this parish community.

Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the good earth, that all people may respect its resources, preserve its future, and enjoy its fruits in their season.

Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the President and Vice President, the Members of Congress, and the Justices of the Supreme Court. May they, and those entrusted with leadership in every nation, be guided by your Spirit of mercy and compassion to promote the welfare and dignity of others over their own self-interest.

Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for peace, that the peoples of the world may live in safety and without fear. We give thanks for the witness of the Buddhist monks making their way toward Washington, even as we gather here this morning. We pray, as well, for

the members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services, as well as for immigrants, refugees, and other displaced persons.

Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the sick, the sorrowing, and the lonely, remembering especially those on our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 16*) and those individuals and situations we name now, silently or aloud:

*Pause for prayers for others and ourselves*

Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

I ask your prayers for the departed, remembering in particular *Carol Carraro Greer*, mother of Brian Greer, as well as *Warren Burton*, in whose memory the Altar flowers have been given this morning. May they, and all who have died, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Holy God,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The Presider concludes*

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illuminates your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues. This we ask in Jesus' Name, **Amen**.

## **The Confession and Absolution**

*Deacon*      Let us confess our sins to God.

*A brief silence*

*Deacon*      Most merciful God,  
*and People*    **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.**

*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 and Invitation to Communion

*Presider* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good  
your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

*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.*

## At the Offertory

*He shall feed His flock/Come unto Him, from Messiah* G. F. Handel (1685-1759)  
Diane Atherton and Heather Fetrow, *sopranos*  
Ulysses Squitieri, *piano*

## 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

*Presider* The Lord be with you. *Eucharistic Prayer 1, EOW*

*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 truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

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Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

*Sanctus*

*Hymnal, S-128*

The musical notation consists of five staves of music in G clef, common time. The lyrics are as follows:

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

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

*Please stand, kneel, or sit.*

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”**

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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: Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving, 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 chalice, by dipping your bread gently into the chalice, or by taking an individual cup; gluten-free Communion bread is available upon request. Please place used Communion cups in the bowl at the back for reverent disposal. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to cross your arms over your chest when you reach the Altar.*

### **Music during Communion**

*For the Healing of the Nations*

F. Kaan (1929-2009)

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

*Remaining seated, please join in singing*

*"In Remembrance of Me"*

*Music: Lift Every Voice and Sing, 149*

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.

In remembrance of me, drink this wine.

In remembrance of me, pray for the time  
when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.

In remembrance of me, feed the poor.

In remembrance of me, open the door  
and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember too.

That this in my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me search for truth.

In remembrance of me always love.

In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart look for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

*Please stand, as you are able.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Presider* Let us pray: Eternal God,  
*and People* **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 Epiphany Blessing**

*Presider*

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; 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 – for ever, **Amen.**

*Please join in singing.*

### **Closing Hymn**

“O Jesus, I have promised”

Music: *Hymnal*, 655

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle,  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway,  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me  
listen, thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;

*continued*

and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my friend.

*Please be seated following the hymn.*

## Announcements

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord!

## *People*      **Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

## *Basse et Dessus de Trompette*

L-N. Clérambault (1676-1749)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of **Warren Burton** with love by friends of his daughter, **Donna Alvarez: Susie Cooper, Heidi Delaney, Peggy Scruggs, and Barbara Tatge.**

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### ***Please remember in prayer:***

Rebecca Bryant; Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy; Steve Cooper; Austin Cox; Henry Cox; DJ Crane; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; The Rev. Melissa Fauci; Katie Beck Fey; Nancy Guthrie; Mary Jane and Terry Haight; Ben Hull; David Hull; Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent; Jung Park; Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose; Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Peggy Vaughn; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler; Ben; Bill; Craig; David; Griffin; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty; Melanie; Phyllis; Sherry; and Shiloh

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## Announcements

## *Today at St. Dunstan's:*

- + **Welcome, Visitors!** We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you can 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 table in the entry hall, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.

- + **Fellowship Time:** You are invited to the **Parish Hall** immediately following worship for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack and some good conversation!
- + **Children's Choir** will rehearse from **12–1 p.m.**

***This Week:***

- + **Tuesday, February 10:**

- (approx.) 1 p.m.: **A Sacred Stop on the Walk for Peace** (*Washington National Cathedral and YouTube*). On Tuesday the **Buddhist Peace Monks** will be making their way to the Washington National Cathedral at about 1 p.m. They began their “**Walk for Peace**” pilgrimage in Texas on October 26, 2025, accompanied by their faithful and steadfast dog, **Aloka**. If you are able, please consider being on hand to greet them in person; their arrival also will be broadcast on the Cathedral **YouTube Channel**.



- + **Wednesday, February 11:**

- 10:30 a.m.: **Midweek Bible Study (Zoom)**
- 6:30 p.m.: **Sacred Ground (Zoom)**

- + **Saturday, February 14:**

- 10 a.m.: **Soul Sisters (Zoom)**

- + **Sunday, February 15:**

- 10:30 a.m.: **Holy Eucharist and Children's Chapel (with the “Veiling of the Alleluia”)**
- 4 p.m.: **Jazz and More @ St. Dunstan's (Parish Hall)**. Please support this **principal fundraiser for our Refugee Ministry!** Join friend of St. Dunstan's **Henry Jeanneret**, along with Andre Cutair and Owen Posnett, for a musical celebration of love. With classics from Gershwin to Rodgers and Hart to newer sweet surprises, this concert will be sure to fill you spirits with hope and comfort. Tickets are **\$35 per concert** (\$10 for students), or **\$120 for the whole series** - a \$40 discount! Visit <http://tinyurl.com/STD-JAZZ> to purchase. *continued*

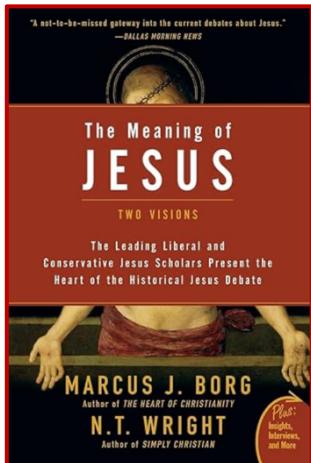
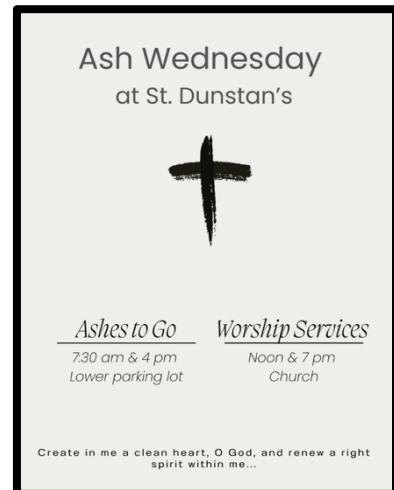
## **Looking Ahead:**

### **+ Wednesday, February 18 ~ Ash Wednesday:**

- **7:30-8:30 a.m.: "Ashes to Go" (Lower parking lot)**
- **12 Noon: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Nave)**
- **4:00-5:00 p.m.: "Ashes to Go" (Lower parking lot)**
- **7:00 p.m.: Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes (Nave)**

### **+ Sunday, February 22:**

- **12 Noon: Annual Meeting of the Parish, with Vestry Elections and All-Parish Brunch**



### **Lenten Book Study Five Thursdays: February 19-March 19 7-8 p.m. *On Zoom***

Are you looking for a way to grow your relationship with Jesus during this Lenten Season? Join us for a Lenten book study and discussion on the thought-provoking book: *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, by Marcus Borg and NT Wright.

What kinds of questions have you had about Jesus? Have you ever wondered if he knew that he was the Messiah? Have you ever been curious about how the resurrection could have occurred? Borg and Wright tackle these and other tough questions and come up with very different answers despite both being leaders in the Anglican tradition.

This study is collaboration between St. Dunstan's and Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill (Alexandria), facilitated by VTS seminarians Cami Caudill (St Dunstan's) and Signa Strom (Immanuel).

**The book is available for purchase during Fellowship Time (\$12 – cash/check) or from your favorite book seller.**

Please register at <https://forms.gle/98FBVQmuXPDamfVa6>  
to receive the Zoom link.

## *Serving this Morning*

<b>Presider and Preacher:</b>	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
<b>Deacons:</b>	The Rev. Jessica Ault and The Rev. Emily Elder
<b>Musicians:</b>	Diane Atherton, Ulysses Squitieri, and The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Marsha Barnes
<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Heidi Delaney, Peggy Scruggs, and Barbara Tatge
<b>Greeter:</b>	Kiska Williams
<b>Livestream Minister:</b>	Karen Edwards
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Connelly Anderson Gomez
<b>Crucifer:</b>	Cami Caudill
<b>Children's Chapel:</b>	Leo Bouma and Jenna Monroe
<b>Lector:</b>	Madeleine Johnson
<b>Psalm Leader:</b>	Cami Caudill
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Diane Adams
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Cami Caudill
<b>Usher:</b>	Julie Anderson
<b>Hospitality:</b>	
<b>Barista:</b>	Graham Rehrig
<b>Snack Angels:</b>	Cynthia Mathis and Jia Lynn
<b>Set up:</b>	Alex Lane and Cynthia Mathis
<b>Clean up:</b>	
<b>Vestry Member of the Day:</b>	Doug McManus

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**\*Artist's Reflection: "Let your light shine before others."** When I was growing up, I was taught that girls should be modest. You were not supposed to "blow your own horn" or be vain about your accomplishments. But here Jesus is telling his followers that they "are the light of the world," and that people should be able to "see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." We are not to hide the light we have found in Christ; we are meant to act on it and share it. As one of my favorite writers, Madeleine L'Engle put it: "We draw people to Christ...by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it." This piece is made from acrylic paint on paper, dyed paper towels, and alcohol inks on artificial paper. Any resemblance to the Looney Tunes logo is purely coincidental. ~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*