

September 13, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation, Week 2
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel



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

Thought for the Day...

If there is to be well-being, it will not be just for the isolated, insulated individuals; it is, rather, security and prosperity granted to a whole community – young and old, rich and poor, powerful and dependent. Always we are all in it together. Together we stand before God's blessings, and together we receive the gift of life, if we receive it at all. Shalom comes only to the inclusive, embracing community that excludes none.

~ Walter Brueggemann



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 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.

This morning we welcome **Dan Miller** as our **Guest Organist**.

Please observe quiet before the service to enable others to pray and prepare for worship.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Préambule

L. Vierne (1870-1937)

Dan Miller, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“We’re Marching to Zion”

Music: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 12

Come, we that love the Lord,
And let our joys be known;
Join in a song with sweet accord,
Join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

*We’re marching to Zion,
Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
We’re marching upward to Zion,
The beautiful city of God.*

Let those refuse to sing
Who never knew our God;
But children of the heav’nly King,
But children of the heav’nly King,
May speak their joys abroad,
May speak their joys abroad.

Refrain

The hill of Zion yields
A thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heav’nly fields,
Before we reach the heav’nly fields,
Or walk the golden streets,
Or walk the golden streets.

Refrain

Then let our songs abound,
 And ev'ry tear be dry;
 We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
 We're marching thro' Immanuel's ground,
 To fairer worlds on high,
 To fairer worlds on high.

*We're marching to Zion,
 Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
 We're marching upward to Zion,
 The beautiful city of God.*

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 Song of Praise

Canticle 13

Hymnal, S-236

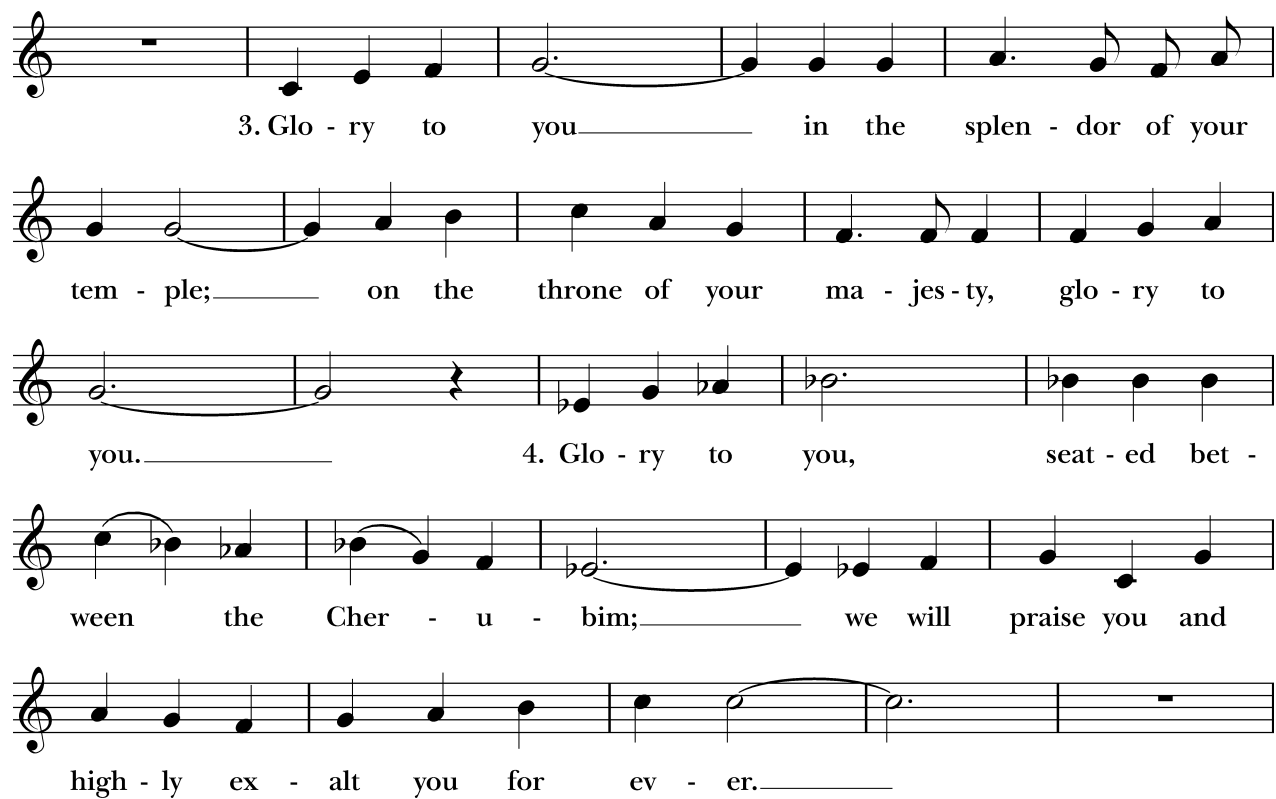
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God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;

glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you

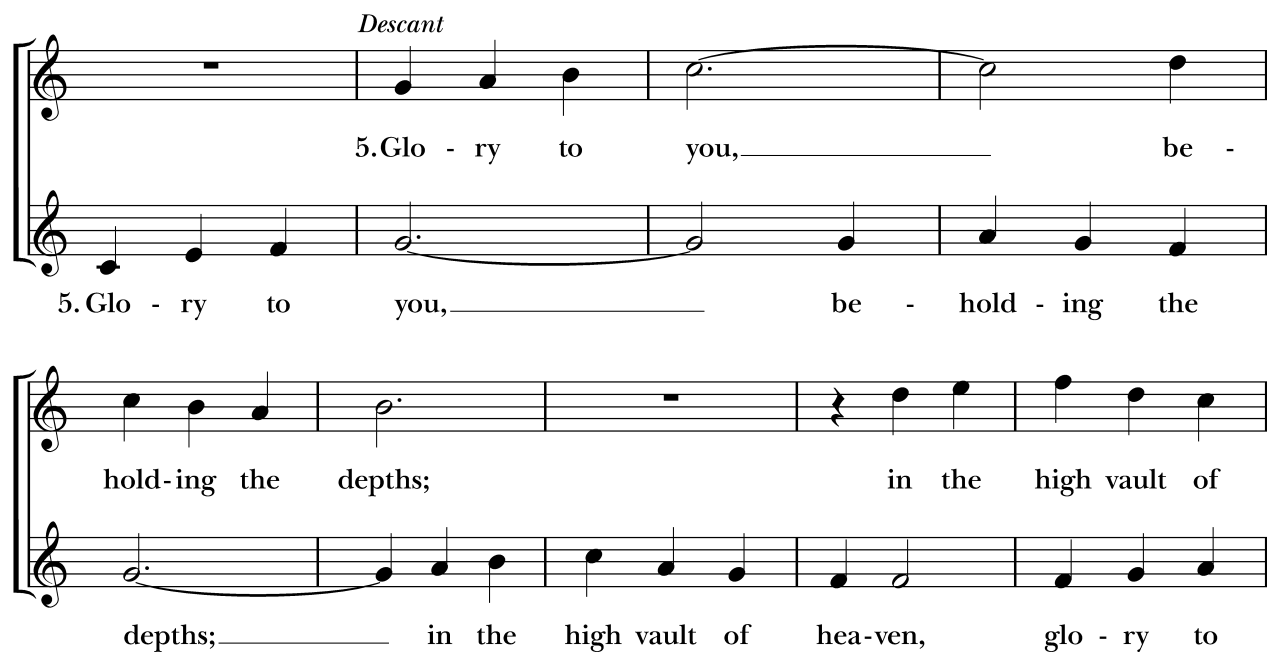
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant



5. Glo - ry to you, be -
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depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Music: John Rutter (b. 1945). Copyright © 1985 Oxford University Press, Inc.

The Creation Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

Children are invited to attend Children's Chapel at this time.

The Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

Lector A Reading from the Book of Exodus:

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 114

Alleluia! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel God's dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;
Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep.
What ailed you, O sea, that you fled;
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams;
you little hills, like young sheep?
Tremble, O earth, at the presence of God,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Music: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 189

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon 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.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher’s invitation.

The Sermon: Becoming a People of *Shalom*

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.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic (*universal*) Church;
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 *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all lay people, bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians;
that they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for those in our world impacted by war and other violence, especially in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, and Ukraine; for Federal workers, members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services; and 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.

Have compassion on those who have been commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 20*), and on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
that they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for all who have died and for all who grieve their loss. Give to *Derrick MacInnis* and 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.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently in our hearts or aloud:

Pause for prayers of intercession, petition, and thanksgiving

The Presider concludes

God, your forgiveness is more than we can imagine. Enable us to take hold of the forgiveness you offer and to have the grace to forgive others as we are forgiven. Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **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 Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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

Sing to the Lord a new song

K. L. Scott (b. 1950)

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

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 C

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

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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.

By your will they were created and have their being.

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 mercy, 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:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 255

Ho - ly, 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

You are welcome to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer.

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,

Presider and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham, Hagar, and Sarah; Isaac and Rebekah; Jacob, 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.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

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, **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 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.

Music during Communion

Where charity and love prevail

Text: Latin; trans. J. C. Evers (1916-1997)

Tune: *Cheshire*, from *The Whole Booke of Psalmes* (1592)

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“My Shepherd, you supply my need”

Text: I. Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Tune: *Resignation*, North American traditional

The musical score is written for a choir, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the notes, with line numbers 1, 2, and 3 indicating different parts of the text. The score is in a common time signature (C) and uses a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are as follows:

1 My___ Shep - herd, you sup - ply my___ need; most ho - ly is your name;___
2 When through the shades of death I___ walk, your pre - sence is my stay;___
3 Your___ sure pro - vi - sions, gra - cious God at - tend me all my days;___

in___ pas - tures fresh you make me___ feed, be - side the li - ving stream.____
one___ word of___ your sup - por - ting breath drives all my fears a - way.____
oh,___ may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.____



You bring my wand' - ring spi - rit back, when I for - sake your ways; —
 Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread; —
 Here would I find a set - tled rest, while o - thers go and come; —

you lead me, for your mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
 my cup with bles - sings o - ver - flows, your oil a - noints my head.
 no more a stran - ger, nor a guest, but like a child at home.

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

Go now into the world and live for Christ. Whatever you do, do it in honor of the Lord, giving thanks to God. Show forgiveness to one another, as in Christ you have received forgiveness. And may the blessing of God 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

“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

Music: *Hymnal*, 523

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See! the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver
never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner,
light by night, and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna
which he gives them when they pray.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in the Redeemer's blood!
Jesus, whom their souls rely on,
makes them kings and priests to God.
'Tis his love his people raise
over self to reign as kings:
and as priests, his solemn praises
each for a thank-offering brings.

Please be seated.

Announcements and Special Prayers for the New Year

Commissioning Our Seminarian

Presider

Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Today we rejoice and give thanks that *John Froemming* has responded to God's call to ministry in this parish.

People

Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

Presider

Let us pray: Eternal God, light of the world and Creator of all that is good and lovely: We praise your Name for this your faithful servant who will serve as our Seminarian this year, and we ask your blessing on his family who supports him; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, **Amen.**

John, in the Name of God, we commission you as Seminarian at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church for the coming year. May the One who has given you the will to do this ministry give you the grace and power to perform it, **Amen.**

Blessings for the New Year

Prayer for Schools and Students

God of knowledge and wisdom, we pray to you for all schools at the beginning of this new academic year, that they may be lively centers for learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of goodness. Give students open minds and open hearts to learn and to experience more fully the majesty of the world you have created. May this year be full of promise for them and their teachers, as together they experience new beginnings and fresh starts. Enable them to grow in knowledge and wisdom all the days of their lives. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, **Amen.**

Please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon We go in peace, to love and serve the Lord,

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Choral Psalm

S. S. Wesley (1810-1876)

Dan Miller, *organ*

The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given by
The Rev. Patty Alexander, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving:
for the joy of celebrating her 25th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood
this week; *and*
for the election on Friday of her husband, **The Rev. Randy Alexander**, as the ninth
Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Florida.
Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!

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For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Galen Adams; Chuck Ault; Jim and Karen Besser; Joyce Bleby;
Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy; Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Traci Dean;
Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; John Flentje; Nick Gilbert; Louisa Greene;
Terry Haight; Ben Hull; Henry Jeanneret; Patricia Mackenzie; Silvia Mesen;
Jenna Monroe; Rick Nickles; Linda Rogers; Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik;
Sandra Walters; David Wheeler; Martha Lou Youngblood; Ben; Bill; Christopher;
Craig and Robin; Griffin; Heather; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William;
Marty; Melanie; Michelle; MT; Noortje; Paola; Patrick; Phyllis; Robert;
Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For peace in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South
Sudan, Ukraine, 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 Nepal

For missionaries serving throughout the world

May he rest in peace and rise in glory:

Derrick MacInnis
former father-in-law of John Froemming

Announcements

Welcome, Visitors!

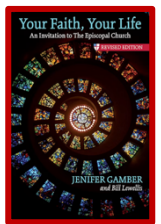
We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you can stay after worship so that we can greet you properly. *To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form**, found on the Welcome Table in the entry hall, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.*



EVERYONE is invited to stay for **brunch** today in the **Parish Hall**!

This Week:

- **Monday, September 14:**
 - + **8 p.m.:** “Jazz and More” Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- **Tuesday, September 15:**
 - + **11 a.m.:** What Now?! (Parish Hall)
 - + **7 p.m.:** Monthly Vestry Meeting (Parish Hall)
- **Wednesday, September 16:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.:** Bible Study (Zoom)
 - + **8 p.m.:** Stewardship Committee Meeting (Zoom)
- **Thursday, September 17:**
 - + **12 Noon:** Prayers for Peace and Healing (Zoom)
- **Saturday, September 19:**
 - + **9 a.m.:** Men's Group (Kitchen/Parlor)
- **Next Sunday, September 20:**
 - + **12 Noon:** Fall Adult Formation Series, “Episcopal 101,” Begins (Parish Hall). Join **The Rector** (and friends!) for this six-session Adult Formation course about what it means to be a Christian – and, specifically, to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition. By committing to these classes, you are eligible to be Confirmed or Received into The Episcopal Church at the Washington National Cathedral on **Saturday, November 14**. The text for the class will be ***Your Faith, Your Life*** (2017), by **Jenifer Gamber and Bill Lewellis**. Copies are available for purchase after worship, or else you can find it on Amazon or your favorite bookseller. Please speak to the Rector for further information.



THANK YOU to St. Dunstan's parents, enthusiastically led by visionary decorator **Cindy Mathis**, for refurbishing the **Children's Chapel** room at the start of this new program year! Special appreciation goes to the **Mathis-Boyle, Clark-Rehrig, and Ostuw-McManus** families for creating a beautiful, peaceful space for our children to grow in their relationship with Jesus. Please pop down to see it for yourself!

Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Assisting Priest:	The Rev. Emily Elder
Deacon:	The Rev. Jessica Ault
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Dan Miller, and the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes
Flower Guild:	Julie Anderson, Addie Boyle, Connelly Anderson Gomez, Caroline McManus, and Anne Tager
Greeter:	Kiska Williams
Livestream Minister:	Vince Leonard
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	John Froemming
Children's Chapel:	Leo Bouma and Fielder Valone
Lector:	Sue Carroll
Psalm Leader:	Cami Caudill
Intercessor:	Graham Rehrig
Lay Eucharistic Ministers:	Cami Caudill and Ray Donnelly
Ushers:	David and Janet Repka
Vestry Member of the Day:	Marie Park

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***Artist's Reflection**

This image was meant to be for today's reading from Exodus, an illustration of the "Pillar of Fire and Cloud" that led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. But looking at it in light of Friday's remembrance of 9/11, it now seems like it might recall the terrible day of fire and smoke in NYC, and at the Pentagon. What different pillars! One a sign of hope, the other a sign of hatred. I guess we need to be careful which pillar of fire we are following.

At the bottom of this piece, you will see a map of Israel partly obscured by paint and painted pumice gel, representing the desert. The "pillar of cloud and fire" is made of a photograph of an acrylic painting printed on organza fabric, wrapped into a cone with marbled paper.

~ Sue Carroll, *Liturgical Artist-in-Residence*

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