

April 27, 2025: The Second Sunday of Easter

10:30 a.m.

**Celebration of Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism
*with Children's Chapel and Anniversary and Birthday Prayers***



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to St. Dunstan's

*Have compassion for everyone you meet
even if they don't want it. What seems conceit,
bad manners, or cynicism is always a sign
of things no ears have heard, no eyes have seen.
You do not know what wars are going on
down where the spirit meets the bone.*

~ Miller Williams, "Compassion,"
in *The Ways We Touch: Poems*



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. *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 **red seat 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* in your pew rack.

*This morning we are delighted to welcome **Wyatt Batch Martin**
as the newest member of the Body of Christ!*

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Processional Hymn

“Come ye faithful, raise the strain”

Music: *Hymnal*, 199

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh’s bitter yoke
Jacob’s sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.

’Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days’ sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus’ resurrection.

continued

Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.**
Presider There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us.**
Presider One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray: Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lesson: Acts 5:27-32

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 150

Alleluia! Praise God in the holy temple; *
praise God in the firmament of power.

Praise God for every mighty act; *
praise God's excellent greatness.

Praise God with the blast of the ram's-horn; *
praise God with lyre and harp.

Praise God with timbrel and dance; *
praise God with strings and pipe.

Praise God with resounding cymbals; *
praise God with loud-clanging cymbals.

Let everything that has breath *
praise God. Alleluia!

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

"We know that Christ is raised and dies no more"

Music: *Hymnal*, 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ.
Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia! Amen.

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Homily

The Rector

A brief silence, after which the baptismal party gathers with the Presider at the chancel steps

The Holy Baptism

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Presider

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present *Wyatt Batch Martin* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

Presider

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

Presider

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Parents and Godparents

I renounce them.

Presider

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Parents and Godparents

I do.

Presider

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Parents and Godparents

I do.

Presider

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parents and Godparents

I do.

The Presider addresses the congregation

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider

Let us now stand and join with this child who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

The Prayers for the Candidate

Presider
Let us now pray for *Wyatt*, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Presider
Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever, **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The congregation is invited to be seated. Children are welcome to come to the font.

Presider

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever, **Amen.**

The Baptism

Presider

Wyatt Batch, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Wyatt, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever, **Amen.**

Wyatt, receive this candle and shine as the light of Christ in the world, **Amen.**

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works, **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Presider and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 Rector

Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness. *Psalm 29:1-2*

At the Offertory

Sing a New Song

M. Praetorius

arr. M. Schweizer

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

*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 mail a check to the Parish Office.*

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 D

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 truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-128

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.

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As you are able, please remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer during Eastertide.

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we

might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."**

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Presider and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop; *Melissa*, our Seminarian; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember *Wyatt*, baptized into the Body of Christ this day.

Remember those on our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 18*), and all in need of healing of any kind.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Bring *Jocelyn Ray Davis* and *Pope Francis* into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. Thomas, St. Dunstan, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever, **AMEN**. And now, as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Presider and People

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 the People of God: Holy gifts, for holy people, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Communion

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament in one or both kinds. Consecrated wine is available from the chalice or in individual cups; gluten-free Communion bread is also 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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Picardy, French carol, 17th c.

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“Peace before us”

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 791

Peace before us, peace behind us,
peace under our feet.

Peace within us, peace over us,
let all around us be peace.

Love before us...

Light before us...

Christ before us...

Alleluia...

Peace before us...

Please stand, as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray: God of life,

and People **bring us to the glory of the resurrection promised in this Easter sacrament. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord, Amen.**

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all persons. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and 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

“God is Love, let heaven adore him”

Music: *Hymnal*, 379

God is Love, let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him
and exalt him with one voice.
God who laid the earth's foundation,
God who spread the heaven above,
God who breathes through all creation:
God is Love, eternal Love.

God is Love; and Love enfolds us,
all the world in one embrace:
with unfailing grasp God holds us,
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then we find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.

God is Love; and though with blindness
sin afflicts all human life,
God's eternal loving-kindness
guides us through our earthly strife.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements (see pp. 18-19) and April Anniversary and Birthday Prayers

For Those Celebrating Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year together. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

For Those Celebrating Birthdays

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up when they fall; and in their hearts may your peace, which passes understanding, abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

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

Happy birthday to you!

Happy birthday to you!

Happy birthday, God bless you!

Happy birthday to you!

Presider Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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Please remember in prayer:

Hollis Anderson; Julie Anderson; Donna Awtry; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll; Bill Cooke; Steve Cooper; Austin Cox; Henry Cox; Benito Dominguez; Antoinette Donoghue; Samuel Dunton; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Ben Hull; Frank Libutti; Otto Luttmann; Patricia Mackenzie; Jim McGee; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent; Jessie Park; Juanita Rilling; Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose; Theresa Russo; Barbara Sander; Curtis Shively; Fred Smoak; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; Kristen Wheeler; Ben; Bill; David; Farid; Fran; Gerald; Grace; Greg; Julie; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Sarah; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Jocelyn Ray Davis

Mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother of Wally, Kat, Libby, and Shelby Davis

Pope Francis

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. Please take a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude for your presence today! *To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form** on the Welcome Table.*
- + **Fellowship Time:** Please come to the **Parish Hall** immediately following worship for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack and some good conversation!
- + **Children's Choir Rehearsal:** All children ages 4 through 12 are invited to sing with Miss Diane in the **Music Room** from **12–1 p.m.**

The Week Ahead:

- + **Tuesday, April 29:**
 - **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** (*Zoom/Facebook**)
 - **1:30 p.m.: Memorial Service for Jocelyn Ray Davis** (*Nave*)
 - **7 p.m.: Monthly Vestry Meeting** (*Parish Hall*)
- + **Wednesday, April 30:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Weekly Bible Study: The Gospel of Luke** (*Zoom**). You are most welcome to join the lively conversation at any time...No preparation or previous Bible Study experience is required!
- + **Next Sunday, May 4:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers** (*Nave*)
 - **12 Noon: Native Plant Sale** (*Upper Parking Lot*). Native plants promote a living landscape by attracting pollinators. The sale will feature plugs of New England Asters, Black-Eyed Susans, Purple Coneflowers, and other species. They are approximately 5 inches deep and 2 inches square. Prices: 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, or 10 for \$38.

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**See the online newsletter for Zoom and Facebook links.*

***From The Presiding Bishop: The Good Friday Offering
(It's not too late to contribute!)***

Dear People of God in The Episcopal Church:

For 103 years, the Good Friday Offering has supported the ministry of The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. This Lent, the need is almost unfathomable, and I ask you to join me in making a generous gift at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

We do not know what the political future of the Holy Land will be; but whatever that future, our siblings in Christ in The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East will continue to serve God's people through their congregations, hospitals, schools, orphanages, and humanitarian aid programs. These vital ministries serve people of all faiths without distinction, bearing witness to the power of hope and healing across divides.

Your gift to the Good Friday Offering will support ministry at al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza, which has continued to provide essential health care services despite the violence of war; St. George's in Baghdad, Iraq, and its medical center; an eye clinic at Christ Church in Yemen; and the powerful Christian presence of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Damascus, Syria, and All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beirut, Lebanon.

It is easy to feel powerless in the face of the human suffering we have witnessed in the Holy Land, but with a gift to the Good Friday Offering at iam.ec/goodfridayoffering, we can help The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East turn despair into hope for thousands of God's people across their region.

Thank you for your generous support this Lent.

+ Sean

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe
The Episcopal Church

To make your gift today:

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Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Ulysses Squitieri, and the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Trudy Surut
Greeter:	Susie Cooper
Livestream Ministers:	Calvin Bentley, Fred Bentley, and Karen Edwards
Crucifer:	Melissa Carnall Fauci
Children's Chapel Helper:	Nancy Douglas
Lector:	Michelle Mesen
Psalm Leader:	Sue Carroll
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***Artist's Reflection: "Do not doubt, but believe"**

It was night, and the disciples had gathered in a locked room, still frightened and uncertain — especially Thomas, who had not been there the week before to see the risen Jesus. The background of this piece is dark, and the hand is filled with stars as my way to evoke the mystery of the moment. The wound is in his palm, as he holds it out to Thomas to touch. I added the dove in his palm, as to my mind the Holy Spirit comes through the wound — it was when he saw the disciples the week before, and showed them his wounds, that he introduced them to the Holy Spirit. And it is this idea of the woundedness of God that draws me to Christianity. Because he was and is wounded, we are healed.

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



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