

March 29, 2026
The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday
10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist
with The Liturgy of the Palms



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

Who knows what God's power and God's glory will look like when they steal upon tomorrow's world from an unexpected angle? If the Son of God is now King of the world, what will that kingdom look like in this next generation?

~ The Rt. Rev. Dr. N. T. Wright



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.



St. Dunstan's recycles! Please do not throw this bulletin in the trash. Please either take it home for reference during the week or place it in the blue recycling bin as you depart. Thank you!

The Liturgy of the Palms

*This morning all who are able are asked to gather in the **upper parking lot at 10:30** for the **Liturgy of the Palms**. The congregation then will process down the hill and enter the Nave together. If mobility is an issue, feel free to wait in the Nave. Please be sure to take a palm for the reading of the Passion Narrative.*

The Acclamation

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider Let us pray: Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

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

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

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"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Blessing of the Palms

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.**

Presider
It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever, **Amen.**

Presider Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
People ***Hosanna in the highest.***

The Procession

Deacon Let us go forth in peace.
People **In the Name of Christ, Amen.**

Please take your palm and follow the bagpiper and clergy into the Nave.

The Holy Eucharist

Upon arriving at your seat, please remain standing to join in singing the opening hymn.

Opening Hymn

“All glory, laud, and honor”

Music: *Hymnal*, 154

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King!
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's Name comest,
the King and Blessed One.

Refrain

The company of angels
are praising thee on high;
and we with all creation
in chorus make reply.

Refrain

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

Refrain

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

Refrain

Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,

who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Refrain

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; 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 Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Lector A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Philippians:

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

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

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

"At the Name of Jesus," vv. 1-2

Music: *Hymnal*, 435

At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed.

Please be seated for the reading of the Passion Gospel.

*The congregation is asked to read those verses labeled **Congregation.***

The Passion

Narrator The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew:

One of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas "What will you give me if I betray Jesus to you?"

Narrator They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples "Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?"

Narrator He said,

Jesus "Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, `The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples.'"

Narrator So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me."

Narrator And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciples "Surely not I, Lord?"

Narrator He answered,

Jesus "The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born."

Narrator Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas "Surely not I, Rabbi?"

Narrator He replied,

Jesus "You have said so."

Narrator While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus "Take, eat; this is my body."

Narrator Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus "Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Narrator When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus "You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written,

'I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.'

But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator Peter said to him,

Peter "Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you."

Narrator And so said all the disciples.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

Narrator He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me."

Narrator And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

Narrator Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

Narrator Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done."

Narrator Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words. Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

Narrator While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas "The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him."

Narrator At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas "Greetings, Rabbi!"

Narrator and kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Friend, do what you are here to do."

Narrator Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus "Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?"

Narrator At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus "Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled."

Narrator Then all the disciples deserted him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Accusers "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

Narrator The high priest stood up and said,

High Priest "Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?"

Narrator But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High Priest "I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."

Narrator Jesus said to him,

Jesus You have said so. But I tell you,
From now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven."

Narrator Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest "He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?"

Narrator They answered,

Chief Priests "He deserves death."

Narrator Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Chief Priests "Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?"

Narrator Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant Girl "You also were with Jesus the Galilean."

Narrator But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter "I do not know what you are talking about."

Narrator When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant Girl This man was with Jesus of Nazareth."

Narrator Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man."

Narrator After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystanders Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you."

Narrator Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter "I do not know the man!"

Narrator At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

Jesus "Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times."

Narrator And he went out and wept bitterly.

When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor.

When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas "I have sinned by betraying innocent blood."

Narrator But they said,

Chief Priests "What is that to us? See to it yourself."

Narrator Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. But the chief priests, taking the pieces of silver, said,

Chief Priests "It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, since they are blood money."

Narrator After conferring together, they used them to buy the potter's field as a place to bury foreigners. For this reason that field has been called the Field of Blood to this day. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah, "And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of the one on whom a price had been set, on whom some of the people of Israel had set a price, and they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate "Are you the King of the Jews?"

Narrator Jesus said,

Jesus "You say so."

Narrator But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?"

Narrator But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered,

Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's Wife "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him."

Narrator Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?"

Narrator And they said,

***Congregation* "Barabbas."**

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?"

Narrator All of them said,

***Congregation* "Let him be crucified!"**

Narrator Then he asked,

Pilate "Why, what evil has he done?"

Narrator But they shouted all the more,

***Congregation* "Let him be crucified!"**

Narrator So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves."

Narrator Then the people as a whole answered,

***Congregation* "His blood be on us and on our children!"**

Narrator So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,

Soldiers "Hail, King of the Jews!"

Narrator They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross.

At the mention of Golgotha, please stand, as able.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystanders "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross."

Narrator In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,

Chief Priests "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'"

Narrator The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,

Jesus "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?"

Narrator that is,

Jesus "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Narrator When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystanders "This man is calling for Elijah."

Narrator At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,

Bystanders "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

Narrator Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Centurion "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Narrator Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.

The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Chief Priests "Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, 'After three days I will rise again.' Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, 'He has been raised from the dead,' and the last deception would be worse than the first."

Narrator Pilate said to them,

Pilate "You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can."

Narrator So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

*Please be seated as an extended silence is observed.
At the direction of the Presider, please kneel or sit and join in singing the hymn.*

Hymn after the Passion

“Were you there when they crucified my Lord?”

Music: *Hymnal*, 172

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Please stand.

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself, exchanging the form of God for the form of a servant. We pray for the Church throughout the world, especially: *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and all God’s people and ministers. Graft in our minds the same mind that is in you, that we, too, might empty ourselves and become vessels of your grace.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you became incarnate, taking on human flesh and experience. We pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth, and for all who live in the midst of war, disaster, famine, or terror. We remember this day the peoples of Haiti, the Middle East, Sudan and South Sudan, and Ukraine, as well as refugees, immigrants, and displaced persons.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation, you humbled yourself even to the point of death. We pray for all who have been entrusted with the duties and responsibilities of public leadership in this and every land, and we remember the members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services. Bless all your people with humility.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, in your exaltation you were given the Name that is above every name; we pray in your Name for those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are hurting in any way. We remember all those who have been commended to our prayers (*see page 28*) and those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, your love for us was so broad and deep, it cost you your life. We pray for those who have died whom we name now, silently or out loud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

As you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever, **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 Rector

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

At the Offertory

Crown of Roses

P. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

When Jesus Christ was yet a child.

He had a garden, small and wild, where-in he cherished roses fair.

And wove them into Garland's there.

*Now once, as summertime drew nigh, there came a troop of children by,
and seeing roses on the tree, with shouts, they plucked them merrily.*

Do you bind roses in your hair? They cried in scorn, to Jesus there.

The boy said humbly, take, I pray, all but the naked thorns away.

*Then of the thorns they made a crown, and with rough fingers pressed it down,
till on his forehead, fair and young red drops of blood like roses sprung.*

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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.*

The Holy Communion

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

Presentation Hymn

Music: *Hymnal*, 439

What wondrous love is this,

O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this,

O my soul!

**What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss**

to lay aside his crown

for my soul, for my soul,

to lay aside his crown

for my soul.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Hymnal, S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

The first line of musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and" are placed between the two staves.

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

The second line of musical notation for the Sanctus hymn. It continues from the first line. The treble clef staff has a long note for "might," followed by a rest. The bass clef staff has a long note for "might," followed by a rest. The lyrics "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord," are placed between the two staves.

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are

full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-

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

in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na



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Please kneel or sit for the Eucharistic Prayer during Lent.

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

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

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "**Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.**"

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "**Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.**"

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy,

and peace; and at the last day bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever, **AMEN**.

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

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever, Amen.**

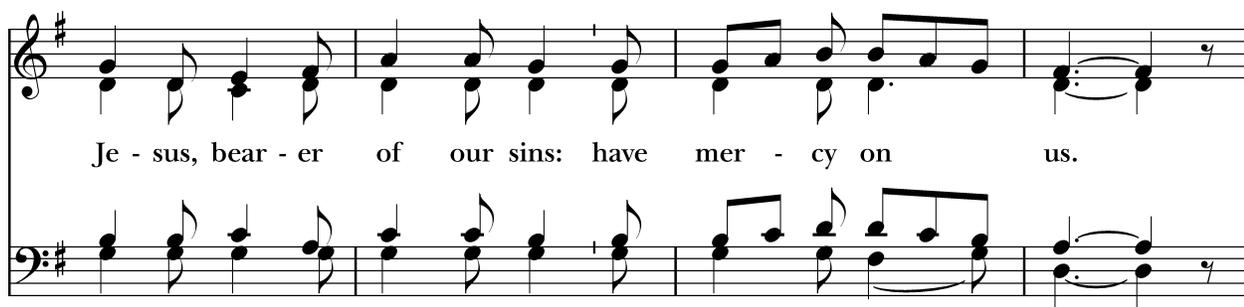
The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

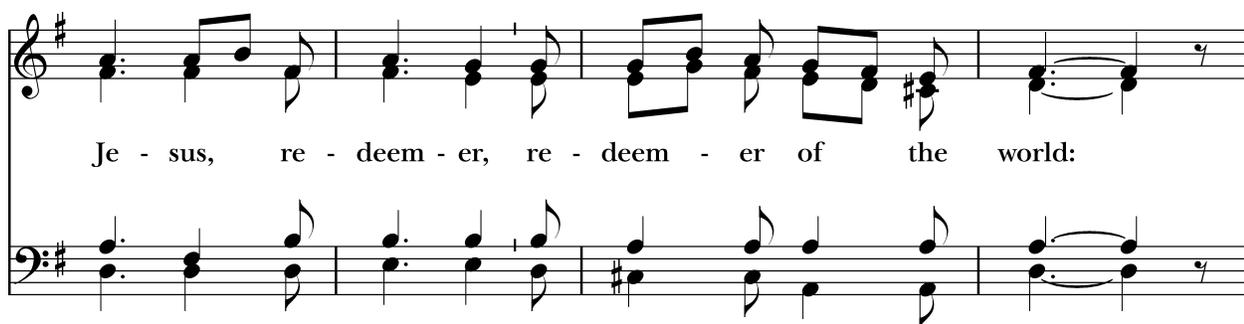
Agnus Dei

Hymnal, S-164

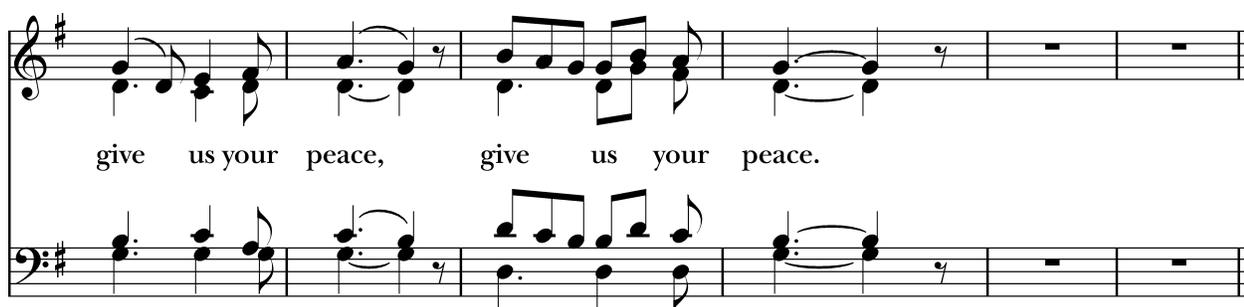
Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.



Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:



give us your peace, give us your peace.

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 place your hand over your heart when you reach the Altar.

Music during Communion

Alone thou goest forth, O Lord

Text: P. Abelard (1079-1142)

Music: *Bangor*

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“The Old Rugged Cross”

Music: *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 38

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the cross, the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it some day for a crown.*

Oh, that old rugged cross so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God left His glory above,
To bear it to dark Calvary.

Refrain

In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
A wondrous beauty I see;
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
To pardon and sanctify me.

Refrain

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Refrain

Please stand, as you are able.

Prayer after Communion

Presider

Let us pray:

and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever, Amen.

The Holy Week Prayer over the People

Presider

Let us bow our heads before God.

Silence

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

“O sacred head sore wounded,” vv. 1-3

Music: *Hymnal*, 168

O sacred head, sore wounded,
defiled and put to scorn;
O kingly head, surrounded
with mocking crown of thorn:
what sorrow mars thy grandeur?
Can death thy bloom deflower?
O countenance whose splendor
the hosts of heaven adore!

Thy beauty, long-desired,
hath vanished from our sight;
thy power is all expired,
and quenched the light of light.
Ah me! for whom thou diest,
hide not so far thy grace:
show me, O Love most highest,
the brightness of thy face.

In thy most bitter passion
my heart to share doth cry,
with thee for my salvation
upon the cross to die.
Ah, keep my heart thus moved
to stand thy cross beneath,
to mourn thee, well-beloved,
yet thank thee for thy death.

Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements

Please stand for the Dismissal.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Vater unser im Himmelreich

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Prayer List

For healing, strength, and protection:

Rebecca Bryant; Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy; Steve Cooper; Austin Cox;
Henry Cox; DJ Crane; Kenny Farnsworth; The Rev. Melissa Fauci;
Katie Beck Fey; Nick Gilbert; Nancy Guthrie; Mary Jane and Terry Haight;
Ben Hull; Patricia Mackenzie; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent;
Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose; Curtis Shively; Nancy Thoreson;
The Rev. Sara Thorne; Jack Tovornik; Matt Tovornik; Sandra Walters;
David Wheeler; Ben; Bill; Christopher; Claire; Craig; David; Elizabeth; Griffin;
JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty; Melanie; Michael; MT;
Phyllis; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For peace in the Middle East and throughout God's world

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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.

Holy Week at St. Dunstan's (see following page for more information):

+ **Monday, March 30:**

- **7 p.m.: Praying the Stations of the Cross** (*Nave*). For centuries Christians have made pilgrimages to holy places, including walking the *Via Dolorosa*, the traditional path Jesus took from his arrest to his passion and death. Since not all Christians were able to travel to Jerusalem, the Church developed the tradition of offering the **Stations of the Cross** in local worshipping communities. Please join the Rector tomorrow evening for this brief contemplative service.

+ **Tuesday, March 31:**

- **11 a.m.: “What Now?!”** (*Parish Hall*)
- **7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal** (*Nave*)

+ **Wednesday, April 1:**

- **10:30 a.m.: Bible Study** (*Zoom*). All are welcome!

+ **Maundy (Holy) Thursday, April 2:**

- **12 Noon: Deadline for Easter Flower and Music Dedications.** You can help enhance the beauty of St. Dunstan's during Eastertide by contributing to our **Easter Flower and Music Fund** in honor of, in thanksgiving for, or in memory of a loved one. We welcome your contribution of any amount: Please use the **electronic donation form found in the newsletter** to let us know you'll donate and to name your tributes. You may pay online or via check (made payable to St. Dunstan's, with "Easter Dedications" noted in the memo line).
- **7 p.m.: Service of Holy Eucharist, with Foot Washing and The Stripping of the Altar** (*Nave*). On Maundy Thursday we gather to commemorate Jesus' Last Supper with His disciples, and we are invited to experience the tenderness of His love through foot washing. In addition, we strip the Altar bare of all ornamentation – a stark foretaste of the loss and emptiness of Good Friday. On Maundy Thursday we begin a liturgy that really lasts three days. The early Church understood the time from Thursday until Easter Sunday (known as the *Triduum*) as one continuous service. People came and went, but prayer went on.
- **9 p.m.: “Night Watch”** (*at home*). On the night before He was put to death, Jesus said to Peter, “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour?” (Mark 14:37). Join the Maundy Thursday **“Night Watch”** from your own home to pray with Jesus through the final hours of His earthly life. Watch the newsletter to sign up for an hour of prayer.

- + **Good Friday, April 3:**
 - **9 a.m.-12 Noon: Church open for private prayer** (*Nave*)
 - **12 Noon: The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday** (*Nave*)
 - **1-3 p.m.: Church open for private prayer** (*Nave*)
 - **7 p.m.: Candlelight Taizé Service** (*Nave*)
- + **Holy Saturday, April 19:**
 - **7 p.m.: The Great Vigil of Easter** (*All Saints, Chevy Chase*). Once again this year we are partnering with our neighbors at All Saints for the Great Vigil, which begins with the lighting of the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle. We then follow the Paschal Candle into the Nave, where the *Exsultet*, the ancient Easter proclamation, is sung and we hear the story of God’s Saving History by candlelight. The service continues with the Breaking Forth of the Easter light, the ringing of bells, and the first Eucharist of Easter. The Vigil is a deeply moving service, very different from Easter morning. Please join us – especially if you have never experienced it before.
- + **Easter Sunday, April 5:**
 - **10:30 a.m.: Festival Holy Eucharist** (*Nave*). Come celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection with St. Dunstan’s in this joyous service featuring full choir and trumpet; childcare will be provided.
 - **Following worship: Community Easter Egg Hunt** (*Grounds*)

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Please be in touch with **The Rector** if you are interested in making a **private confession** (see “The Reconciliation of a Penitent,” *Book of Common Prayer*, p. 447) during **Holy Week**. Every week we confess our sins corporately in the context of worship, *and* there is also something powerful about naming one’s transgressions aloud before God and the assurance that “The Lord has put away all your sins” to be lifegiving. Confession is *always* confidential.



The Return of the Prodigal Son
Rembrandt van Rijn (1636)



a guide to HOLY WEEK

THE TRIDUUM

One service over three days begins with Maundy Thursday, continues with Good Friday, and ends with the Easter Vigil.

Maundy Thursday



Jesus washes the feet of his disciples.



Jesus meets with his disciples to share one last meal.



Jesus breaks bread, telling them, "do this in remembrance of me"



Jesus gives a new commandment, "love one another as I have loved you."



Jesus prays for his disciples.



We gather to remember the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples and, like Jesus did, we wash one another's feet as a sign of care and abiding love. We share this last Eucharist before Easter. At the end, we remove consecrated bread and wine, and strip the altar as a sign of Jesus' absence. Everyone leaves the service in silence.



- Tell yourself that you are loved.
- What could you do to follow Jesus' commandment to "love one another as I have loved you?"

Palm Sunday



Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem as their triumphant king.



The people wave palm branches shouting, Hosanna, which means "save us".



Jesus enters Jerusalem as a humble king, mounted on a donkey.



We begin in the upper parking lot to receive and bless our palms and process into the church. We move from triumph to sorrow as we remember the passion and death of Jesus.



- Jesus is a king who rules with love, not fear or hate. How do you show Jesus' love to people and to the world?
- Make your palm leaf into a cross to remember that the shouts of praise turn into sorrow upon the cross.
- Bring your palm cross to church next year so we can burn them to be ashes for Ash Wednesday in 2027.

What Happened That Day



What You'll See at Church



Ideas for Faith at Home

Good Friday



Soldiers make Jesus a crown of thorns and mock him as "King of the Jews."



Jesus is nailed to a cross. This is how criminals were executed in the 1st century.



Jesus bows his head and says "It is finished." Then he bows his head and dies.



Jesus' friends take his body and lay him in a tomb.



We process a large cross into the church and remember that Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. We stand before God and pray for the world with confidence that love always wins.



- Light a candle at home and remember that love is more powerful than death.
- Pray for your family, friends, and neighbors. Who do you hold in your heart?

Easter Vigil & Day



The women return to the tomb and find it empty.



An angel tells the women that Jesus has been raised.



Jesus meets the women on their way and tells them to share the good news.



- Share a festive Easter meal with family or friends. Invite your neighbors too!
- Begin your meal with a table blessing.
- Name two ways you will share the good news of God in Christ with others in the next month.
- Remember, Easter lasts for 50 days. Plan how you will celebrate for the next 7 weeks.



We kindle the new fire, light the Paschal candle, and sing "the light of Christ" as we enter the church. We read stories of God's salvation for all people and proclaim "Christ is risen!" Once again, we can say the word "Alleluia!" because Christ is risen indeed. Today is the greatest day of the Christian year. Every Sunday is a little Easter.

Join St. Dunstan's for Holy Week 2026

Palm Sunday March 29 10:15 AM	•	Maundy Thursday April 2 7 PM	•	Good Friday April 3 12 and 7 PM	•	Easter Vigil April 4 7 PM	•	Easter Day April 5 10 AM
All Saints'								

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***Artist's Reflection: "Hosanna to the Son of David!"** Some call it a "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem, and for a long time I thought "Hosanna!" was a word of triumph or praise. But – he's riding on a donkey, not a typical indicator of triumph. And it turns out "Hosanna" is a plea for help. The people see him as their savior, and they honor him with palm branches and laying out their cloaks in the road, but they are not acknowledging any victory. They are begging him to save them.

It is a moment of joy and hope. However, as you see on the right side of the image, there is darkness ahead.

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

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