

June 28, 2026

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Pride Sunday

10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist

with Children's Chapel and Anniversary and Birthday Prayers



St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

To have been created intentionally, imagined in the mind of God, and then brought into being communicates something profound about a person's intrinsic worth. It speaks—you are loved; you are wanted; you are valued. Further to this, to have been created as some kind of reflection or embodiment of the divine serves only to strengthen the idea that human beings are of infinite worth and beauty.

~ Lucy Peppiatt,
The Imago Dei: Humanity Made in the Image of God



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

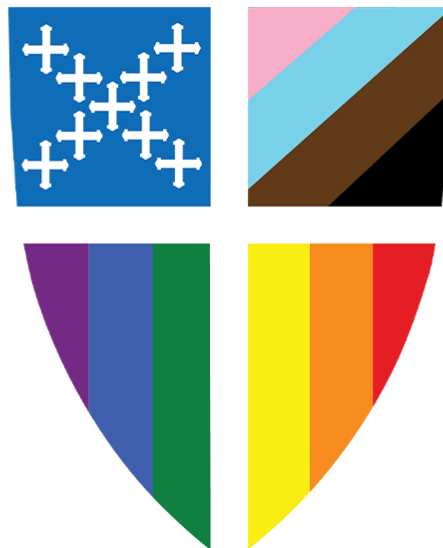
Please wear a **name tag**! Permanent name tags are on the board in the entry hall. If you don't yet have a permanent tag, please use a stick-on badge until we can make you an official one. **Please return your name tag to the basket on the Welcome Table at the end of the service; we will hang it back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

This morning we welcome **Dr. David Palmer** as our **Guest Pianist**.

About Pride Sunday

On June 28, 1969, a diverse of LGBTQ+ people and their allies resisted a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar on Christopher Street in New York City's West Village. It was not the first time police raided a gay bar, and it was not the first time LGBTQ+ people fought back, but the events that would unfold over the next six days would fundamentally change the nature of LGBTQ+ activism in the United States. This act of resistance is widely recognized as the birth of the Gay Liberation movement in the United States. Since then, LGBTQ+ communities around the world have set aside June as Pride Month—a time to celebrate our God-given identities and recommit to the work of liberation for all.

Faithful Episcopalians have been working toward a greater understanding and radical welcome of all of God's children for over 50 years. As with all justice movements, greater inclusion and compassion for the LGBTQ+ community in the Episcopal Church is the legacy of brave and committed individuals, both lay and ordained, who organized, advocated, and bore witness, often at personal cost and in the face of resistance and prejudice. Today we give thanks for their courage and prophetic witness, and we pray for our siblings who continue to be shamed, discriminated against, or persecuted for their identities – even in 2026.



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude in F minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

David Palmer, *piano*

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

Opening Hymn

“Praise to the living God!”

Hymnal, 372

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name
2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de - clare his love - li - ness;
3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:
4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.
in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.
his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:
Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,
Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,
Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

Words: Medieval Jewish liturgy; tr. Max Landsberg (1845-1928) and Newton M. Mann (1836-1926). Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1985, alt.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

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

The Collect for Purity and *Trisagion*

Presider Almighty God,

and People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Presider Holy God,
 Holy and Mighty,
 Holy Immortal One,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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.

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

The Lesson: Genesis 22:1-14

Lector A Reading from the Book of Genesis:

God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 13

How long, O God?
Will you forget me for ever;
how long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
 and grief in my heart, day after day;
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O God, my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemies say they have prevailed over me,
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I put my trust in your mercy;
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Holy One, who has dealt with me richly;
I will praise the Name of God Most High.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is calling”

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 101

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. There are four lines of lyrics between the two systems of music.

1. Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing,
 2. Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing,
 3. Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing,
 4. Oh! For the won - der - ful love He has prom - ised,

1. Call - ing for you and for me; — See, on the por - tals He's
 2. Plead - ing for you and for me? — Why should we lin - ger and
 3. Pass - ing for you and for me; — Shad - ows are gath - er - ing,
 4. Prom - ised for you and for me; — Though we have sinned, He has

1. wait - ing and watch - ing, Watch - ing for you and for me. _____
 2. heed not His mer - cies, Mer - cies for you and for me? _____
 3. death beds are com - ing, Com - ing for you and for me. _____
 4. mer - cy and par - don, Par - don for you and for me. _____

Come home, Come home, come home, come home,

Ye who are wea-ry, come home! _____ Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,

Je - sus is call - ing, Call - ing, O sin - ner, come home! _____

Words: Will L. Thompson (1847-1909). Music: Will L. Thompson.

The Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

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

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

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

The Rector

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Leader and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come, Amen.

**universal*

The Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.

Let us pray:

God of power, send your Spirit to lead your Church. We pray in particular for: *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and all those who minister in your Name. We repent of the ways the Church has inflicted harm by our prejudice, lamenting especially those times and places when we have failed to see your image in the faces of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Queer siblings. May we recommit ourselves to making the Church a place of refuge and blessing for all people.

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, we ask your guidance for those who bear the authority of government in this in every land, especially: the President and Vice President, the Members of Congress and the Justices of the Supreme Court, and all in positions of public trust. Embolden us to work together to dismantle systems of oppression and build a world rooted in your Kingdom vision of justice.

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

God who, in Jesus, came among us as One who heals: you recognize the dignity of all bodies. Bring healing and wholeness to all who struggle to see your image in themselves, especially young people who experience trauma or dysphoria as a result of their identity. As well, we lift before you those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit, remembering the individuals named on our Parish Prayer List (*see pp. 19-20*), and those others whom we name now, silently or out loud:

Pause for prayers of petition and intercession

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

God of Creation, you made everything that is and formed us in your image. Open our hearts and minds to your creative brilliance. Stir up in us a care for the earth and for all plants and animals. Embolden us to honor your goodness in ourselves and one another.

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

God of harmony, we thank you for the gift of community. Inspire us to reflect your self-giving love to a world in pain as a result of hatred, violence, and disaster. We remember, in particular, the people of Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, Ukraine, the United States, and Venezuela.

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

God of life, we thank you for the witness of leaders who have gone before us, who dared to envision a world of radical inclusion. We remember all who have fought and died to advance equity for your LGBTQ+ children in the Church, in this country, and around the world, and we pray for those who continue the work.

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

Eternal God, we pray for all who have died, especially *Jennifer Addington*, *Mary Ann Scott*, and *the victims of the earthquake in Venezuela*. May they, and all the departed, find eternal rest in the glorious company of your saints.

God-in-community,

hear our prayer.

The Presider concludes

O God, you created us in your image and blessed us with the capacity to love. Accept the prayers of your people. Teach us to love all your children as their true and whole selves, and lead us with courage to advocate for them, just as your Holy Spirit advocates for us. In the Name of Jesus, your Beloved, we pray, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Presider 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

Let us sing to the Holy One, who has dealt with us richly;
let us praise the Name of God Most High.

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

Hide Not Thou Thy Face

Text: Psalm 27:10

Music: R. Farrant (c. 1525–1580)

Diane Atherton, *soprano*

The Holy Communion

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

The Doxology

Music: *Hymnal*, 380

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

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider

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

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with

all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Lift Every Voice and Sing, 255

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

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

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

Bless - ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

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

Please stand or sit.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

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

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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever, Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

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

Please be seated.

The Communion

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

Music during Communion

The Lamb

Text: W. Blake, from *Songs of Innocence* (1757-1827)

Music: J. Taverner (1944-2013)

Diane Atherton, *soprano*

*Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed,
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing woolly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?
Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee:
He is callèd by thy name,
For He calls Himself a Lamb.
He is meek, and He is mild:
He became a little child.
I a child, and thou a lamb,
We are callèd by His name.
Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!*

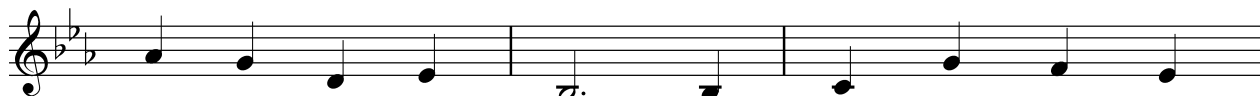
Remaining seated, please join in singing the Communion hymn (next page).

“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”

Hymnal, 653



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -
 3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O
 4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till
 5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our
 2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing
 3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to
 4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the
 5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in
 2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise
 3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -
 4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the
 5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
 3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
 4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
 5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt. Music: *Repton*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry, (1848-1918), alt.

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 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 may the blessing of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, and with all those you love, this day and always, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

“Go forth for God”

Hymnal, 347



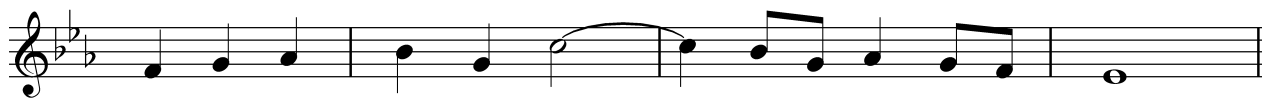
1 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in peace;
2 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in love;
3 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in strength;
4 Go forth for God; go _____ to the world in joy,



be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
hold fast the good, be ur - gent for the right;
to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,



in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at length
and ser - ving Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,



till in his king - dom we _____ be - hold his face.
his love sup - plies the grace _____ and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

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Please be seated following the hymn.

Announcements and June Birthday and Anniversary 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!**

Dismissal

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

People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Praise to the living God

F. Lubrich (1888-1971)

David Palmer, *piano*

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For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

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

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

For refugees and immigrants
For the women and men of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces
For emergency personnel and first responders
For the victims of climate and natural disasters, especially in Venezuela
For missionaries serving throughout the world

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Jennifer Addington
former Parish Administrator, Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, Alexandria

Mary Ann Scott
friend of Diane Adams

The victims of the earthquake in Venezuela

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Announcements

Today at St. Dunstan's:

- **Welcome, Visitors!** We are delighted that you are here, and we hope you will stay for a few minutes after worship so that we can greet you properly. To learn more about St. Dunstan's, please fill out a **visitor form**, found on the **Welcome Table**, and help yourself to a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- **Fellowship Time:** We hope you will join us immediately following worship for a cup of coffee or tea and a snack and some good conversation!

This Week:

- **The Rector, Parish Administrator, and Minister of Music** will be away on vacation this week, and the **Parish Office will be closed through next Sunday, July 5**. In the event of a pastoral emergency in the Rector's absence, please contact **Deacon Jessica Ault: deacon@stdunstansbethesda.org** or (701) 320-7837. *Please note: Bible Study and Prayers for Peace and Healing will not meet this week but will resume on July 8 and 9, respectively.*

Coming Up:

- **Next Sunday, July 5:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.: Service of Morning Prayer and Celebration of Our Nation's Birthday**

- + Please note that **there will be no childcare or regular Children's Chapel throughout the month of July.** Children of all ages are always welcome to worship with the rest of the congregation, and older children are encouraged to take on roles as lectors and ushers in the service. Thank you so much for your understanding and flexibility as we navigate staff vacations and space use restrictions during construction!
- **Monday-Friday, July 13-17:**
 - + **9 a.m.-12 Noon: Vacation Bible School ~ Compassion Camp** (*St. Dunstan's*). All children entering Kindergarten through Grade 5 are invited to participate in VBS as campers; older children are encouraged to serve as Junior Counselors. Fee: \$50 per camper (max. \$100 per family). Come join the fun! To register your child, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/VBS2026-STD>. To lend a hand with VBS, please contact **Julie Anderson**: julie_anderson75@hotmail.com.



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



Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Musicians:	Diane Atherton and David Palmer
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Ann Johnson, and Michelle Mesen
Flower Guild:	Laura Hambleton
Child Care:	Lila Saidi and Sany Saidi
Greeter:	Carmen Petruzzi
Acolyte:	
Children's Chapel:	Leo Bouma and Jenna Monroe
Lector:	Leo Bouma
Psalm Leader:	Michelle Mesen
Intercessor:	Sue Carroll
Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Michelle Mesen
Ushers:	Julie Anderson and RG Anderson Gomez
Hospitality:	Karen Edwards, Janet Repka, and Fred Smoak
Vestry Member of the Day:	Carmen Petruzzi

Special thanks to the Vestry for setting up the Parish Hall as our temporary worship space today!

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***Artist's Reflection**

A friend gave me a t-shirt with "Love is Love is Love..." across the front, and I was amazed how many people were thrilled when they saw it. I fully agree that love between ANY two people is a wonderful thing. So when I saw the text "God is love," it dawned on me to merge the sayings into this image: a never-ending loop of God's love, around multi-colored little people holding hands, in the shape of a cross. Because Jesus's commandment is that WE LOVE ONE ANOTHER, and He didn't note any exceptions.

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

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