November 8, 2026
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel and Prayers for Veterans



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

Thought for the Day…

I believe that God's word of grace can also come through simple, imperfect everyday human love.

~ Nadia Bolz-Weber

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Thank you for choosing to worship with St. Dunstan's this morning! We are a community of seekers doing our best to live authentically and faithfully in this challenging and complicated world, and we are delighted that you are sharing the journey with us today.

Children are *always* welcome here; please make yourself and your family at home. There are coloring sheets on the round table between the glass doors, as well as books and soft toys at the back of the church. Rest assured: We are delighted by the "joyful noise" that children inevitably make, *and* don't worry if you feel you need to take your child out of the service for a few minutes.

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

To learn more about offerings for children and families, please share your contact information on the clipboard on the Welcome Table.

Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

If you find the wooden pews uncomfortable, feel free to borrow a **cushion** from the rear of the Nave for use during worship.

Please wear a **name tag**! Permanent name tags are on the board in the entry hall. If you don't yet have a permanent tag, please use a stick-on badge until we can make you an official one.

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

For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Galen Adams; Hollis Anderson; Jim and Karen Besser; Joyce Bleby; Phil and Patti Carroll; Henry Cox; Traci Dean; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Torrey Finck; Nick Gilbert; Louisa Greene; Terry Haight; Sue Hale; Deryck Hammon; Joe Heiberger; Ben Hull; Taylor Jones; Pope Leo; Michael and Susan Leto; Patricia Mackenzie; Silvia Mesen; Marsha Muawwad; Rick Nickles; Walter Roberts; Linda Rogers; Curtis Shively; Jack Tovornik; Sandra Walters; David Wheeler; Charlie Wooters; Martha Lou Youngblood; Anna; Ben; Bill; Christopher; Griffin; Heather; JW; Karen; Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty; Melanie; Michelle; MT; Noor; Paola; Patrick; Sam; Sherry; *and* Shiloh

For others in need of prayer:

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

For refugees and immigrants

For the women and men of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces

For emergency personnel and first responders

For the victims of climate and natural disasters

For missionaries serving throughout the world

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Roz Kerns

Sandy Poole

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

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Adoration F. Price (1887-1953)

Chase Castle, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

"At the Name of Jesus," vv. 1-4 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;

bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;

he is God the Savior,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped,
trusted, and adored.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

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

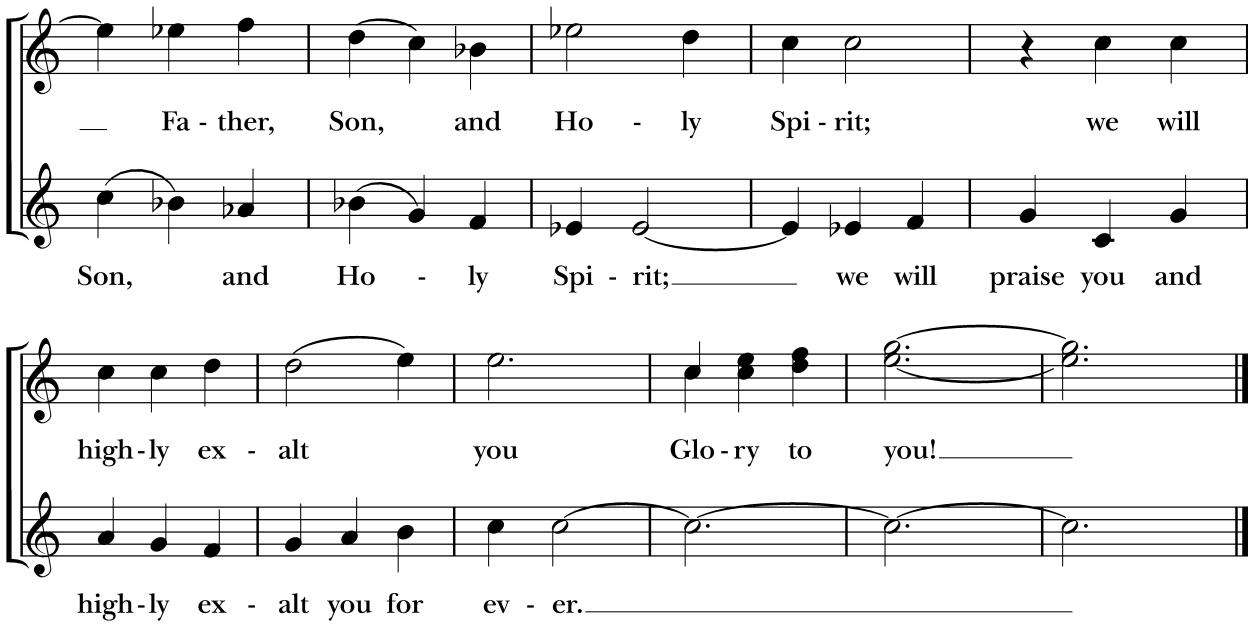
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.**

Song of Praise

Canticle 13 *Hymnal,* S-236




you.
4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
Descant
5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven,
6. Glo - ry to you,
you.
6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray: O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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.

The Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Lector A Reading from the Book of Joshua:

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve

the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 78:1-7

Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forebears have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come
your praiseworthy deeds and your power, O God, *
and the wonderful works you have done.

You gave your decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which you commanded them to teach their children;

That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn, *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

So that they might put their trust in you, *
and not forget your deeds,
but keep your commandments.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

"Great is Thy Faithfulness" *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 189





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The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

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

Please be seated at the preacher’s invitation.

The Sermon Cami Caudill, *Seminarian*

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.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the leaders of the nations, and for this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your Creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all parts of the world scarred by war and other violence, especially in Bolivia, Haiti, the Holy Land, Iran, Lebanon, Sudan and South Sudan, and Ukraine; for refugees and displaced persons; for victims and survivors of gun violence; for those impacted by natural and climate disasters; and for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For *Sarah,* Archbishop of Canterbury; *Sean,* our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann,* our Bishop; *Eugene,* our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam,* Archbishop in Jerusalem; and all lay people, bishops, priests, and deacons;
For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those remembered on our Parish Prayer List *(see p. 3)* and those individuals and situations we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition and intercession

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of thanksgiving

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for those who have died, especially *Roz Kerns* and *Sandy Poole,* that they, and all the departed, may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

The Presider continues
In this week in which our nation pauses to remember its veterans, we give thanks to God for the service of those known to this congregation who have served their country, especially:

SSgt. Jack S. Amrey
LTJG Frederic L. Atwood, USNR
LT Frederic L. Atwood Jr, USNR
LTJG Kimball Chase Atwood Jr, USNRF
Edward Henry Bryant, Air Raid Warden
Edward Henry Bryant III, USA
Staff Sergeant Philip W. Carroll
Captain Charles H. Cash
John Parker Chase, USMC
Joseph Charles Chase, USAF
Gail Selander Dineen, Navy Nurse Corps
Beau L. Gomez, USMC
James M. Gomez, USN
Ludgero A. Gomez, USMC
Ludgero S.A. Gomez, USA
Paul M. Gomez, USMC
Richard F. Graham, Sergeant, USA
Warren K. Greene, Lt. USAR
Walter Johnson, USN
James Kelly
Benjamin Lee, Army
Frank Libutti, USMC
Michael McMahon
R. Glenn Miller, Captain, USMC
LT George Perley Morse, USNRF
Howard J Mott, CMDR, US Navy
Roger Pew
Daniel A. Phaneuf
Edgar A. Phaneuf
Peter F. Phaneuf
Shea Phaneuf, USA
Hugh Price, USMC
Paul Shoaf, USA
John William Smith
Thomas Smith
GYSGT Harry Hoffman Steidle, USMCR
Lee E. Surut, Maj. Gen., US Army
David H. Tulley, Maj. Gen., US Army
Patrick A. Tulley, Col., US Army
Wiley Williams, LCDR, US Navy
Warren Woodall

and those whom we now name, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers for veterans

Almighty God, stretch forth your mighty arm to strengthen and protect all members of the Armed Forces: grant that, meeting danger with courage and all occasions with discipline and loyalty, they may truly serve the cause of justice and peace; to the honor of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **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.

The Offertory

Presider

Let us recount to generations to come
God's praiseworthy deeds and power,
and the wonderful works God has done. *Psalm 78:4*

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

Out of Your Sleep Text: From the Selden manuscript at the Bodleian Library, Oxford (c. 1450)
Music: M. Shaw (1875–1958)
St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

The Holy Communion

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

The Doxology Music: *Hymnal,* 380

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

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.

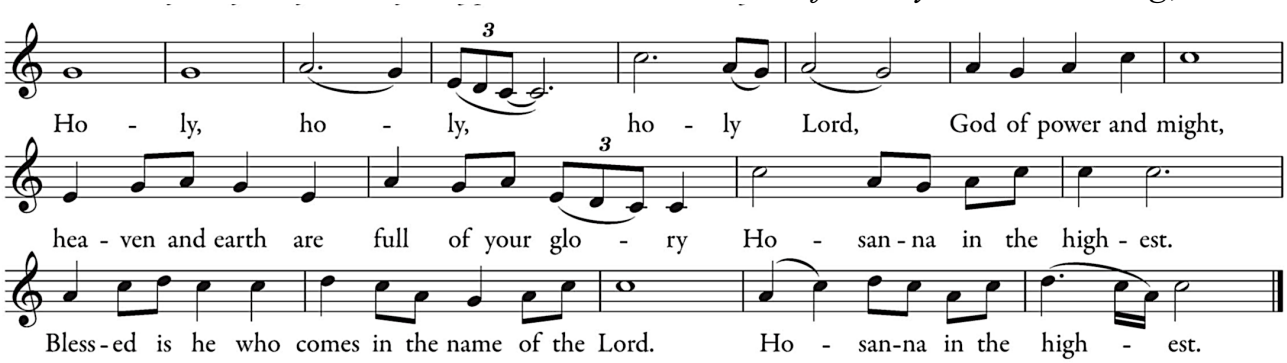
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, 252



Please stand or sit.

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.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with 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:

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: 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 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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Text: Liturgy of St. James;
para. G. Moultrie (1829-1885)
Music: *Picardy*

St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

"Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless" Music: *Hymnal,* 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
thy chosen pilgrim flock
with manna in the wilderness,
with water from the rock.

We would not live by bread alone,
but by thy word of grace,
in strength of which we travel on
to our abiding-place.

Be known to us in breaking bread,
and do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
thy table in our heart.

Lord, sup with us in love divine
thy Body and thy Blood,
that living bread, that heavenly wine,
be our immortal food.

Please stand at the Presider's invitation.

The 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 Blessing

Presider

May you go, ready to see God at work in the world,
open to hope for God's ways in the world,
and holding God's love in your lives.
And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and 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

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" Music: *Hymnal,* 544

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
doth his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his Name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his Name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Please be seated.

Announcements

Please stand.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him! C. G. Allen, arr. R. J. Powell (1932-2025)

Chase Castle, *organ*

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** on the **Welcome Table**, and please take a **welcome bag** as a token of our gratitude that you have joined us today.
- **Fellowship Time:** Please stop by the **Parish Hall** for coffee/tea/juice and snack following the service!
- **Adult Formation**: **"Episcopal 101"** concludes today at **12 Noon** in the **Parish Hall.**
- **Book Presentation**: Join **Madeleine Johnson** at **5 p.m.** in the **Parish Hall** as she introduces her new book, ***At Hitler's Picnic: Discovering the 1934 Nuremberg Rally,*** followed by a discussion with **Zach Carter** and **Jia Lynn Yang**. Refreshments will be served.

This Week:

- **Tuesday, November 10:**
  - **12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing** *(Zoom)*
  - **7:30 p.m.: Chancel Choir Rehearsal** *(Nave)*
- **Wednesday, November 11 (Veterans Day):**
  - **The Parish Office** will be **closed** in observance of the holiday**; Bible Study** will ***not*** meet this week.
  - **7 p.m.: New Orchestra of Washington Concert** *(Nave).* Please join our resident orchestra for "**Music for Winds and Piano: *Requiem for a People*,"** the first in a new chamber music series hosted here at St. Dunstan's. See the newsletter for ticket information; be sure to use the **St. Dunstan's promo code (C4F4H9)** for 50% off!
- **Thursday, November 12:**
  - **2 p.m.: November Book Discussion** *(Zoom).* This month's selection is ***Atmosphere*** by Taylor Jenkins Reid. All are welcome to join the conversation! Please see this week's newsletter for the Zoom link.
- **Saturday, November 14:**
  - **9 a.m.: Men's Group** *(Kitchen/Parlor)*
  - **10 a.m.: Souls Sisters** *(Zoom)*
  - **10 a.m.: Diocesan Confirmation Service** *(Washington National Cathedral)*
  - **2 p.m.: "Be a Blessing": Youth Day of Service** *(Washington National Cathedral).* Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to be learn about and engage in service with diocesan partners, while earning SSL hours. Please speak with **Patty+** if your child is interested in attending.

"Art to Lift Spirits" Exhibit

Our current exhibit on the **Book of Psalms** will be coming down in the upcoming weeks as we prepare for Advent. Most of these original pieces of art are available for sale for **$225**, with all proceeds going to St. Dunstan's Outreach ministries. If you are interested in making a purchase, please contact our Liturgical-Artist-in-Residence, **Sue Carroll**, at **liturgicalart@stdunstansbethesda.org**.

Stewardship 2027



This year's Stewardship Drive, ***Celebrating God's Abundance,*** is underway! As you consider your family's plans for the coming year, we invite you to pledge your support for St. Dunstan's ministries and mission through this year's campaign. If you are on the parish mailing list, you have received a packet of materials in the mail; additional Stewardship materials are available in Founders' Hall. Please join us in thanking God for all of our blessings, and please prayerfully consider a pledge of support to God's mission in this parish for the coming year.

Thanksgiving Meals for the National Center for Children and Families

We are collecting **grocery cards** to provide our neighbors in need with turkeys this Thanksgiving. To contribute to this Outreach effort, please purchase **$25 gift cards to** Giant, Safeway, Aldi, or Food Lion **and bring them to worship by Sunday, November 15.** We will deliver them to **The National Center for Children and Families** here in Bethesda on behalf of the parish. If you would like to gather the materials for a complete Thanksgiving meal, please pick up a **shopping list from the Welcome Table** and bring everything to St. Dunstan's **by Sunday, November 15.** Please let Deacon Jessica know if you'd like to volunteer to drop off the items at NCCF or if you have any questions at **deacon@stdunstansbethesda.org**.

A Reminder



If you have been given a code to the outer doors of the church building, please treat it as you would a password; please do *not* share it with anybody. Codes are unique to each individual: For security and safety purposes, we need to know exactly who has entered the building, and when. If someone in your ministry area needs access when the office is closed, please ask them to contact **Elisabeth Saidi** (**admin@sdunstansbethesda.org**), who will generate a code just for them. Thank you for helping to keep our buildings – and our staff – safe.

Serving this Morning

Presider:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Preacher:	Cami Caudill
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*Artist's Reflection

Matthew's story of the wise and foolish virgins upsets me terribly. Is Jesus saying that, in the kingdom of heaven, selfishness will be rewarded? I can understand the idea that the "oil" represents good deeds and a lifetime of righteous behavior. It makes some sense that you can't make up for a lifetime of wasteful self-indulgence at the last minute, that it is better to be prepared and watchful. But these "wise" virgins don't seem to be acting out of the sisterly love that I'd expect. On the other hand, would I have the courage to share my oil, if it meant risking my entry into heaven? I truly don't believe this is how it works. So, why is this story in the gospel?

Made of embossing powder on velvet, painted papers, beads, and angelina fibers.

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