July 27, 2025 The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 a.m.: Celebration of Holy Eucharist with Children's Chapel



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's

To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

~ C. S. Lewis



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

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

Restrooms are located in the hallway by the glass doors.

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

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

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



Today we welcome The Rev. David Wolf as our Guest Presider and Preacher, and Maribeth Gowen as our Guest Pianist.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Prelude from French Suite in E major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Music: *Hymnal*, 390

Maribeth Gowen, piano

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

Processional Hymn

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth: borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen

how all thou needest hath been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee; surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;

ponder anew

what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

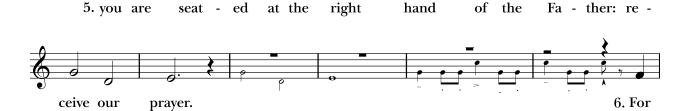
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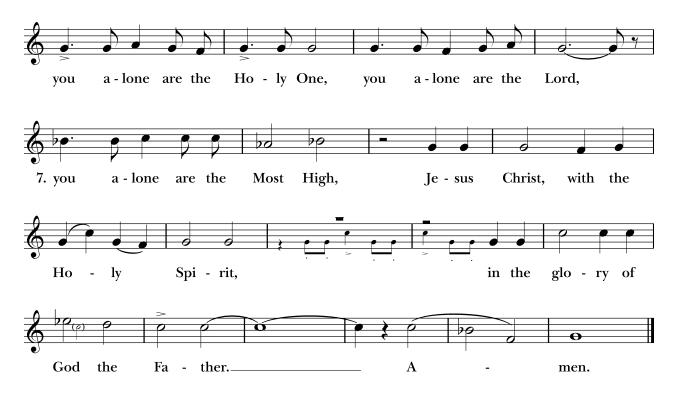
Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise Gloria in excelsis Hymnal, S-278 1. Glo-ry to God in the and 2. Lord God, peace to his peo - ple on earth. heaven - ly King, wor-ship you, we might - y God and Fa-ther, give you thanks, we we praise you for your glo 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, ry. of the on - ly Son Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4.you take a - way the \sin of the world: have mer cy on us;





Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you. And also with you. People

Let us pray: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without Presider

whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 join Miss Jenna for Children's Chapel in the Youth Room.

The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-19

A Reading from the Letter to the Colossians: Lector

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Please join in reciting the psalm responsively.

Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *

because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of God, * that great is the glory of God.

Although on high, God cares for the lowly * and perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

You will make good your purpose for me; *
O God, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

"Blessed Assurance"

Music: Lift Every Voice and Sing, 184

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my savior all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them,

"When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you Lord Christ.

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

The Rev. David B. Wolf

After a moment of silence, please stand.

The Nicene Creed

Presider 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.

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 those entrusted with leadership in this and every land; for Federal workers; for the members of our Armed Forces, Foreign Service, and Emergency Services; and for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper care of your Creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For those living under the threat of violence or oppression, especially in Haiti; India and Pakistan; Israel, Gaza, and Iran; Sudan and South Sudan; and Ukraine and Russia. For refugees, migrants, and internally displaced persons, 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 *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop; *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop; *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem; and for all bishops and other ministers; **For all who serve God in the Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those individuals remembered on our Parish Prayer List (see p. 17), as well as those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for those good things that 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 all who have died, especially *Antoinette Carroll Donoghue* and those whom we name now, silently or out loud:

Pause for prayers for the departed

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

The Presider concludes

O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us stewardship of all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

A brief silence

Presider God of all mercy,

and People 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.

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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

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being. *Revelation 4:11*

At the Offertory

Pater Noster E. Chausson (1855-1899)

Heather Fetrow, soprano

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.

The Holy Communion

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

The Doxology

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 1, Enriching Our Worship

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.

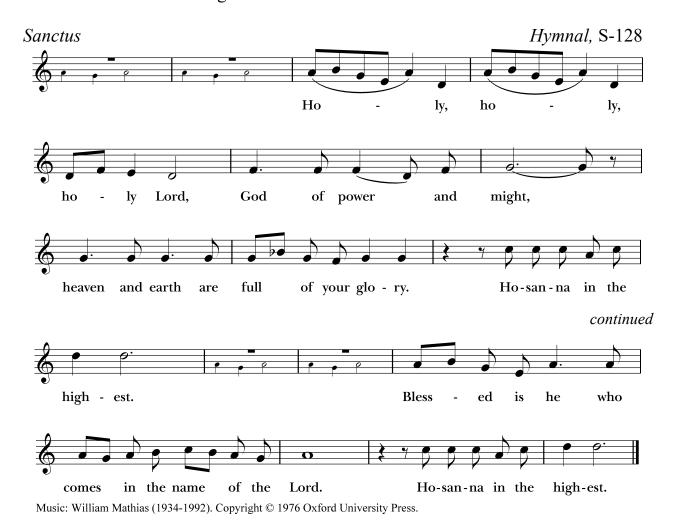
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Music: Hymnal, 380

Presider

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. 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, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Please stand, kneel, or sit.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all 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.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of all your children, that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever, **AMEN**.

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

Presider and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever, Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Presider Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Presider These are the Gifts of God, for 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 from the chalice or in individual cups; gluten-free Communion bread is also available upon request. Please place used Communion cups in the bowl at the back for reverent disposal. If you would prefer not to receive, you are invited to come forward for a blessing, the signal for which is to cross your arms over your chest when you reach the Altar.

Music during Communion

"O Jesus, joy of loving hearts"

Hymnal, 649

The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

"Seek ye first"

Music: *Hymnal*, 711

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you; Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Please stand, as you are able.

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

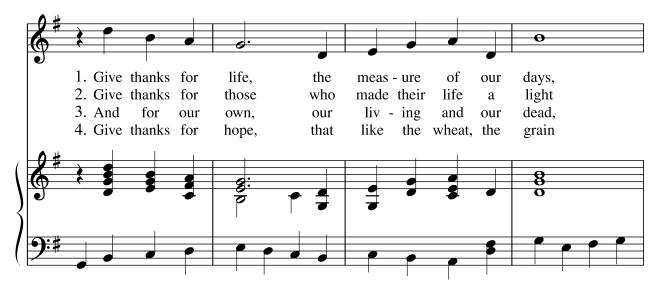
May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you and all those you love, from this day forth and forevermore, **Amen.**

Please join in singing.

Closing Hymn

"Give thanks for life"

Wonder, Love, and Praise, 775





Words: Shirley Erena Murray (b. 1931). Music: Sine nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); arr. Robert Roth (b. 1928).

Please be seated.

Announcements (see pp. 18-19)

Please stand.

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Gigue from French Suite in E major

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Maribeth Gowen, piano



Please remember in prayer:

George Adams; Julie Anderson; Fred Atwood; Jeff Boesch; Phil and Patti Carroll; Rick Conroy; Bill Cooke; Steve Cooper; Henry Cox; Donna Embry; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Jon Michael Gaudioso; Ben Hull; David Hull; Frank Libutti; Patricia Mackenzie; Jim McGee; Elena Marchetti and the Marchetti family; Cathy Nerantzis; Rick Nickles; Joyce Nugent; Linda Rogers; Shannon Rose; Curtis Shively; Max Thompson; Jack Tovornik; Peggy Vaughn; Sandra Walters; Ben; Bill; Christopher; David; Farid; Gerald; Grace; Henry; Julie; Karen; Katherine; Marty; Melanie; Sherry; and Shiloh



Celebrating More Contemporary Saints

Part of our rich Anglican tradition is the commemoration of significant figures in the history of The Episcopal Church who have set an example of "saintly living" for the rest of us. These noteworthy individuals are remembered on the liturgical calendar of the Church, and their biographies are anthologized in a book entitled Lesser Feasts and Fasts.

We honor three contemporary saints this month, all singled out by the Church who exemplified heroic faith, transformative love, and selfless service. Individually and each in their own distinctive ways, had profound impact on social justice, each embodying distinct aspects of Christian witness. This week we feature William Wilberforce, whose feast day is this Wednesday, July 30.

William Wilberforce (1759–1833) was a British parliamentarian and evangelical Anglican who dedicated his life to abolishing the transatlantic slave trade. After a spiritual conversion, he championed abolition for decades, overcoming fierce opposition to achieve the passage of the Slave Trade Act in 1807. His advocacy

extended to broader social reforms, particularly the "reformation of manners," a movement aimed at improving public morality and religious observance in British society. Wilberforce believed that true reform required more than outward compliance; it demanded a transformation of values—making goodness, compassion, and integrity fashionable, and encouraging people to see all others as valuable and worthy of respect. The Episcopal Church commemorates him for his prophetic witness through faith-driven political action, with his legacy symbolizing perseverance against systemic injustice.

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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: Please come to the Parish Hall immediately following worship to welcome our Guest Presider, The Rev. David Wolf, and share a cup of coffee or tea and some good conversation.
- + **Rector's Vacation:** The Rev. Patty Alexander is away today and will return to the office tomorrow (Monday, July 28).

The Week Ahead:

- + Tuesday, July 29:
 - 12 Noon: Prayers for Peace and Healing (Zoom and Facebook*)
- + Wednesday, July 30:
 - 10:30 a.m.: Bible Study on The Gospel of Luke (Zoom*)
- + Next Sunday, August 3:
 - 10:30 a.m.: The Blessing of First Fruits (Courtyard/Nave). To help mark the Feast of the Transfiguration (August 6), bring a small basket of grapes, apples, peaches, plums, figs, or tomatoes or a jar of honey or a loaf of freshly baked bread to church for our annual Blessing of the First Fruits. Weather-permitting, we will gather in the courtyard and process our offerings into the Nave for blessing later in the service.

Other Announcements:

+ Summer Nave Gallery Exhibit: "The Life and Lessons of Jesus" is the theme for this collection of works from St. Dunstan's Liturgical Artist-in-Residence, Sue Carroll. If you move clockwise around the Nave, the story

unfolds in sequence – but of course you are welcome to just ponder any piece that catches your eye. Posted by each piece is an explanation of the scripture and imagery in use. As always, the framed originals are for sale at \$225, with 100% of the proceeds going directly to St. Dunstan's. Please contact Sue Carroll (<u>liturgicalart@stdunstansbethesda.org</u>) if you are interested in making a purchase.

+++ Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. David B. Wolf

Musicians: Heather Fetrow, Maribeth Gowen, and

members of the St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Altar Guild: Marsha Barnes, Augusta Cox, Ann Johnson,

and Michelle Mesen

Flower Guild: Trudy Surut

Greeter: Kiska Williams

Livestream Minister: Karen Edwards

Acolyte and Crucifer: Connelly Anderson Gomez

Children's Chapel: Julie Anderson and Jenna Monroe

Lector: Fred Atwood

Psalm Leader: Leo Bouma

Intercessor: Diane Adams

Lay

Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Carroll and Ray Donnelly

Ushers: David and Janet Repka

Barista: Fred Smoak

Snack Angel: Julie Anderson

Vestry Member

of the Day: Fred Atwood

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I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart. (Mixed media liturgical art by Sue Carroll)

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*Artist's Reflection: "I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart." This piece was made with colored strands of silk, called "roving," which you can manipulate and more or less glue into a flat "silk paper." Embellishments include yarn and glitter. The image is intended to be an ethereal heart, open and floating upwards — which is how I feel in moments of profound worship. In a cathedral, or in a place of great natural beauty, or singing with organ and choir (to drown out the actual sound coming out of my mouth) I can feel almost literally uplifted. Thanks be to God, indeed. ~ Sue Carroll, Liturgical Artist-in-Residence

