

May 17, 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist
with Children's Chapel



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Welcome to St. Dunstan's!

If I cannot find God here and now, in my home and in my work, in my daily routine, in the things that I handle in the kitchen or in the office, then it is no good looking for [God] anywhere else.

~ Esther de Waal,
Seeking God: The Way of St. Benedict



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.

Please observe quiet in the Nave before the service to enable everyone to pray and prepare for worship.

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Adagio, from *Toccatà Undecima*

Georg Muffat (1653-1704)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*

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

Processional Hymn

“Alleluia! sing to Jesus!,” vv. 1-2, 4

Music: *Hymnal*, 460

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o’er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
“I am with you evermore”?

Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

The Song of Praise

“All glory be to God on high”

Hymnal, 421



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -



hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who



to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
was be - fore cre - a - tion. You on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,



your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

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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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting, **Amen.**

Please be seated.

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

The Lesson: Acts 1:6-14

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please join in reciting the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36

Arise, O God, and let your enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate you flee before you.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at your presence, O God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before you; *
let them also be merry and joyful.

We sing praises to your holy Name;
we exalt the One who rides upon the heavens; *
yours is the Name in which we rejoice!

Guardian of orphans, defender of widows, *
God, in your holy habitation!

You give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom, *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O nations of the earth; *
sing praises to the Holy One,

Who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens, *
who sends forth a voice, a mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God, *
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in the holy places; *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to the people:
blessed be God!

Please stand and join in singing.

Sequence Hymn

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

Music: *Hymnal, 7*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o’er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day’s return,
till thy mercy’s beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiance divine;
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

The Gospel: John 17:1-11

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

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

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Please be seated at the preacher's invitation.

The Sermon

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.

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after His resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors. As His disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the world in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it.

Silence

We give thanks for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:
for our lives and for those whom we love;
for the beauty of this home God has created for us;
for our families and our friendships;
and for those other blessings we name now, silently or aloud.

Pause for prayers of thanksgiving

Lord, hear us;

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for the mission and ministry of the Church throughout the world:
for *Sarah*, Archbishop of Canterbury;
for *Sean*, our Presiding Bishop;
for *Mariann*, our Bishop, and *Eugene*, our Assisting Bishop;
for *Hosam*, Archbishop in Jerusalem;
and for all who serve God in the Church.

Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all entrusted with public leadership in this and every land, that they might be led to put the needs of their people ahead of their own self-interest. We remember in particular:

the President and Vice President;
the Members of Congress;
the Justices of the Supreme Court;
and the members of our Foreign Service and Armed Forces.

Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for all those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially all who have been commended to our Parish Prayer List (*see p. 15*), as well as those we name now, silently or aloud:

Pause for prayers of petition or intercession

Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

We commend to your mercy those who have died, remembering especially today *Filippo Baratta* and *Bill Cooke*; may they, and all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, hear us;
Lord, graciously hear us.

The Presider concludes

Receive these prayers, O God, and transform us through them, that we may have eyes to see and hearts to understand what you call us to do, so that your realm will come to fruition in glory, **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider May the peace of the Risen 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

The Offertory

Presider

Sing to God, O nations of the earth; sing praises to the Holy One.

Psalm 68:33

*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

This Joyful Eastertide

Text: G. R. Woodward (1848-1934)

Music: Dutch tune (1685), arr. Vernon Hoyle

The 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 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.**

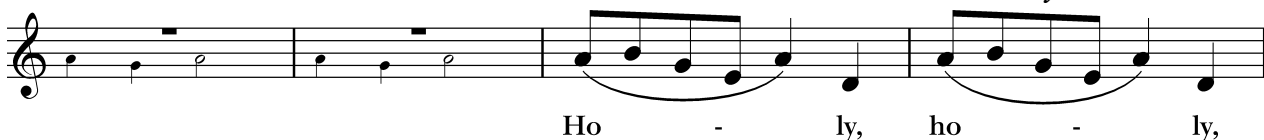
Presider

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 your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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-128



ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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

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

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor. Text: George Hugh Bourne (1840-1925)
Music: *Bryn Calfaría*, William Owen (1830-1893)
The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir

Remaining seated, please join in singing.

“This is the hour of banquet and of song” Music: *Hymnal*, 316

This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heavenly table spread for me;
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.

Too soon we rise; we go our several ways;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone,
the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days
thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun.

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to the glad feast above,
giving us foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Please stand at the Presider's invitation.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray:
and People **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.**

The Ascension Blessing

Presider May the risen Christ, Who has passed into the heavens, clothe you with power from on high. 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 the final hymn.

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 following the hymn.

Announcements and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Please stand.

Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Ulysses Squitieri, *organ*



The flowers adorning the Altar this morning are given by
Patty and Randy Alexander, to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the
graduation and birthday of their son, **Peter Alexander**, this past week.

For Your Prayers

For healing, strength, and protection:

Mimi Betz; Phil and Patti Carroll; Terry Conroy; Steve Cooper; Henry Cox;
DJ Crane; Elizabeth Douglas; Kenny Farnsworth; Katie Beck Fey; Torrey Finck;
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Rick Nickles; Mary Jane Reynolds; Linda Rogers; Curtis Shively;
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Walters; David Wheeler; Ben; Bill; Christopher; Craig; Griffin; JW; Karen;
Katherine; Lindsay and William; Marty; Melanie; MT; Paola; Phyllis; Sherry;
and Shiloh

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

May they rest in peace and rise in glory:

Filippo Baratta

Bill Cooke

father of Deacon Donna Stinchcomb

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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 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.
- **The Junior/Youth Choir** will rehearse at **12 Noon**.
- **Rector's Continuing Education:** I will be away from the office this week for my next Doctor of Ministry residency at Duke. In the event of an emergency during my absence, please contact **Deacon Jessica Ault** (deacon@stdunstansbethesda.org; 701.320.7837) for pastoral support. I will be back next Sunday, May 24. ~ Patty+

This Week:

- **Monday, May 18:**
 - + **Deadline to sign up as a Pentecost reader** (*See newsletter for link*)

- **Tuesday, May 19:**
 - + **11 a.m.:** “What Now?!” (*Parish Hall*). All are welcome!
 - + **7 p.m.:** **Monthly Vestry Meeting** (*Zoom*)
- **Thursday, May 21:**
 - + **2 p.m.:** **Book Discussion Group** (*Zoom*). This month’s selection is *The Correspondent*, by Virginia Evans. Please see the online newsletter for the Zoom link.
- **Saturday, May 23:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.:** **Flower Guild Orientation Session** (*Sacristy*). Please contact **Julie Anderson** (julie_anderson75@hotmail.com) for further information about this essential ministry!
- **Next Sunday, May 24:**
 - + **10:30 a.m.:** **The Feast of Pentecost and Ulysses Squitieri’s Final Sunday at St. Dunstan’s**

Coming Soon:

- **Monday, June 15:**
 - + **12 Noon-5 p.m.:** **American Red Cross Blood Drive** (*Parish Hall*). Please consider giving the gift of life! To make your appointment, either scan the QR code or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter code **SDECBethesda**.
- **Monday-Friday, July 13-17:**
 - + **9 a.m.-12 Noon:** **Vacation Bible School** (*St. Dunstan’s*). Come join the fun! To register your child, please scan the QR code or visit the link below. To lend a hand as part of the VBS team, please contact **Julie Anderson** at julie_anderson75@hotmail.com.



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Serving this Morning

Presider and Preacher:	The Rev. Patricia Phaneuf Alexander
Deacon:	The Rev. Jessica Ault
Musicians:	Diane Atherton, Ulysses Squitieri, and The St. Dunstan's Chancel Choir
Altar Guild:	Marsha Barnes, Ann Johnson, Michelle Mesen, and Carol Overdahl
Flower Guild:	Julie Anderson and Anne Tager
Child Care:	Lila Saidi and Sany Saidi
Greeter:	Donna Alvarez
Livestream Minister:	Carmen Petruzzi
Acolyte:	Connelly Anderson Gomez
Crucifer:	Doug McManus
Children's Chapel:	Julie Anderson and Leo Bouma
Lector and Psalm Leader:	Sue Carroll
Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister:	Cami Caudill
Ushers:	
Hospitality:	Elin Botha, Colin Flynn, Alex Lane, Fred Smoak, and Jia Lynn Yang
Vestry Member of the Day:	

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Let the righteous be glad and rejoice... let them also be merry and joyful!
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***Artist's Reflection:** "Let the righteous be glad and rejoice... let them also be merry and joyful!" I think the word "righteous" has gotten a bad rap. It can be taken to mean someone who claims to know all the rules, the "right" way to do everything. It can be conflated with "self-righteous" or used to describe someone who is smug and self-satisfied. Instead, I believe, it means "in the right relationship" with God and neighbor. And those who live in the covenant with God have every reason to be giddy with joy. Let's dance!

This piece is made with an acrylic monoprint on paper, cut commercial glitter papers, an altered photograph, prints from a hand-cut stamp, glitter and sequins.

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

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