



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE SEASON OF LENT 2021

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Priest **B**lessed be the God of our salvation:  
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Priest When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,  
People **he will deliver us from our distress.**

Priest God will bring us out of our darkness,  
People **and out of the shadow of death.**

Kýrie **Kýrie eléison** *Lord, have mercy.*  
**Christe eléison** *Christ, have mercy.*  
**Kýrie eléison** *Lord, have mercy.*

Priest **I**f we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

People **G**od 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.**

Priest **G**od give you true repentance; forgive you your sins of negligence and ignorance and  
your deliberate sins; and grant you the grace of his Holy Spirit to amend your lives  
according to his holy word.

## **The Collect of the Day** *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

## **Readings**

*The full lectionary is available online at [www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu](http://www.lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu)*

*And they are sent each week in our Saturday "Worship" email. To subscribe, visit [www.stdcv.org/subscribe](http://www.stdcv.org/subscribe)*

*Response after the readings:*

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Response before the Gospel reading:*

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

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

*Response after the Gospel reading:*

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*Text, video, or audio recordings of sermons are available at [www.stdcv.org/sermons](http://www.stdcv.org/sermons)*

## The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

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

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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 worshipped 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 people stand or kneel.*

Form IV

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

**G**rant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who has come into the world to transform darkness into light. **Amen.**

## The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

Priest **W**alk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest **A**ll things come of thee, O Lord.

People **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

Priest In this time of the pandemic, when the community of faith cannot gather together, we remember the Last Supper of Jesus with his friends, and we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Eucharist that was given to us on that night—a gift that we hold all the more precious in these days when we cannot share the bread and the wine.

Yet even in the absence of this sacramental sharing, the mystical union between Christ and his church, and among all of us as members of Christ's body, remains unbroken. And so, mindful of this deep bond of the Spirit, let us unite ourselves to Christ and one another, as we celebrate the Great Thanksgiving.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest **I**t is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:

**People** **H**oly, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Priest** 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**Priest** 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 all your saints into the joy of your eternal  
kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

**People** **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.**

**Priest** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People** **O**ur 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**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

Priest **L**amb of God who takes away the sins of the world

**People** have mercy on us.

Priest Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

**People** have mercy on us.

Priest Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

**People** grant us peace.

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

**People** **E**ternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually as we have come together this day. 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**

Priest Bow your head before the Lord.

**M**ay God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

Priest **L**et us go forth in the name of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation  
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,  
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*



## **WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE**

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

## **WHAT WE ARE FOR**

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

## **WHAT WE ARE AGAINST**

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

## **WHAT WE VALUE**

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

## **WELCOME!**

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