



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# HOLY EUCHARIST FOR THE SEASON OF EASTER

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Welcome & Announcements

### Processional Hymn

Priest **A**lleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

### Jubilate Psalm 100

### 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.**

### Gradual Hymn

## **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.*

**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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.

Who 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*

Priest **F**ather, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People** **That we all may be one.**

Priest For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;  
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People** **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Priest We pray for Michael, Lucinda, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People** **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Priest We pray for Joe, Gavin, and for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People** **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Priest Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People** **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Priest Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,  
especially during this pandemic;

**People** **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Priest Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People** **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Priest We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People** **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Priest Let us take a moment to bring to heart those people and situations and thanksgivings  
on our mind right now.

*Silence*

**People** **G**od, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
**The courage to change the things I can,**  
**And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

Priest **L**ord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace  
I leave with you;" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us  
the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

## Offertory Sentence

Priest Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

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 our thanks and praise.**

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People** By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.

**Priest** And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Celebrant and People*

**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** And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, we celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People** **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

**Priest** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

## **The Post-Communion Prayer**

**Priest** Let us pray.

**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 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** The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. Amen.

## **Processional Hymn**

## **The Dismissal**

**Priest** Go in peace to love and serve 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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