

Trisagion (S102) *Sung three times.* after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The musical score is written in B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics 'Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,'. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords. The second system also has two staves: a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The vocal line has lyrics 'Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.' The piano accompaniment continues with chords and a bass line, ending with a double bar line.

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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Isaiah 35:1–10

The prophet envisions a time of abundance and healing for Israel. As when the people were led out of Egypt into the promised land, so this new return will be in the power of God. Retribution will fall upon the Lord's enemies, but there will be water in the wilderness for the redeemed. In words that are later used by Jesus to describe what is taking place in his ministry, the prophet foretells an age when the blind and deaf, the lame and dumb will be healed.

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

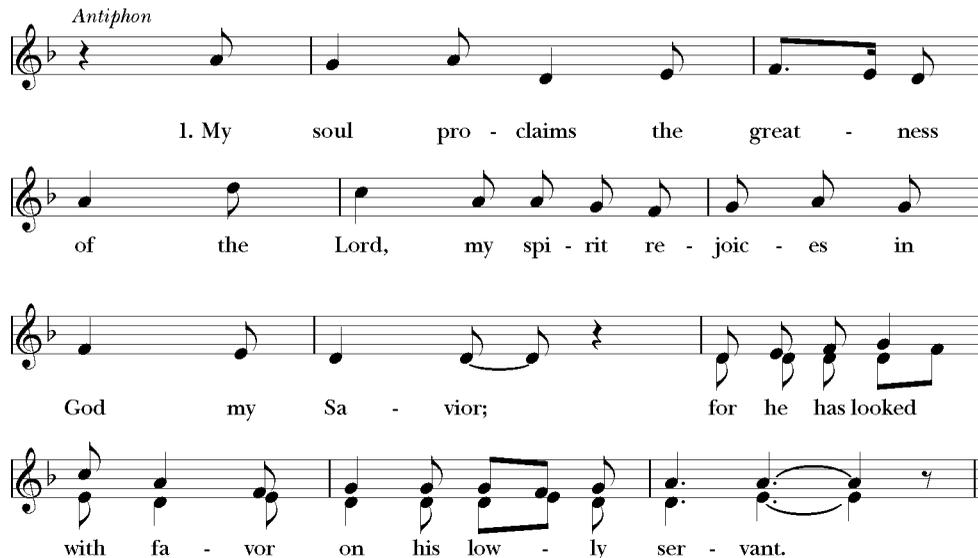
Canticle 15 S247 The Song of Mary

Cathedral of the Isles

Mary offers a song of praise to God who has looked with favor on her and who has lifted up the lowly and brought down the powerful.

Cantor then the people sing the antiphon

Antiphon



1. My soul pro - claims the great - ness
of the Lord, my spi - rit re - joic - es in
God my Sa - vior; for he has looked
with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.

James 5:7–10

An exhortation to patient expectation in preparation for the coming of the Lord. One may learn from the farmer, who must wait for the crop to ripen, or from the prophets who bore suffering with patience. Such endurance excludes a grumbling blaming of one another. The Lord will come soon.

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Matthew 11:2–11

Jesus responds to a question from John the Baptist about his mission and then describes John's ministry. Jesus' answer to John's question suggests that people must make up their own minds about his role while observing the healings that are taking place in accordance with ancient prophecies. Those who hear Jesus are also to recognize that John is a prophet and more: he is the one who prepares for the Lord's coming.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’

“Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

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.*

Leader In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and each of us a new creation.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May our gracious God always console and comfort us, nourish our deepest hungers, and guide us in ways of justice and peace.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan, a stream of blessing that bears forgiveness, refreshment and joy.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the people of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's, for Lucinda our Bishop, and all who do ministry near or far; may the God of John the Baptist raise up holy prophets in our midst, voices to challenge us to greater integrity and truthfulness.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need, especially:

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May the God who is our future hold those who have died in the embrace of faithful love, especially:

Together may we see new heavens and a new earth.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Priest O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: Hear our prayers, renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People Most merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

The Offertory

Priest Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows
to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem Zion hears her watchman crying

J.S. Bach

Zion hears her watchman crying,
Her heart goes forth in love replying
The virgins rise their lamps to trim.

See her King in heavenly splendor
With justice girt, in mercy vested,
He shines as shines the sun in heav'n.

Now come, Thou King of Kings,
Lord Jesu, God's own son!
Hosanna!

We enter glad the bridal hall
And share with Thee the wedding feast

Offertory Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel from heaven came *Gabriel's message*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus Holy, holy, holy Lord *Missa Emmanuel Richard Proulx (1937—2010)*

Cantor, All repeat

Cantor, All repeat:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God__ of might.

Cantor



Heav - en and earth_____ are full__ of your glo - ry.

Cantor, All repeat:



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor



Bless - ed is he__ who comes in the__ name__ of__ the__ Lord.

Cantor, All repeat:



Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

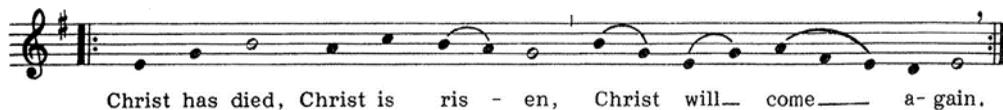
Priest He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Cantor, All repeat



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Dunstan, blessed Andre, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

Cantor, All repeat



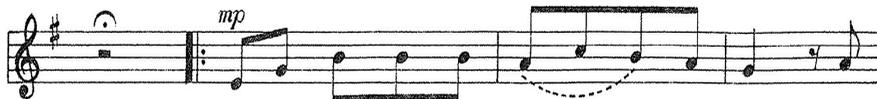
Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

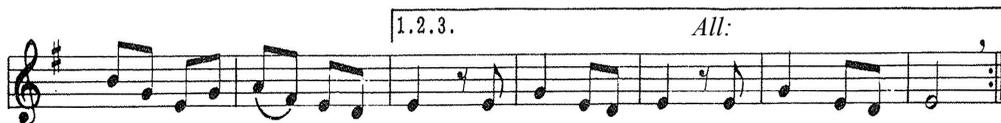
The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Cantor



1. Je-sus, wis-dom and might - y Lord: }
 2. Je-sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: }
 3. Key of Da-vid and Day-spring from on high: }
 4. De-sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el: }
- } you



take a-way the sins- of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



world, grant us_ peace,- grant us_ peace.

Priest These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup, may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

Communion Hymn 324 Let All Mortal Flesh

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The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

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

Priest May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the Darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 616 Hail to the lord's anointed *Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein*

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme *Johann Gottfried Walther*

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of 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.*

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device or want to see what's coming up, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins



**Christmas
Cookie Sale
TODAY!**
*following the 8am
and 10am services*

Mix and match to create your unique dozen of fresh Christmas cookies. Cookies will be available to purchase for \$15 per dozen or \$1.50 each



Many hands, light work

Greening the Church

December

Garland, wreaths, bows, and candles are all ready to go for Christmas. All we need are a gathering of hands that can spend an hour or so after church on December 18 to put them up. This typically takes about an hour (imagine 11:30 - 12:30), but you can help out for as much or as little time as you have.



Christmas Pageant

Join us December 18th during the 10am service when the children of St. Dunstan's will present the Christmas Pageant!

Living Well Through Advent 2022

*Practicing Simplicity with All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*

Discussion Group

Sundays, 9am

This week we will continue our advent journey with the study of Living Well Through Advent. Please join us for discussion each Sunday morning in the Guild Room. For more information contact Jean Scholefield. A copy of the book will be provided.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4 pm Family Service
7 pm Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25
10 am

New Years Day

January 1
10am

Christmas Giving Opportunities

The Giving Tree

At St. Andre's children are fed and educated every school day—thanks to you! What becomes of them? Here are some who are making a difference—Kenlu graduated from Medical School in the Dominican Republic and returned to Haiti to set up a clinic for the poor; Kettie is finishing her PhD in Science education and will work with the Ministry of Education in Haiti to improve science education throughout the country; James is an Episcopal priest serving a poor parish in Chile—all because of your generosity! Help bring hope to another generation at St.

Andre's—put an ornament on the Giving Tree by making a \$50 (or more!) donation and pick up a card to tell someone special of the gift you have made in their honor!



I-Help

We are collecting cash gifts for the men in the program through today. Suggested donation is \$20. Envelopes can be found on the welcome table. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our I-Help community!

Nancy's Project

We are collecting non perishable food items that can be left in the basket in Brock Hall. Cash may also be given via, and is matched by, Monterey County Gives! (MCGives!) montereycountygives.com/nancy.



Christmas Flower Dedication

You can dedicate a Christmas Poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one, to mark an anniversary, or simply to give thanks. Recommended donation is \$20 each. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo. Look for the sign up sheet on the welcome table.

Click to Give

Scan this QR code to access our online giving portal where you can make a general gift, pay for altar



flowers, support Nancy's Project or the Haiti Team, pay towards your pledge, or even set up recurring payments. And, with

the click of a box you can also opt to cover the processing fees which helps us make the most of your donation.



Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

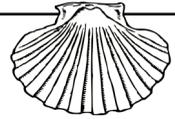
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Baptisms Offered

January 8th



If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, [contact Rev. Laurel](mailto:revlaurel@stdcv.org) by December 20th to explore being baptized January 8th when we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Cindy Poole | 16 Bob Young | 22 Aleksander Simpson |
| 2 Gigi McWilliams | 17 Jack Lagier | 24 Taylor Hawthorne |
| 4 Charlie Rose Talley | 19 Chandler Clark | 25 Joanie Webb |
| 5 Nancy Green | 20 Linda Keill | 30 Sylvia Shattuck |
| 10 Gus Hawthorne | 22 Jennifer Lama | |
| 14 Mack Talley | 22 Jeanne Polaschek | |

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

Sunday, December 11

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 9:00 am Christmas Cookie Sale
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am Christmas Cookie Sale

Monday, December 12

- 3:00pm Finance Meeting
- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, December 13

- 9:00am Centered Discipleship Group
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, December 14

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:30 pm Centered Discipleship Group Zoom

Thursday, December 15

- 4:00pm I-HELP Men
- 4:00pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, December 16

Saturday, December 17

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 4:00pm I-Help Women

Sunday, December 18

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00am Christmas Pageant
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Greening the church
- 12:00-1:00pm J2A at St. Dunstan's

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to bulletin@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.

Help us get to know you by

Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Sermon Notes