

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 11, 2022

## The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45 A.M

**Prelude** 

"Watchman, Tell Us of the Night"

Tune: Aberystwyth
Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Arr. Mark Hayes



## The Word of God

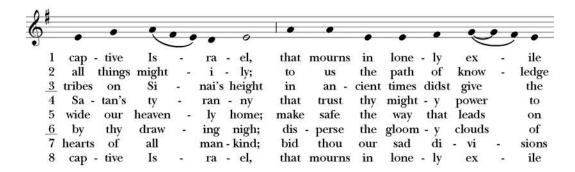
#### **Opening Acclamation**

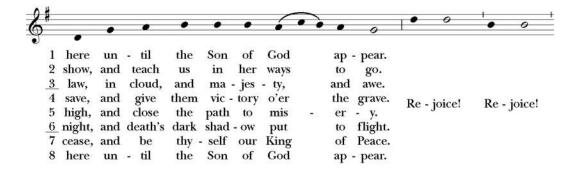
Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.

People You come to your people and set them free.

#### The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**Advent Wreath Hymn** 56 O come, O come Emmanuel Veni, veni, Emmanuel Verses 5 & 6 and (Dec. 23) 1 0 come, O come, Em - man el, u (Dec. 17) 2 0 come, thou Wis - dom high, who or - derest on (Dec. 18) 3 O O thou Lord might, who thy come, come, of to (Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Ies se's tree, free them from pen (Dec. 20) 5 0 come, thou Key of Da vid, come, and 0 -(Dec. 21) 6 0 thou Day - spring from high, come, on and cheer us (Dec. 22) 7 De tions, bind 0 sire of come, na in one the (Dec. 23) 8 Em - man el, come, O come, ran - som and



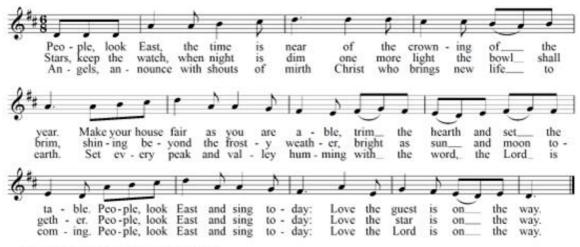




#### **The Collect for Purity** said by the Celebrant

Almighty 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.** 

People, look East



Music: Besançon Carol Words: Eleanor Farjeon

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether, Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

God of the burning sand and thirsty ground: you called John into the wilderness to announce a new creation far from palaces of royal power; make us ready for your intensity, the judgment that opens our senses to the poverty of our world and calls to life what lingers in death; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. Amen.

The First Lesson Isaiah 35:1-10

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Lauda, anima mea

Psalm 146:4-9



Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*
who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \* and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; \* the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; \*

he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, \*
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson James 5:7-10

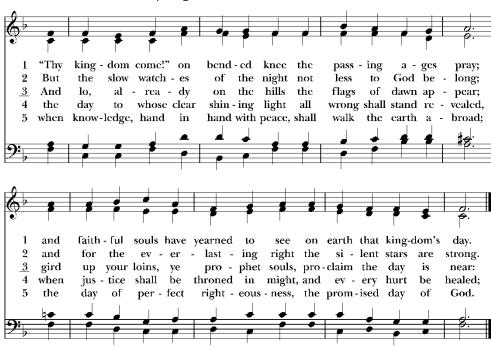
Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

Sequence Hymn 615

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee

St. Flavian



Words: Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840-1929). Music: St. Flavian, melody from Day's Psalter, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

The Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

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."

.Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

#### **The Sermon**

#### The Reverend Patricia Templeton

#### The Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.

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 worshiped 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

#### **Advent Prayers of the People**

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in light and your peace is experienced by all.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen us all for the ministry you have set before us.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially **John Floyd**. May they experience your healing presence.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially, **Tony Ippolito**, friend of the Davis family, and **Helen Wong**, family of Elizabeth, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Ginny & Dick Harris**;

# Steve & Susan Hauser; and Fina Hernandez & Dolores Waye. Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

#### Lord, hear our prayer.

#### Celebrant

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. *Amen.* 

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

God 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.

#### **Absolution**

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### **Announcements**

#### Offertory Anthem

## The Holy Communion

"Advent Carol"

Alfred V. Fedak Orientis Partibus

Desert, blossom as a Rose, Rising, radiant as it grows, All arrayed in crimson show; Come to us, O God of Hope.

Thirsty land, become a stream, Flowing fountain, calm, serene. Clear cascade from heaven above; Come to us, O God of Love.

Weakened hands, be now made strong; Silent tongues, break forth in song; Blinded eyes, your sight employ; Come to us, O God of Joy.

Soon a pathway shall be found, For the faithful, Holy Ground; Safe from angry, warring beast, Come to us, O God of Peace. Alleluia!

Sing God's praise, Jerusalem! Hope, joy, love, and peace shall come; Sorrow, sighing now dispel; Come to us, Emmanuel.

King of Glory, Soul of Bliss, Everlasting life is this: Thee to know, thy power to prove, Thus to sing, and thus to love!

Alleluia.

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#### The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:



The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Dunstan and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

#### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

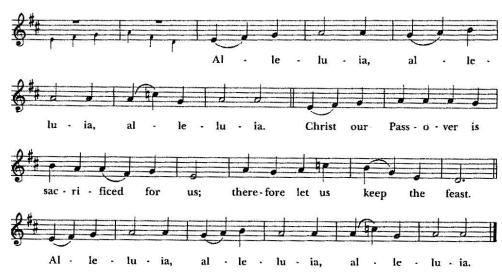
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

#### Fraction Anthem S.155

#### Christ our Passover



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

#### The Communion of the People

#### **Communion Hymn** 57

Lo! He comes, with clouds descending





#### **Prayer after Communion** Celebrant and People

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

#### **Advent Blessing**

The blessing of God, who has promised to come into our lives, be with you today.

The blessing of God, whose love ransoms us from all captivity, be with you forever.

The blessing of God, whose breath brings new beginnings, send you forth into the world to create a new day for the good of all.

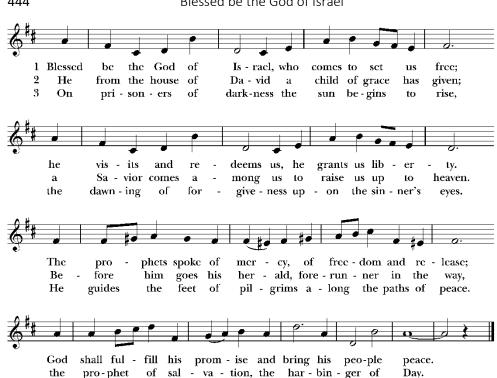
Amen.

cease.

#### Hymn in Procession 444

Blessed be the God of Israel

Thornbury



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Sa - vior, with songs that nev-er

#### **The Dismissal**

Response

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** Toccata in e minor

bless our

God and

Tune: *Aberystwyth* Joseph Parry (1841-1903)

Arr. Mark Hayes

### Ministry Schedule

	Dec 11 – Advent 3	Dec 18 – Advent 4
Vestry on Duty	Lynn Hood	Susie Throop
Lay Reader 8:30 a.m.	Claudia Gimson	No Service
Lay Reader 10:45 a.m.	Lynn Hood	<b>10:00</b> – Harriett Smith
Lector 1st Lesson	Sandra Dobbs	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Tom Barnett	Nancy Dillon
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett & Wayne Hood	Tom Barnett & Paul Zimmer
Altar Guild	Elizabeth / Cathy / Rhea	Marshall / Rhea
Flower Guild	Flower Guild	Flower Guild

### Announcements

#### **Adult Sunday School: Expecting Emmanuel**

During Advent our Sunday school will look at the women who prepared the way for Jesus. We'll dive deep into the accounts of Jesus' female ancestors, reflect on God's presence in their complicated lives, and examine how they helped to shape the Messiah. Join us in the Founders' Room at 9:30 through December 11.

#### **Coffee & Cocoa Drive**

This Advent we are helping our brothers and sisters served by Church of the Common Ground, a congregation in downtown Atlanta for those without shelter. Having something hot to drink becomes ever more important as the days grow colder. We are collecting coffee (ground, NO DECAF), 4-lb bags of sugar, and hot chocolate mix (with water). Please bring them by December 20.

#### **Advent Events**

#### **Christmas Flowers / Music Contribution**

If you would like to remember a special person and / or event with a Christmas flower and / or music contribution, special donation envelopes are available in the foyer, or donations may be made through our online giving portal – just designate Christmas Gratitude in the memo line and email Claudia at <a href="mailto:office@stdunstan.net">office@stdunstan.net</a> with the following information by Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

Given by: / In Memory of: / In Thanksgiving for:

#### Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

10 a.m. -- ONE service this day. We will decorate the Christmas tree and celebrate with a festive potluck lunch after the service.

Decorate a table!

#### Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

5 p.m. -- Come celebrate the birth of the Messiah.

#### Sunday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10 a.m. -- A simple Eucharist for Christmas Day.

#### Sunday, January 1 -New Year's Day

10 a.m. -- ONE service this day of Christmas Lessons & Carols.

#### Sunday, January 8 – First Sunday after the Epiphany

## Happy Birthday

Cathy Leake December 13

### Prayers

Parishioners: John Floyd.

Family: Sam Gilgour, brother of Katie Turner; Brett Bradshaw & baby Sebastian, goddaughter; Hilary Foster, niece of Claudia Gimson; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Scott O'Connell, brother of Mark; Gray Cavender, Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Preston & Bryan Wilson, brothers, and Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; Jim Montsinger, nephew and Claude Thompson, son-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Tiffany Wilson, niece of Rhea Hannah; Linda Blocksom, sister of Susie Throop; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Bill Fields, brother of Nancy Dillon; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Arvis Morris, mother, and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Trina Gordon, Jack & Linda Mobley and Vincent Lafitte, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, Linda Johnson, sister of Vivian Siggers; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Priscilla Williams, sister of Bessie Holland; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Amanda Ippolito & Family; Mary Jane Graff, Rose Faison, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Davis Family); Matthew and Emily Reagan, (John Gimson); Jacki Labat; Carolyn Long Banks; Angela Mattson, (Lee Morris) Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); Claudia Nash, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Sandy Jusak, Tammy McCullough, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); and Susan Glenz-Pierce, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially, **Tony Ippolito**, friend of the Davis Family, and **Helen Wong**, family of Elizabeth. •

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Ginny & Dick Harris**; **Steve & Susan Hauser**; and **Fina Hernandez & Dolores Waye.** 

#### **Vestry 2022 – 2023**

Bob Longino, Sr. Warden; Vivian Siggers, Jr. Warden; Lynn Hood; Gwen McAlpine; Elizabeth Wong Mark; Michele Smither; Wayne Hood; Max Changus; Susie Throop

#### The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
Cameron Carey, Parish Musician
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant

