

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



## The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

## The Holy Eucharist

8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:45

**Voluntary**

Sinfonia No.11 in G minor, BWV 797

J.S. Bach

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,  
 2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;  
 3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:  
 joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,  
 Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.  
 till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
 more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

## The Word of God

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Celebrant*

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.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**The Collect of the Day** *Celebrant and People*

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Kyrie eleison** S.87

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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**The First Lesson**

**1 Samuel 16:1-13**

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

**Psalm**

**Psalm 23**

The cantor sings the first line of each couplet; all respond with the second line.



The Lord is my shepherd; I shall / not be in want.  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures,  
 and leads me / beside still waters.  
 He / revives my soul  
 and guides me along right pathways / for his Name's sake.  
 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 I shall / fear no evil;  
 for you are with me; your rod and / your staff, they comfort me.  
 You spread a table before me in the presence of / those who trouble me;  
 you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup / is running over.  
 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the / days of my life,  
 and I will dwell in the house of / the Lord for ever.

**The Second Lesson**

**Ephesians 5:8-14**

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 466**

**Eternal light, shine in my heart**

*Jacob*

1 E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; c - ter - nal  
 2 E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal  
 3 un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed

hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be  
 bright - ness, help me see; e - ter - nal Spi - rit,  
 by your ho - ly word, at last I come be -

my sup - port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.  
 give me breath; e - ter - nal Sa - viour come to me:  
 fore your face to know you, my c - ter - nal God.

## The Gospel

John 9:1-41

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam". Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Silver

## 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.

## The Prayers of the People – Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Rob; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.  
Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.  
Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, remembering especially **Neal Hammill Sr**, grandfather of Justin Camara.  
Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all those on our prayer list including **Tricia and Joseph Henry; Eileen Zimmer; Justin Camara, Bob Adams; Lindsey Reece; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.**

I invite your prayers, aloud or in silence.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Sheila Woodard; Hanna Woodburn & Stehanie Elless; Eileen Zimmer; Paul Zimmer & Gwen McAlpine; and Beth Zimmerman.**

*Silence*

The Celebrant continues

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

**Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem**

"O Love of God"

Eric H. Thiman

Marilyn Morgan and Lee Morris, soloists

*O Love of God, how strong and true, eternal, and yet ever new.  
 Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought.  
 O wide embracing, wondrous love, we read Thee in the sky above;  
 We read thee in the earth blow, in seas that swell and streams that flow.  
 We read Thee best in Him who came and bore us the cross of shame.  
 Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.  
 O love of God, our shield and stay, through all the perils of our way;  
 Eternal love, in Thee we rest, forever safe, forever blest.*

**Offertory Hymn 538**

God of mercy, God of grace

*Lucerna Laudoniae*

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy  
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy  
 dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -  
 to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.  
 bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you always, Creator God, because you have made the world in all its complexity. You have given humanity abundant good things. You have provided us with paths leading to wisdom through deprivation and suffering. And you have shown us, through the incarnation of your love in Jesus Christ, the way of reconciliation through letting go of self and material concerns, seeking first the compassionate ways of God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### **Sanctus**

S124

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven 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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*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Ever Living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands. In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the human person of Jesus the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he experienced hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering, and death.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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 sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. For in him the cross, the instrument of torture and death, has been transformed into a sign of reconciliation and abundant life. Recalling his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit

of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the very body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ. And breathe your Spirit into us so that, having partaken of this sacramental meal in faith, we may serve you in unity, constancy and peace, and may dwell forever in the joy of communion with you.

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.

### The Breaking of the Bread:

**Agnus Dei** S.161

Lamb of God

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

**The Communion of the People** *All people are invited to receive Communion.*

**Communion Hymn** 490

I want to walk as a child of the light  
*On following page*

*Houston*

### Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Gracious God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Let us dream together, pray together, work together to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen.

### The Blessing

The blessing of God,  
who creates life out of death,  
be with you today.

The blessing of God,  
who suffers with the sin of this world  
and blesses all humankind with grace,  
be with you always.

The blessing of God,  
who sanctifies our lives,  
be with you as you reveal  
the power of God's love to save.  
**Amen.**

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci-ty of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

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1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the  
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing  
 4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in

death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
 sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose  
 mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He  
 death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My

days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
 truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the  
 helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -  
 days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing

last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.  
 less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); alt. by John Wesley (1703-1791), alt.; based on Psalm 146. Music: *Old 113th*, melody from *Strassburger Kirchenamt*, 1525; harm. Vicar Earle Copes (b. 1921).

**The Dismissal**

*Response*

**Thanks be to God.**

*There is no postlude during Lent.*

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We welcome The Rev. Dr. Deborah Silver as our guest priest this week.

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## Ministry Schedule

	March 19 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	March 26 <sup>th</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday
Vestry on Duty	Hoods	Bob Longino
Lay Reader 8:30 am	Harriett Smith	Bob Longino
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Lynn Hood	Claudia Gimson
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Jessie Leyden	Alex Pierre
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Suzanne Johnson	Katie Pierre
Ushers / Greeters	Wayne Hood	Bob Longino
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy /	Claudia /
Flower Guild	<b>NO Flowers during Lent</b>	<b>NO Flowers during Lent</b>
Coffee Hour Host		

## Happy Birthday

**Bob Wolfson** March 19    **Justin Camara** March 23    **Sherri Crawford** March 24  
**Jackie O'Connell** March 24    **Brendan Daly** March 24    **Tom Gibbs** March 25

## Prayer Requests

**Parishioners:** **Tricia** and **Joseph Henry**; **Eileen Zimmer**; **Justin Camara**; **Bob Adams**; **Lindsey Reece**; **Priscilla Davis**; and **John Floyd**.

**Family:** **Brett Bradshaw**, goddaughter, **Hilary Foster**, niece of Claudia Gimson; **Paul Stein**, nephew of Harriett Smith; **Sam Gilgour**, brother of Katie Turner; **Jessica LeClaire**, sister of Sara Thornton; **Scott O'Connell**, brother of Mark; **Gray Cavender**, **Aaron Atkinson**, family of Bob Longino; **Bryan Wilson**, brother, 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; **Katy Greenawalt**, sister of Lee Morris; **Jack & Linda Mobley** and **Vincent Lafitte**, family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Clare Richardson**, sister-in-law of Penny France; **Tiffany 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:** **Cindy McClure**, (Ralph Paulk); **John** and **Brian Birchall** and **Alyssa Volpe**; **Abigail Ludwig** (Lindsey Reece); **Tony Rozen**, **Amanda Ippolito & Family**; **Rose Faison**, **Mary Jane Graff**, **Anne Henry**, **Tim Embry**, (Davis Family); **Jennifer Pern**; **Sherrel Howard**, (Mimi Gold); **Jacki Labat**; **Carolyn Long Banks**; **Angela Mattson**, (Lee Morris); **Cindy Hind**, (Fair Sutherland); **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); **Walter Buchanan**, **Pat Buffington**, (Rhea Hannah); and **Susan Glenz-Pierce**, (Suzanne Van de Mark).

We pray for all those who have died remembering especially, **Neal Hammill Sr**, grandfather of Justin Camara.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Sheila Woodard**; **Hanna Woodburn & Stehanie Elesser**; **Eileen Zimmer**; **Paul Zimmer & Gwen McAlpine**; and **Beth Zimmerman**.