

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church
The First Sunday after the Epiphany
January 7, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10 A.M.

Prelude

Epiphany Hymn Prelude on "Stuttgart" Eastern sages at his cradle

Charles W. Douglas

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect said by all

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

The First Lesson Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Afferte Domino

Psalm 29



Give the King your justice, O / God, and your righteousness to the King's / Son; That he may rule your people righteous- / ly and the poor with / justice;

That the mountains may bring prosperity to the / people, and the little hills bring righteous- / ness.

He shall defend the needy among the / people; he shall rescue the poor and crush the o- / ppressor.

He shall live as long as the sun and moon en- / dure, from one generation to a- / nother.

He shall come down like rain upon the mown / field, like showers that water the / earth.

In his time shall the righteous / flourish; there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no / more.

The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay / tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer / gifts.

All kings shall bow down before / him, and all the nations do him / service.

For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in dis- / tress, and the oppressed who has no / helper.

He shall have pity on the lowly and / poor; he shall preserve the lives of the / needy. He shall redeem their lives from oppression and / violence, and dear shall their blood be in his / sight. The Second Lesson Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

Sequence Hymn 117

Brightest and best of the stars of the morning

Morning Star



The Gospel Mark 1:4-11

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Reverend Bill Deneke

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 for Epiphany

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that sustains us from day to day. Enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to your service. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Help us to look with compassion upon the people of this world who live with injustice, terror, hunger, disease and death as constant companions. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

As your Son came to earth not to be served, but to serve, stir in us the desire to serve, to open hearts and hands to the stranger, the lonely, the broken in mind and spirit, and those who come to these shores from foreign lands. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Help us make our nation a reflection of your kingdom, a place of justice and peace, where all are welcomed and cared for, and where there are no outcasts. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially our parishioners Katharina McCawley; Gavin Wilson; Priscilla Davis; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen **Zimmer**; and **John Floyd**.

Celebrant continues:

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. **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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

'Three Kings From Persian Lands'

Gustav Holst Salvator Mundi Natus Est

In Bethlehem, that noble place, Of Virgin Mary, full of grace, Within a stable all forlorn, The Saviour of the World is born.

Be we merry in this feast, In quo Salvator natus est [in which the Savior Christ is born]. Three Kings from Persian lands afar, Following the distant star: And this the quest of travellers three, Where the new-born king may be.

The star shines out with steadfast ray,
The kings to Bethlehem make their way,
And there in worship they bend the knee,
Unto the child they'd come to see.

The star of mercy, the star of grace, Shall lead thy heart to its resting-place: Gold, incense, myrrh thou cannot bring So give thy heart unto the King.

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Hymn 119



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 in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Sanctus S.130

Franz Schubert



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 for ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

The Breaking of the Bread: 490 I want to walk as a child of the light Verse 3

Houston

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race,

we shall know the joy of Jesus

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

The communion of the respice An people are invited to receive communion

Communion Hymn 331 Now, my tongue, the mystery telling tell - ing 1 Now, my tongue, the mys tery of the glo - rious for scend-ing de 2 Given and con be born for us, to 3 That last night at ly - ing mid the twelve, his sup per 4 Word made flesh, the bread tak - eth, his word his he by *5 There - fore be fore him bend-ing, this great Sac - ra cell - ing, Bo dy and the Blood, all sing, price ex blend-ing 2 us be low, he with in con verse with the ply - ing, 3 cho sen band, Je - sus, Law com 4 Flesh his cred Blood he mak - eth, be; wine sa to 5 ment re vere; types and sha dows have their end - ing, King, which the Gen-tiles' Lord and earth once on а dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with 3 keeps the feast its rites de mand; then, more pre cious 4 though the sens - es fail faith the to see; a lone for the new - er rite faith, is here; our out - ward dwell - ing, ran - som - ing. 1 mong shed for this world's us end - ing pa drous tient life of woe. won his most 3 food sup ply - ing, gives him self with his own hand. wak - eth hcart hold the mys - ter - y. truc be to 5 sense be friend-ing, makes ward vi - sion clear. our in

Grafton

*6 Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son, honor, thanks, and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing who from both with both is One.

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Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

When the song of the angels is stilled, When the star in the sky is gone, When the king and princes are home, When the shepherds are back with their flocks,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,

To heal the broken,

To feed the hungry,

To release the prisoner,

To rebuild the nations,

To bring peace among others,

To make music in the heart. Amen.

The Blessing

Live without fear:

Your Creator has made you holy has always protected you, and loves you as a mother.

Go in peace to follow the good road.

And may God's blessing be with you always. Amei

Recessional Hymn 124

What star is this, with beams so bright

Perry



The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata Brevis Daniel E. Gawthrop

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Deborah Silver and the Rev. Bill Deneke as our guest priests this Sunday.

Ministry Schedule

	Jan 7 th 2024	Jan 14 th 2024
Vestry on Duty	Kate Gaul	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 8:30 am		Peg Maloney
Lay Reader: 10 am	Claudia Gimson	
Lay Reader: 10:45 am		
Lector 1 st Lesson	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	Rhea Hannah
Ushers / Greeters	Tom Barnett	Tom Barnett
Altar Guild	Claudia Gimson	Marshall Kress / Cathy Leake
Flower Guild	Kate Gaul	Donna Thomas
Coffee Hour		

Announcements

The Cover art is a painting of The Three Wisemen by Lena Dot Templeton, Tricia's mother.

Sunday, January 14th We will return to our regular schedule with the 8:30 Worship service, Sunday School at 9:30 and the 10:45 service.

Happy Birthday

Lori Westphal January 12 Cathy Raper January 13

Prayers

Parishioners: Katharina McCawley; Gavin Wilson; Pat Berman; Lee Morris; Mimi Doctor; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; Priscilla Davis; and John Floyd.

Family: Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Jenny Richard, Diego and Kaira Sanchez, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Rosanne Falcone, cousin of Deborah Reece; Kohen Blair, nephew of Emma Blair and Allen Blair and Kelsey Miles, his parents; Sergio Whyte, brother-in-law of Bessie Holland; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; 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; 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: Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers); Lazlo, Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Jhansi Ponniah, Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Kisasi and Shazi Ramses, Pete Libby, Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Karen Graham, (Toby & Cathy Raper); Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris, (St. Dunstan's New Pathways Family); Lars Olsson, Bruce Kenney, Michael Stratton, (Robertson Family); Madison Fucita & Family; K.C. Williams, Thomas Futch, Lisa Ridges, Bill Whitte, Tony Rozen, Amanda Ippolito & Family, Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry, (Priscilla Davis); Darrel Hartman, Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer, (Paul Zimmer); Ron Hand, John and Brian Birchall and Alyssa Volpe; Abigail Ludwig (Lindsey Reece); Jackie Quinn, Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin); and Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor).

We pray for those have died.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Donna & Ben Thomas, Sara Thornton,** and **Susie & Jon Throop.**