

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday in Lent  
February 25, 2024

The Holy Eucharist  
8:30 A.M. & 10:45 A.M.

**Prelude**

Prélude lent

Alphonse Achmitt

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt. Music: Leoni, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

# The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

Hear the commandments of God to God's people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit murder.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not steal.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not be a false witness.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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.**

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

O God of grace and glory, we remember before you this day our brother David. We thank you for giving him to us, his family and friends, to know and to love as a companion on our earthly pilgrimage. In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn. Give us faith to see in death the gate of eternal life, so that in quiet confidence we may continue our course on earth, until by your call, we are reunited with those who have gone before; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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

*Cantor*  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*All*  
Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

*Cantor* Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. *All* Ky - ri -  
e e - le - i - son.

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**The First Lesson**

**Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16**

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

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

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



Praise the Lord, / you that fear him;  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of / Jacob's line, give glory.

For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he / hide his face from them;  
but when they cry / to him he hears them.

My praise is of him in the / great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the presence of / those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the / Lord shall praise him:  
"May your / heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and / turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations / shall bow before him.

For kingship be- / longs to the Lord;  
he rules / over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow / down in worship;  
all who go down to the / dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;  
my descen- / dants shall serve him;  
they shall be known as / the Lord's for ever.

They shall come and make known to a / people yet unborn  
the saving / deeds that he has done.

### The Second Lesson

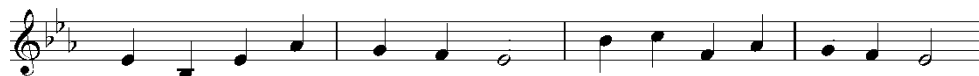
### Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**



1 Praise our great and gra - cious Lord, call up - on his ho - ly Name;  
2 God has given the cloud by day, given the mov - ing fire by night;



raisi - ng hymns in glad ac - cord, all his might - y acts pro - claim:  
guides his Is - rael on their way from the dark - ness in - to light.



how he leads his cho - sen un - to Ca - naan's prom - ised land,  
God it is who grants us sure re - treat and re - fuge nigh;



how the word we have heard firm and change - less still shall stand.  
light of dawn leads us on: 'tis the Day - spring from on high.

Words: Harriet Auber (1773-1862), alt. Music: *Maoz Zur*, Hebrew melody; adapt. and arr. Eric Werner (1901-1988).

### The Gospel

Matthew 6:25-34

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

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

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### 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.

For our brother David, let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ who said, "I am Resurrection and I am Life."

Lord, you consoled Martha and Mary in their distress; draw near to us who mourn for David, and dry the tears of those who weep.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You wept at the grave of Lazarus, your friend; comfort us in our sorrow.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You raised the dead to life; give to our brother eternal life.

**Hear us, Lord.**

You promised paradise to the thief who repented; bring our brother to the joys of heaven.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Our brother was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give him fellowship with all your saints.

**Hear us, Lord.**

He was nourished with your Body and Blood; grant him a place at the table in your heavenly kingdom.

**Hear us, Lord.**

Comfort us in our sorrows at the death of our brother; let our faith be our consolation, and eternal life our hope.

Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you our brother David, who was reborn by water and the Spirit in Holy Baptism. Grant that his death may recall to us your victory over death, and be an occasion to renew our trust in your love. Give us, we pray, the faith to follow where you have led the way; and where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

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

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

### **Announcements**

# The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester

L.J. White (1910)

Ellie Gaul, soloist

*O holy Jesus, most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly,  
and follow thee. A men.*

S Richard of Chichester (c.1197-1253)

## Offertory Hymn 484

Praise the Lord through every nation

Wachet auf



1 Praise the Lord through ev - cry na - tion; his ho - ly  
2 Je - sus, Lord, our Cap - tain glo - rious, o'er sin, and



arm hath wrought sal - va - tion; ex - alt him on his  
death, and hell vic - to - rious, wis - dom and might to



Fa - ther's throne. Praise your King, ye Chris - tian le -  
thee be - long; we con - fess, pro - claim, a - dore



gions, who now pre - pares in heaven - ly re -  
thee; we bow the knee, we fall be - fore



gions un - fail - ing man - sions for his own: with  
thee; thy love hence - forth shall be our song. The



voice and min - strel - sy ex - tol his ma - jes -  
cross mean - while we bear, the crown ere - long to



ty: Al - le - lu - ia! His praise shall sound all  
wear: Al - le - lu - ia! Thy reign ex - tend world



na - ture round, and hymns on ev - ery tongue a - bound.  
with - out end; let praise from all to thee a - scend.





## 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**

S.114

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

Healey Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - - na  
in the high - est. Bless'd is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

**Agnus Dei** S 164

Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert/Proulx

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887). Music: *Olivet*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

### 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

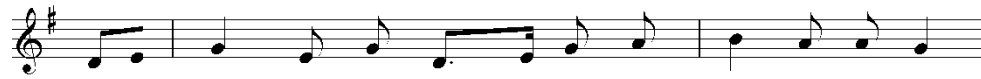
The blessing of God,  
 who creates life out of death,  
 be with you today.

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 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,



1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

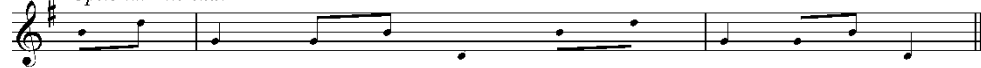


1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,



1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

*Optional Interlude*



Words: K. in John Rippon's *Selection*, 1787, alt. Music: *Foundation*, melody from *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. Calvin Hampton (1938-1984); alt. acc. Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929).

**The Dismissal**

*Response*

***Thanks be to God.***

*There is no postlude during Lent.*

**Ministry Schedule**

	<b>Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> 2024</b>	<b>March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024</b>
Vestry on Duty	Bob Longino	Andrea Patten Weerakoon
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Peg Maloney	Bruce Lafitte
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Bob Longino	Hanna Woodburn
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Andrea Patten Weerakoon
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Vivian Siggers	Suzanne Johnson
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Alex Pierre
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy / Ralph	Claudia / Cathy / Mary Jane
Coffee Hour Hosts		

## Happy Anniversary

**Katharina & Matthew McCawley** February 28 **Julia & John Koenig** February 29

## Happy Birthday

**Michele St. Peter** February 26

## Prayer Requests

**Parishioners: Nancy Dillon; Lisa Wilson; Heather Robertson; Pat Berman; Mimi Doctor; Suzanne Van de Mark; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and former parishioner, Lucy Davidson.**

**Family: Everett, son and Katy Greenawalt, sister of Lee Morris; Allison Rose, daughter, and Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Roswitha & Klaus Moos, grandparents of Katharina McCawley; Gregory Neal, grandson, William, son of former parishioner Billie Neal; Nancy Moore, family of Mary Jane Hannah; 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; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; 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; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.**

**Friends: Susan Gornall, (Daria & Bruce); Sam Roberson.(Lee Morris); Stan Sullivan, May Dalloul; Lazlo, Martha, Angela & sons, Bonnie Lutz, Walter Buchanan, Pat Buffington, (Rhea Hannah); Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers); Jhansi Ponniah, Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); 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); 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 who have died, remembering especially our parishioner, **David Abner**; and **Karen Graham**, friend of Cathy & Toby Raper.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially **Christine & Jim Bird; Emma Blair & Garrett Wilson; Jane & Greg Blount and Greer and Whit;** and **Charis Bowling.**



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