# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

## The Holy Eucharist

### STREAMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10;45 AM.

#### Prelude

Voluntary I in D major

William Boyce

Lux eoi



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Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: Lux eoi, Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900).

The Word of God

#### **Opening Acclamation**

CelebrantAlleluia! Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **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.* 

Gloria in excelsis

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Celebrant	The Lord be with you.	
People	And also with you.	
Celebrant	Together let us pray.	

#### **The Collect** said by all

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God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. Amen.

#### The First Lesson

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

#### Acts 8:26-40

**Robert Powell** 



My praise is of him in the great as- / sembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship / him.

The poor shall eat and be satis- / fied,

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 belongs 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 descendants shall serve / him; they shall be known as the Lord's for / ever.

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

#### The Second Lesson

#### 1 John 4:7-21

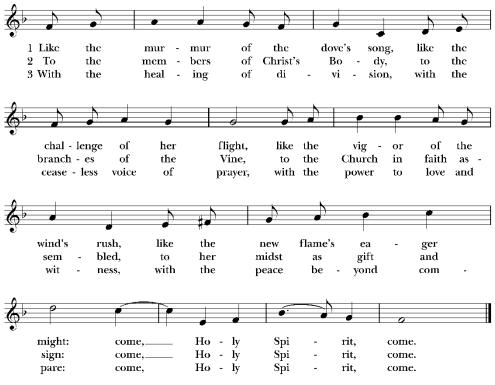
Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Like the murmur of the dove's song



Phrase 1 of each stanza may be sung by one group, with a contrasted group singing phrase 2, and all joining for the final phrase.

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John 15:1-8

#### The Gospel

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

## People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

PriestThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

### Sermon

### 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. The Rev. Patricia Templeton

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 III

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

## That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

## That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

## That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

## That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

## That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, remembering especially **Roberta Parker**, sister of Virginia Skinner. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; *May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.* 

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others including our parishioners, **Mimi Doctor; Virginia Skinner; Tim Wilson; Jessie Leyden; Lisa Wilson; Heather Robertson; Suzanne Van de Mark; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer;** and **Lucy Davidson**.

We give thanks for our parish community Nancy Knight & Keith Latimore; Cathy & Charlie Leake; Jessie & Tim Leyden and Roy & Max; and John & Cindy Lloyd.

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### 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

CelebrantThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd also with you.

#### Announcements

## The Holy Communion

**Offertory Anthem** 

"Bread of Heaven"

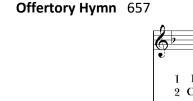
Peter Matthews

Hyfrydol

Bread of heaven, on thee we feed, for thou art our food indeed. Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living Bread. Day by day with strength supplied through the life of him who died.

Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies this blest cup of sacrifice. Lord thy wounds our healing give; to thy cross we look and live. Jesus may we ever be grafted, rooted, built on thee.

Josiah Conder, 1789-1855



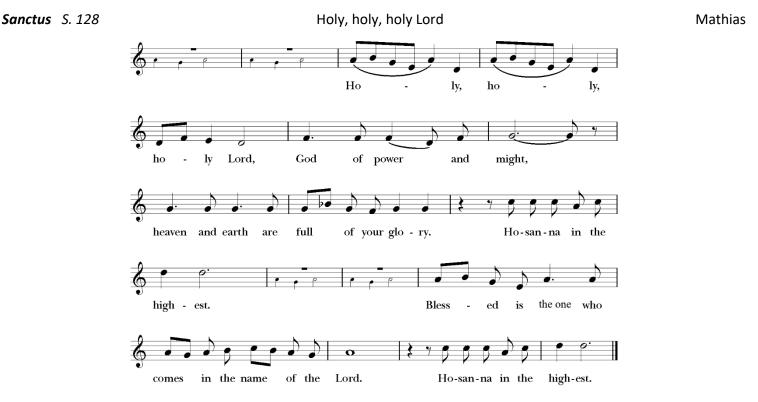


Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: Hy/rydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887).

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.CelebrantLet us give thanks to the Lord our God.PeopleIt is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

#### The Breaking of the Bread

#### Fraction Anthem S. 155

Christ our Passover



#### The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.



Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Middlebury*, melody from The *Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. Jack W. Burnam (b. 1946); alt. acc. Marilyn J. Keiser (b. 1941). Harmonization Copyright © 1984, Jack W. Burnam.

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

O God, you made us in your 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

#### **Easter Blessing**

The blessing of God who creates life, Be upon you as you celebrate life.

The blessing of God who restores life, Be upon you as you seek new life.

The blessing of God, who sanctifies life,Be upon you as you give life to others.Amen.





Words: Att. to John Fawcett (1739/40-1817). Music: Sicilian Mariners, Sicilian melody; first published The European Magazine and London Review, 1792, alt.

Dismissal Response Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

"Grand Jeu from 'La Hymne en La Mineur'

Josse-François-Joseph Benaut

## Ministry Schedule

	April 28th	May 5th
Vestry on Duty	Ralph Raulk	Marshall Kress
Lay Reader 8:30 am	Bruce Lafitte	Nancy Dillon
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Hanna Woodburn	Alex Pierre
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Shirley Morgan	John Morgan
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Sandra Dobbs	Kate Gaul
Ushers / Greeters	Ralph Paulk	Gwen McAlpine &
		Paul Zimmer
Altar Guild	Marshall / Cathy / Claudia	Ralph / Cathy / Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Michele Smither	Suzanne Van de Mark
Coffee Hour Hosts		

Happy Anniversary Mimi & Titu Doctor April 28 Donna & Ben Thomas May 2 Lucinda & John Kaltenbach May 3

> Happy Birthday Sandra Dobbs May 1

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Mimi Doctor; Virginia Skinner; Tom Wilson; Jessie Leyden; Lisa Wilson; Heather Robertson; Penny France; Suzanne Van de Mark; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

Family: John Maloney, father of Heather Robertson; Aggie Whyte, sister of Bessie Holland; Rosanne Falcone, cousin of Deborah Reece; 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, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea Patten-Weerakoon; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; 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; 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; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold; Deni Omundson & Gary Dorsey, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor.

Friends: Bob Grethel (Shirley & John Morgan); Elisabeth Young; May Dalloul; Walter Buchanan, (Rhea Hannah); Lori Becker, Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Hayden Spencer (Reece Family); Carol Davis (Sandra Dobbs);
Peter Heinz, Pat Madsen (Brenda Patten); Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers);
Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); Syukur Junus & Sharifah Idris, (St. Dunstan's New Pathways 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 Roberta Parker, sister of Virginia Skinner.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Nancy Knight & Keith Latimore; Cathy & Charlie Leake; Jessie & Tim Leyden and Roy & Max; and John & Cindy Lloyd.

## Announcements

Sunday School continues with a new adult series, What Makes You Come Alive, based on the writings of Howard Thurman, a godfather of the Civil Rights Movement and a spiritual advisor to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Sunday, May 19**, is important for two reasons. It is both Pentecost Sunday and St. Dunstan's Day. This year marks the 60th anniversary of the founding of our church, and we will celebrate that on this day. We'll have one service at 10, followed by a luncheon. More details will come, but please mark the date on your calendar now. You don't want to miss the celebration.

We need a head count for this special occasion, so a reservation sign up is in the Parish Hall. If you're unable to sign-up in person by **Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**, email Claudia at <u>office@stdunstan.net</u> and have her add you to the list.

## Fun Facts: Díd you know?

It's amazing how quickly time seems to pass these days. Looking back at the preparation of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration we shared fun facts about St. Dunstan so I'm going to include some bits of history going forward when space allows so we continue.

**Fact #3**: Retiring to Canterbury, Dunstan lived long days of devotion and work to improve the spiritual and temporal well-being of his people, build and restore churches, establish schools, judge suits, defend widows and orphans, and encourage European scholars who came to England. He died May 19, 988 and was formally canonized in 1079.

**Fact #4**: King Edgar died in 975, succeeded by his eldest son Edward, "the Martyr," who was killed in March 978. The coronation of Ethelred (the Unready) was the last state event in which Dunstan took part, as he and the new king could not work together.

**Fact #5:** Dunstan's statesmanship reached its peak when he officiated at the coronation of King Edgar, a service devised by Dunstan himself and which forms the basis of the present-day British coronation ceremony. Six kings in Britain, including the kings of Scotland and Strathclyde, pledged to be King Edgar's liege men "on sea and land."

## Vestry 2024 – 2025

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden; Kate Gaul; Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Paulk; Sarah Hancock; Marshall Kress; Jessica Peoples; Alexander Pierre

> The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate Cameron Carey, Director of Music Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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