# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



# The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:45

**Prelude** 

Andante con moto Op.52, No.4

Alexandre Guilmant



Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900). Music: Aurelia, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876).

# 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.* 





CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantTogether let us pray.

#### The Collect said by all

Scandalous God, you suffer our will to power, the narrowness of our faith: lead us on the path of loss where empires tremble and terror yields to wisdom's cry and the open hands of love; through Jesus Christ, the crucified Lord. Amen.

The First Lesson Proverbs 1:20-33

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Caeli enarrant Psalm 19

The Cantor sings the first half of each verse, and all respond with the second half.



The heavens declare the glory of / God,

and the firmament shows forth the / work of God's hands.

One day tells its tale to / another,

and one night imparts knowledge / to another.

Although they have no words or / language,

and their / voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all / lands,

and their message to / the ends of the world.

In the deep has God set a pavilion for the / sun;

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion / to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens

and runs about to the end of it / again;

nothing is hidden from / its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the / soul;

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to / the innocent.

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the / heart;

the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives / light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for / ever;

the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous / altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine / gold, sweeter far than honey, than / honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant / enlightened, and in keeping them there / is great reward.

Can people tell how often they / offend? cleanse me from / my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over / me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of / a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your / sight,

O Lord, my strength / and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Words: William Boyd Carpenter (1841-1918), alt. Music: St. Petersburg, Dimitri S. Bortniansky (1751-1825).

The Gospel Mark 8:27-38

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me.

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

#### 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 **Debby Oakley**, cousin of Priscilla Davis;

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, Rhea Hannah; John Floyd; Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

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

Silence

The Celebrant continues

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers that divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* 

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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** 

"Lord, Bless the Church"

Kevin, L.M. Arr. John G. Morgan

Lord, bless the Church, that she may be, built on a rock of faith in thee,
Join from all ages, place and clan, those who confess thee,
Son of Man, meet us where heart and conscience prod.
Thou friend of all and Christ of God!

Lord, bless the Church, whose form we are Body of Christ, outreaching far,
Arms of compassion arms of thine; lips that are human words divine.

Hearts tuned to hear the crying of need.

Hands to translate thy word to deed.

Lord, bless the churches built to be, steeples directing all to thee.

In woods or town, hush, din, conscience amid our sin.

Prophet to preach the truth in love, guidance to reach the church above.

Lord, bless the Church to every heart, holy of holies set apart.

Chapel of sacrament and song, presence conquers wrong.

Altar whose sacrifice meets goal. Lord, bless thy temple in our soul. Amen.



Words: Joseph Addison (1672-1719); para. of Psalm 19:1-6, Music: Creation, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809); adapt. Dulcimer, or New York Collection of Sacred Music, 1950, alt.

#### The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer C

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift 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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

#### Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

#### By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

#### Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

#### By his blood, he reconciled us.

#### By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord Proulx

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

## We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Sarah, and Hagar; Isaac and Rebecca; Jacob, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and

not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

#### Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

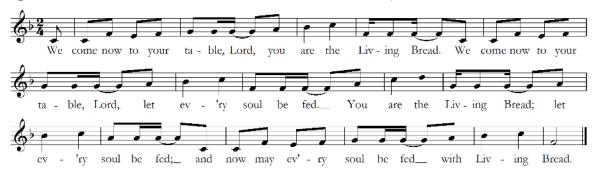
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

#### Caribbean Communion Hymn



The Celebrant continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God. (All are welcome to receive Communion.)

Communion Hymn LEVAS 136

I have decided to follow Jesus
On following page

Indian Folk Melody

#### **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.

#### **Blessing**

May God bless us with anger at injustice and oppression, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

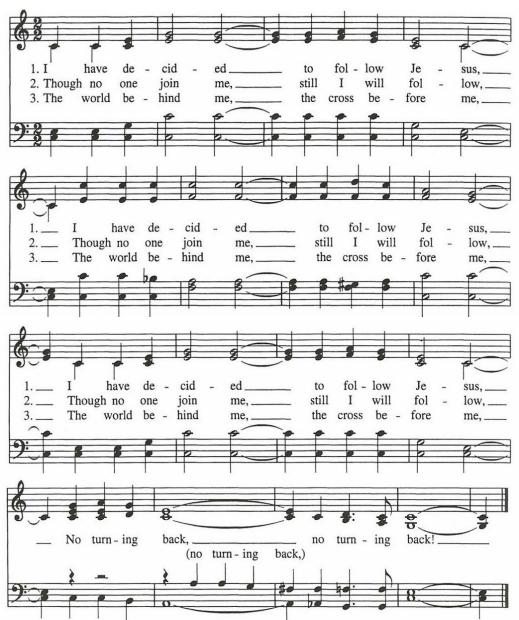
May God bless us with tears to shed

for those who suffer from pain and rejection, so that we may reach out

so that we may reach out

to comfort them and ease their pain.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen** 





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Response Thanks be to God!

Postlude Slow March F. Cunningham Woods

Happy Anniversary

Maggie & Tom Harney September 20

Happy Birthday

Tom Wilson September 18 Sheila Woodard September 19

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Rhea Hannah; John Floyd; Llewellyn Bell; Susie Throop; Mimi Gold; Katy Pierre; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

Family: Allison Rose, daughter, and Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; John Maloney, father of Heather Robertson; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Katy Greenawalt, sister, Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Roswitha & Klaus Moos, grandparents of Katharina McCawley; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin, Elizabeth Wong Mark; Dan Westphal, father of Lori; Diana Jacinto, daughter in-law, and Aaron Atkinson, family of Bob Longino; 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; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: Bob Armstrong; Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Beverly & Donald Shorter, (Bessie & Hollis Holland); John Ware, (Suzanne Van de Mark); Aaron D., Lauren Sullivan, (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Swan Family, (Kate Gaul); Anike Adesokan and her son, Ayo, (Gloria Nelson); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard, (Jeanne and Josh Taylor); Maria Foust, Clif Frierson, Walter Buchanan, (Rhea Hannah); Ellen Winsor, (Reece Family); Carol Davis (Sandra Dobbs); Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Carolyn Neely Holmes, (Vivian Siggers); Steve Murray, (Bob Longino); 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); Bob Laney (Bob Wolfson); Jennifer Pern; Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold); and Cindy Hind, (Fair Sutherlin).

We pray for all those who have died, remembering especially **Debby Oakley**, cousin of Priscilla Davis.

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# Ministry Schedule

	September 15	September 22
Vestry on Duty	Ralph Paulk	Marshall Kress
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Nancy Dillon	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Lynn Hood	Hanna Woodburn
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Bruce Lafitte	Katy Pierre
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Sandra Dobbs	Alex Pierre
Ushers / Greeters	Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Altar Guild	Ralph / Cathy / Mary Jane	Marshall / Cathy / Ralph
Flower Guild	Nancy Dillon	Cathleen Hackett
Coffee Hour Hosts		Sarah & Bill Hancock

# Announcements

#### **Coming up**

**September 15th** Alexander Pierre will introduce the Kickoff of our annual Stewardship Campaign for the coming year.

**September 22nd** for Sunday School at 9:30, representatives from the Atlanta office of the International Rescue Committee (IRC) will discuss the current situation with refugees and immigrants in the greater Atlanta area and how the IRC is responding. During the coffee hour, the discussion will continue with a focus on specific ways the people of St. Dunstan's can get more involved, including sponsoring a refugee family through the IRC. Everyone is welcome to both discussions.

September 29<sup>th</sup> we will have the Blessing of the Animals at both the 8:30 and 10:45 services.

#### Tuesday Yoga at St. Dunstan's led by Mary Beth van der Hoek

Come join this all level Yoga class (beginners are welcome), as we carve a peaceful, yet invigorating hour together stretching and learning about some basic yoga poses.

Remaining September Schedule

9/17 - 12 9/24 - 2:15

October Schedule

10/1 - 12 10/8 - 2:15

10/15 – 12 10/22 – NO CLASS

10/29 - 2:15

Come give it a try, the first class is free.

Payment for the month will be \$48.00, cash or check, OR Drop in rate, \$15.00 a class.

## **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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