

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2024

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on Facebook Live at 10:45AM.

Prelude

Prelude on *Rorate Coeli*

Arr. Pietro A. Yon

1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 2 Not, as of old, a lit - tle child, to
 3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and
 4 and let the end - less bliss be - gin, by
 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and

1 light tri - um - phant breaks; when beau - ty gilds the
 2 bear, and fight, and die, but crowned with glo - ry
 3 earth's dark night is past; O haste the ris - ing
 4 wear - y saints fore - told, when right shall tri - umph
 5 light and beau - ty brings: Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy

1 east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
 2 like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.
 3 of that morn, the day that e'er shall last;
 4 o - ver wrong, and truth shall be ex - tolled.
 5 peo - ple pray, come quick - ly, King of kings.

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed are you, holy and living God.
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Advent Wreath Hymn 56

O come, O come Emmanuel

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Verses 3 - 4

(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of night, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from

3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to

3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
 4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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.**

Song of Praise – People, look East

Peo - ple, look East, the time is near of the crown - ing of the
Stars, keep the watch, when night is dim one more light the bowl shall
An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to
year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is
ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Music: *Besançon Carol* Words: Eleanor Farjeon

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory." Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look toward the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

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



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Isra - / el;
 He has come to his people and set them / free.
 He has raised up for us a mighty / savior,
 born of the house of his servant / David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
 that he would save us from our ene - / mies,
 from the hands of all who hate / us.

He promised to show mercy to our / fathers
 and to remember his holy cove - / nant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abra - / ham,
 to set us free from the hands of our ene - / mies,
 Free to worship him without / fear,
 holy and righteous in his sight, all the days of our / life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most / High,
 for you will go before the Lord to prepare his / way,
 To give his people knowledge of sal - / vation
 by the forgiveness of their / sins.

In the tender compassion of our / God
 the dawn from on high shall break upon / us,
 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of / death,
 and to guide our feet into the way of / peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy / Spirit:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - / men.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.



Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.



Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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.

Advent Prayers of the People

God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our mind on things eternal.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, especially

Rhea Hannah; Cathy Leake; Donna Thomas; Susie Throop; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson. May they experience your healing presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially **Amanda Bonser**, friend of the Brown family; **Bob Armstrong**, friend of Cathy Leake, and **John Ballard**, friend of the Gimson Family.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for what matters. We give thanks especially for these members of our parish community **Fair Sutherland; Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Tricia Templeton and Joseph Henry Monti; and**

Donna & Ben Thomas.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God of the waiting, we pray for all those who are watching and waiting for your promised time of justice and peace for all people. Make us co-creators of your coming kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and 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

"Out of the Wintry Gloom"

Richard Shephard

*Out of the wintry gloom of night, out of the darkness of our days;
Our Sun appears, a wondrous sight, a morning of unbroken praise.
O come, our Dayspring, and our Cheer, the herald calls, and we obey.*

*Now lift us by your Advent here, the message comes, "Prepare a way."
Come now, O Prince of Glory, come! Come quickly, as dawn follows night;
And dwell with us, here make your home, so all the world may see your light.*

Hymn 75

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

Ascension



1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
2 O ——— Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
3 but the word of our God ——— en - du - reth, the ———



call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst ——— of



high - way, a high - way for our God! The
peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall



val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
flowers of the field they ——— per - ish, like
feed his ——— flock like a shep - herd, the



lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll



pla - ces where the Lord our ——— God ——— may go!
na - tions shall ——— pass like a dream ——— a - way;
lead them, and ——— bring them ——— safe to his fold.

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 you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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

Sanctus S.129

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Robert Powell

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.

The Breaking of the Bread: Fraction Anthem

Greenland

Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear; a - rise, thou Sun so
longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere! With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we
plead, O Lord, to see the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

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

Communion Hymn LEVAS 11 Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____

Pre - pare ye the way _____ of the Lord. _____

1. - 4. *Final ending* **Fine**

1. Make straight in the
2. Fill ev - 'ry
3. Go up to a
4. Say to all

D.S.

1. des - ert _____ a high - way for our God.
2. val - ley, _____ bring all moun - tains low.
3. moun - tain _____ and shout with a loud voice.
4. peo - ple, _____ here _____ is your God.

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Jesus, Lord of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We, who have so much to do, seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We, who are anxious over many things, look forward to your coming among us.

We, who are blessed in so many ways, long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We, whose hearts are heavy, seek the joy of your presence.

We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Advent Blessing

The blessing of God,
who has promised
to come into our lives,
be with you today.

The blessing of God,
whose love ransoms us
from all captivity,
be with you forever.

The blessing of God,
whose breath brings new beginnings,
send you forth into the world
to create a new day for the good of all.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn 76

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Winchester New

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Fughetta on "Nun komn, der Heiden Heiland" BWV 699

J.S. Bach

Ministry Schedule

	December 8 – Advent	December 15 – Advent 3
Vestry on Duty	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	Marshall Kress
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Bruce Lafitte	Bob Longino
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Hanna Woodburn	Lynn Hood
Lector 1 st Lesson	Andrea Patten-Weerakoon	Josh Taylor
Lector 2 nd Lesson	Eddie Belgard	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Ushers / Greeters	Ralph Paulk	Wayne Hood
Altar Guild	Marshall / Claudia / Ben	/ Marshall / Elizabeth
Flower Guild	Nancy Dillon	Nancy Dillon
Coffee Hour Hosts	Eddie Belgard	Deborah Reece / Mimi Gold

Happy Birthday

Cathy Leake December 13

Prayers

Parishioners: Rhea Hannah; Cathy Leake; Donna Thomas; Susie Throop; Sheila Woodard; Penny France; Eileen Zimmer; and Lucy Davidson.

Family: Daniel Holland, brother of Hollis Holland; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; John Maloney, father of Heather Robertson; 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; Tiffany 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: Neil, Emma, and Addison Bonser (Brown family); Gary Campbell; Kat Ballard (Gimson Family); Barry Mazor (Bob Wolfson); John & Kathy Williams; Anne Cronin; Maria Foust, Clif Frierson, Walter Buchanan, (Rhea Hannah); Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas, (Cathy Leake); Donald Shorter, (Bessie & Hollis Holland); John Ware, (Suzanne Van de Mark); 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); 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); Norma Clahar, Nancy Domer, (Paul Zimmer); Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard, (Mimi Gold).

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially Amanda Bonser, friend of the Brown family; Bob Armstrong, friend of Cathy Leake, and John Ballard, friend of the Gimson Family.

We give thanks for our parish community, especially Fair Sutherlin; Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Tricia Templeton and Joseph Henry Monti; and Donna & Ben Thomas.

Advent Symbols

Our Advent vestments were made by Lena Dot Templeton, Tricia's mother, who was a member of St. Dunstan's. They contain several symbols of Advent. The five-pointed star is intertwined with the Tau cross, both foretelling the coming and sacrifice of the Messiah. Mary and Joseph are symbolized by the rose and carpenter's square. The leather girdle and locusts are symbols for John the Baptist. And flames symbolizing the Holy Spirit swirl through the design.

Christmas Gratitude

If you would like to remember a special person and / or event with a Christmas flower and / or music contribution, special donation envelopes are available in the pews, or donations may be made through our online giving portal – just designate Christmas Gratitude in the memo line and email Claudia at office@stdunstan.net with the following information by **Wednesday, Dec. 18th** for inclusion in the Christmas Eve Bulletin.

Given by: _____

In Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving or other sentiment for: _____

Advent / Christmas Calendar

December 14th SATURDAY Mary & Marhta's Place - The Winter Solstice Celebration

Join us at 4:30 for a glass of hot cider, wine, or a shot of Bailey's Irish Cream! At 5:30 as the sun begins to set, we will gather for an hour of poetry, music, candlelight, and silence. This year's celebration will include light refreshments, cookie decorating, card making, and opportunities for contemplation before the service. Suggested donation: \$25 at the door.

December 15 3rd Sunday of Advent

Services 8:30 & 10:45, Sunday School 9:30

December 22 4th Sunday of Advent

One service Advent Lessons and Carols at 10:00 during which we will decorate our Christmas tree. Continuing the celebration, we will have a festive & delicious Coffee Hour brunch. Please bring your favorite side dish and sweet to share.

December 24 Christmas Eve

5 p.m. Eucharist with Festive Music

December 25 Christmas Day -No Service

December 29 First Sunday after Christmas

10 a.m. Christmas Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

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

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