# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



# The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 31, 2025

# The Holy Eucharist

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# The Word of God

#### **Opening Acclamation**

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

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

## **Collect for Purity** said by the Celebrant

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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\_\_ you.

the God who

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

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

Inviting God, laying open your table to the deviant and deranged, setting a place for the foreign and unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wonderful hands; through Jesus Christ, the One given for all. Amen.

The First Lesson Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

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

Psalm Exultate Deo

Psalm 81:1, 10-16



Sing with joy to / God our / strength \* and raise a loud shout / to the / God of / Jacob.

I am the Lord your God,

who brought you out of the land of / Egypt and / said, \* 'Open your mouth wide, / and I / will fill / it.'

And yet my people did not / hear my / voice, \* and Is-/rael would / not o-/bey me.

So I gave them over to the stubbornness / of their / hearts, \* to / follow / their own de-/vices.

Oh, that my people would / listen to / me! \* that / Israel would / walk in my / ways!

I should soon sub-/due their / enemies \* and turn my / hand a-/gainst their /foes.

Those who hate the Lord would / cringe be-/fore me, \* and their punishment / would last / for e-/ver.

But Israel would I feed with the / finest / wheat \* and satisfy them / with honey / from the / rock.

## The Second Lesson Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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

# At the Name of Jesus

V 1-4

#### Interlude between verses



The Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite

you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Sermon

#### The Reverend Patricia Templeton

#### The Creed

I believe in God, the Creator, the Almighty,
maker of a heaven and earth without borders or nations,
who created all people in the Divine image,
who led people from slavery to freedom
through exile and exodus,
the God of homelands lost and found,
the God of Temple and desert, of manna and sacrifice.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made human, joining us as strangers and exiles on the earth,
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,
who was born under occupation
and as an infant fled with his parents to Egypt for safety,
becoming aliens in a foreign land,
who suffered under the imperial power of Pontius Pilate,
was crucified by the state, died, and buried.
On the third day he rose again, opening for us the door to new life,
destroying the power of death.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who speaks all languages, lives in all countries, and reunites all races, who proceeds from the Creator and the Son, unity in diversity, three in one.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church,
a communion of saints across countries and centuries.
I look for the coming of the Kingdom of God,
where our passport is love,
our bodies are resurrected and healed,
where the image of God in all of us is honored,
and all nations, tribes, creeds, and people are reconciled in the place
where there is no mourning or sadness, no exile or despair,
where we will be no longer strangers or guests
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd. AMEN.

#### The Prayers of the People, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in God's Church.

We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, for all on our prayer list including. our parishioners **Keith Latimore**; **Llewellyn Bell**; **Marshall Kress**; **Bill Deneke**; **Vivian Siggers**; **Bob Longino**; **Sheila Woodard**; **Priscilla Davis**; **Cathy Leake**; and **Donna Thomas**.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially Bessie & Hollis Holland; Lynn & Wayne Hood; Suzanne Johnson; and Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially our former rector, **The Reverend Camille Hegg**.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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** 

Simple Gifts

Shaker tune/Pachelbel's Canon

**Offertory Hymn** 

Praise God...Alleluia
One verse

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise
God, all creatures here be – low: Al-le-lu-ia! Al- le
lu – ia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise
Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts! Praise the Spir- it, Ho-ly Spir – it!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**The Great Thanksgiving** (\*Alternative Eucharistic Prayer is from Enriching Our Worship)

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.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S. 128 Holy, holy Lord Mathias



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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.

Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary, Dunstan, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

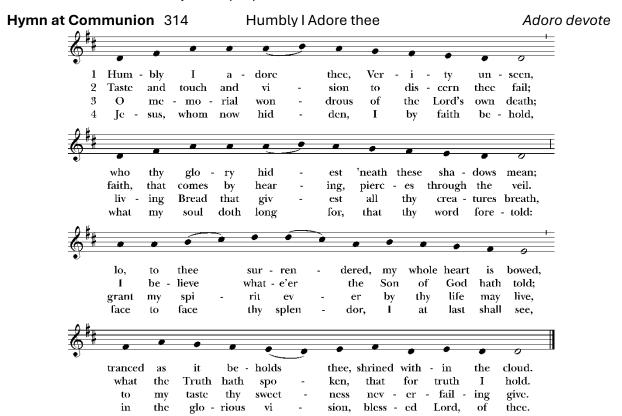
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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



# **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 struggles and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. Amen.

#### The 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 to comfort them and ease their pain.

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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#### Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude Sinfonia / Rondeau J. J. Mour

# The altar flowers are given in celebration of the marriage of Jessica Peoples and Diego Orzoco.

Happy Anniversary

Mike & Justin Camara September 3 Renee Kastanakis & Rick Bent September 3

Happy Birthday

Susan Hauser September 1

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Keith Latimore; Llewelyn Bell; Marshall Kress; Bill Deneke; Vivian Siggers; Bob Longino; Sheila Woodard; Priscilla Davis; Cathy Leake; and Donna Thomas.

Family: Antoinette Watts, sister of Marshall Kress; Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Chris Ekmark, cousin of Heather Robertson; Ranee G.; Betsy, Kate, Geoff & Alex, family of Brenda Patten and Andrea & Anil Weerakoon; Cody Young, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; Harry Kastanakis III, brother of Reneé; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Matthew Michaelides, son of Margaret Michaelides; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Roswitha & Klaus Moos, grandparents of Katharina McCawley; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Joyce Emmons, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; 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: Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Kelsey Clark; Patricia Woods; Anne Cronin; Walter Buchanan (Rhea Hannah); Marilyn Reynolds (Bessie Holland); Tony Rizzuto (Daria Jones); Dann Brown (Tricia Templeton); Carol Davis, Carolyn Timmons (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); Sara Corredor (Tiffany Wilson); Dobrik Family; Lynell Walker, Pat Park and Rik Rasmussen (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); Carol Fitzgerald, Sam Roberson (Lee Morris); Gay McNeely, John Ware (Suzanne Van de Mark); Lauren Courtney Robinson (Lindsey Reece); Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser (Brown family); Barry Mazor (Bob Wolfson); Kishell Muir (Barbara Hawker); Loretta Roberts, Benjamin Banas (Cathy Leake); Bill Cobb, Sandy Jusak, Michellene Tipton, Joshua Dowd, Debbie Bogard, James Bogard (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); Carolyn Neely Holmes (Vivian Siggers); Steve Murray (Bob Longino); Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry (Priscilla Davis); Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard (Mimi Gold).

We give thanks for our parish community **Bessie & Hollis Holland; Lynn & Wayne Hood; Suzanne Johnson**; and **Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte.** 

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially our former rector, Camille Hegg.

# Ministry Schedule

	August 31 <sup>st</sup>	September 7 <sup>th</sup>
Vestry on Duty	Ralph Paulk	Ralph Paulk
Lay Reader: 8:30	~	Bob Longino
Lay Reader: 10:00 / 10:45	Nancy Dillon	Eddie Belgard
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Billy Hancock	John Gimson
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Bob Longino	Tom Barnett
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Ralph Paulk
Altar Guild	Claudia / Ralph	Claudia / Elizabeth / Nancy
Flower Guild	Cathleen Hackett	Claudia Gimson

# "Angels Unawares"

The images on the cover are from this picture whish is a full-sized replica of the sculpture "Angels Unawares" by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz. "Angels Unawares" is a bronze life-size sculpture that depicts a group of migrants and refugees from different cultural and racial backgrounds and



from diverse historic periods. They stand together, shoulder to shoulder, huddled on a raft. Within this diverse crowd of people, angel wings emerge, suggesting the presence of the sacred among them. The work was inspired by a scripture verse from the Book of Hebrews: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for in doing so some have entertained angels unaware." The original sculpture, which resides at the Vatican in St. Peter's Square, was commissioned by Pope Francis and unveiled on World Day of Migrants and Refugees in September 2019. This replica was on display at our neighboring Holy Spirit Catholic Church in January 2021.

# Announcements

**Sunday, September 7th** We will return to our "Regular Schedule" with services at 8:30 and 10:45 and Sunday School at 9:30 in the Founders' Room.

#### The Hope that is in Us

"Always be ready to give an account of the hope that is in you." These words of scripture from 1 Peter have been on my mind lately. It is hard to look at our nation and the world and feel hope. But I can't think of a time when I've needed it more. Our new year of Sunday School will kick off with a series on hope. We'll talk about what hope and what it is not, where we can find it, and how we have felt it in our own lives.

One more photo shoot opportunity at both the early service and the late service.

**Potluck Picnic in the Beech Grove.** Join us after the 10:45 service to Break Bread Together and celebrate our return with an old-fashioned Fried Chicken lunch. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.

#### Vestry 2025 - 2026

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

### The Reverend Patricia Templeton, Rector

The Reverend Maggie Harney, Priest Associate
The Reverend Colin Brown, Priest Associate
Paul Campbell, Music Director
Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator
Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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