St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025

The Holy Eucharist

Streaming on FaceBook Live at 10:45

Prelude "Prayer" F Petters

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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.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together let us pray.

The Collect said by all

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for everr. Amen.

The First Lesson Exodus 32:7-14

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever." And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51: 1-11

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm Miserere mei, Deus



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your / loving-/-kindness; * in your great compassion / blot out / my of-/-fenses.

Wash me through and through from my / wicked-/-ness * and / cleanse me / from my / sin.

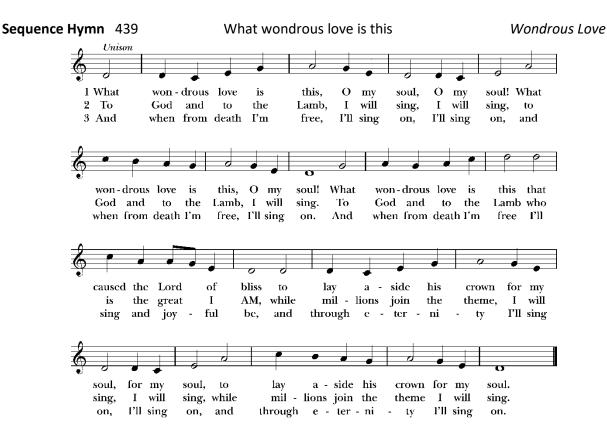
For I know my / transgres-/-sions, * and my / sin is / ever be-/-fore me.

- Against you only / have I / sinned * and done what is / evil / in your / sight.
- And so you are justified / when you / speak * and / upright / in your / judgment.
- Indeed, I have been wicked / from my / birth, * ä / sinner from / my mother's / womb.
- For behold, you look for truth / deep with-/-in me, * and will make me / understand / wisdom / secretly.
- Purge me from my sin, and I / shall be / pure; * wash me, and I / shall be / clean in-/-deed.
- Make me hear of / joy and / gladness, * that the body / you have / broken may re-/-joice.
- Hide your face / from my / sins * and / blot out / all my i-/-niquities.
- Create in me a clean heart, / Ö / God, * and renew a / right spirit / within / me.

The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 1:12-17

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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



The Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, `Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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

O God, for your peace, for your loving-kindness to us, and to all your creation, we thank and praise you.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For an end to war and a truer understanding among the peoples of the earth, we pray to you, O God.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Inspire, O God, all your faithful people to see your presence in each other and in all people, and to put an end to all quarrels and discords in your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Guide all those who are responsible for the government of this and other nations, that they may seek your justice and peace for all people.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Strengthen and support with your Holy Spirit, we pray, all those who seek to build bridges between people and those who look for ways to mend the fabric of society.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who suffer oppression, that you will protect, comfort, and sustain them with your abundant love, and that the hearts and minds of their oppressors may be opened to repentance and change.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Comfort those who grieve; shield the courageous; encourage the timid; show those who wander in the wilderness the path to clarity of mind.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing and grace upon this parish, that we may better serve your Church and this city, spread your Gospel, and nurture the healthy growth of this worshipping community.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on our prayer list, including our parishioners, **Keith Latimore**; **Marshall Kress**; **Bill Deneke**; **Bob Longino**; **Sheila Woodard**; **Priscilla Davis**; **Cathy Leake**; and **Donna Thomas**.

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially **Antoinette Watts**, sister of Marshall Kress.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Bob Longino**; **Elise MacIntyre**; **Lynn MacEwen**; **and Peg Maloney**.

The Celebrant continues

O Lord, awaken the consciousness of all peoples and their leaders; raise up men and women full of love and generosity who can speak and act for peace, and show us new ways in which hatred can be left behind, wounds can be healed, and unity restored. 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

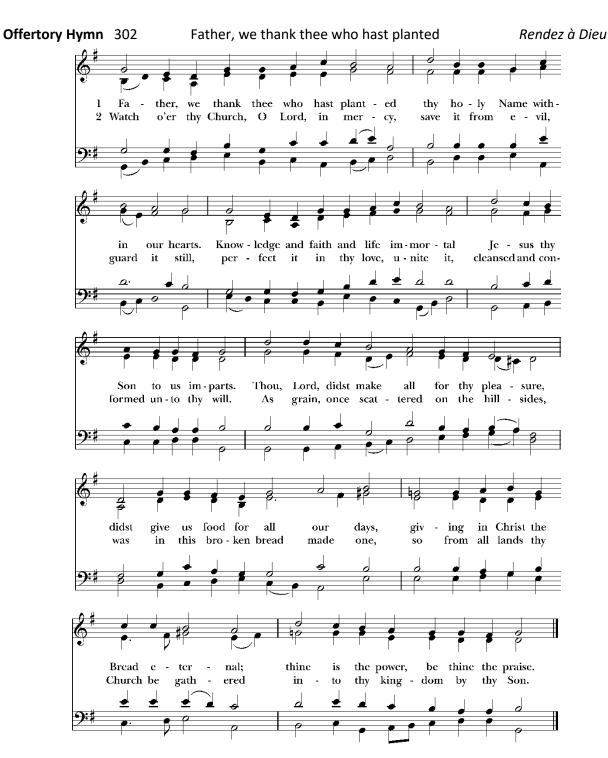
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements



Organ Offertory Toccata J Pachelbel



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The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

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 S.128 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Mathias

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.

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.)

Prayer after Communion Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world, and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ, born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world like a mother over her children, be among you and be with you this day and always.

Recessional Hymn 410 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven Lauda anima Unison or harmony 1 Praise, my soul, the King of his feet thy tri - bute bring; hea ven; 2 Praise him for his grace and fa vor his peo-ple in dis - tress; Fa - ther - like he tends and spares fee-ble frame he us: well our knows: An - gels, help us a - dore him; ye be - holdhim face to ran-somed, healed, re-stored, for - giv-en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: praise him still the same as chide, and swift to bless: ev - er. slow to in hand he gen - tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes. moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space. Al-le - lu-ia, al - le lu - ia! Praise the ev - er last - ing King. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le Glo - rious his faith-ful ness. Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia! Wide - ly al - le vet his mer - cy flows. Al - le - lu - ia, lu - ia! Praise with al - le us the God of grace.

Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God!

Postlude Star of the Morning F Petters

The altar flowers are given in celebration of the birthdays of Kimberly Gimson Ader and Delores Waye.

Ministry Schedule

	September 14th	September 21st
Vestry on Duty	Andrea Patten Weerakoon	Marshall Kress
Lay Reader: 8:30	Harriett Smith	Zoe McMichael
Lay Reader: 10:45	Bill Reece	Susie Throop
Lector 1st Lesson	Shirley Morgan	John Morgan
Lector 2nd Lesson	Karen Dessables	Suzanne Johnson
Ushers / Greeters	Gwen McAlpine / Paul Zimmer	Alexander Pierre
Altar Guild	Claudia / Fina / Mary Jane	Marshall / / Elizabeth
Flower Guild	Claudia Gimson	Nancy Dillon

Happy Anniversary

Beth & Alan Zimmerman September 19 Maggie & Tom Harney September 20

Prayer Requests

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

Family: Joetta, Joyce Emmons, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; 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; 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).

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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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