

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Last Sunday after Pentecost Christ the King

November 23, 2025

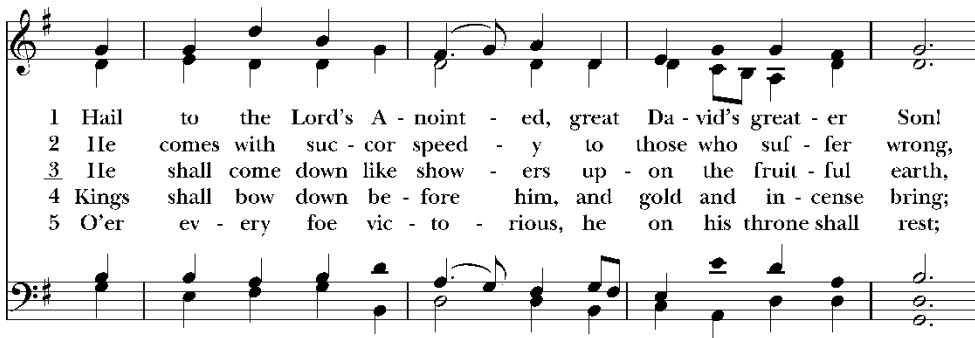
The Holy Eucharist

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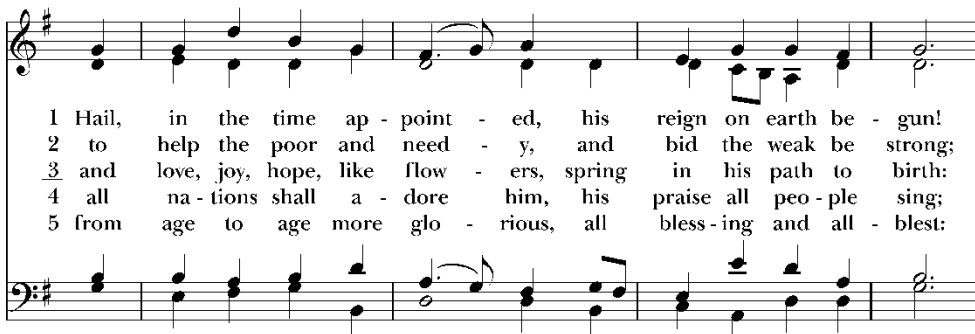
Prelude

Andante Largo

John Stanley



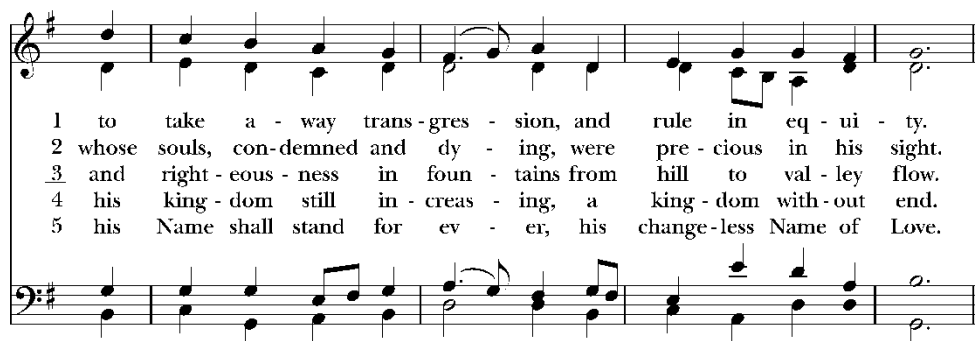
1 Hail to the Lord's A - noint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
 2 He comes with suc - cor speed - y to those who suf - fer wrong;
 3 He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful earth,
 4 Kings shall bow down be - fore him, and gold and in - cense bring;
 5 O'er ev - ery foe vic - to - rious, he on his throne shall rest;



1 Hail, in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!
 2 to help the poor and need - y, and bid the weak be strong;
 3 and love, joy, hope, like flow - ers, spring in his path to birth;
 4 all na - tions shall a - dore him, his praise all peo - ple sing;
 5 from age to age more glo - rious, all bless - ing and all - blest:



1 He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive free;
 2 to give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to light,
 3 be - fore him on the moun - tains shall peace, the her - ald, go;
 4 to him shall prayer un - ceas - ing and dai - ly vows a - scend;
 5 the tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re - move;



1 to take a - way trans - gres - sion, and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 2 whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing, were pre - cious in his sight.
 3 and right - eous - ness in foun - tains from hill to val - ley flow.
 4 his king - dom still in - creas - ing, a king - dom with - out end.
 5 his Name shall stand for ev - er, his change - less Name of Love.

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.***

Song of Praise

Let all creation praise the Lord

1. Let all cre-a-tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring-ing. Sun,
2. All liv-ing things up-on the earth, green fer-tile hills and moun-tains, sing
3. O men and wo-men ev-'ry-where, lift up a hymn of glo-ry; let
moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an-gels' sing-ing. Sing,
to the God who gave you birth; be joy-ful, springs and foun-tains. Lithe
all who know God's stead-fast care tell our sal-va-tion's sto-ry. No
wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu-sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex-
wa-ter life, bright air-borne birds, wild rov-ing beasts, tame flocks and herds: ex-
tongue be si-lent; sing your part, you hum-ble souls and meek of heart: ex-
alt the God who made you.
alt the God who made you.
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Music: *Allein Gott in der Höh*, attr. Nikolaus Decius (1490?–1541)

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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*

God of unbroken weakness, you laugh at our love of power, may we find kingship in the love that is killed for speaking its name without even the shadow of force; through Jesus Christ, King of Fools. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you

who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm *Deus noster refugium*

Psalm 46



God is our refuge and / strength,
a very present help in / trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be / moved,
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the / sea;

Though its waters rage and / foam,
and though the mountains tremble at its / tumult.

The Lord of hosts is / with us;
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of / God,
the holy habitation of the Most / High.

God is in the midst of the city;
it shall not be over- / thrown;
God shall help it at the break of / day.

The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are / shaken;
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt a- / way.

The Lord of hosts is / with us;
the God of Jacob is our / stronghold.

Come now and look upon the works of the / Lord,
what awesome things God has done on / earth.

It is the Lord who makes war to cease in all the / world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with / fire.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Sequence Hymn 598

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Mit Freuden zart

On following page

The Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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



1 Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth, up - on a cross they
 2 O awe - ful Love, which found no room in life where sin de -
 3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, shall we a - gain re -
 4 O wound-ed hands of Je - sus, build in us thy new cre -



bound thee, and mocked thy sav - ing king - ship then
 nied thee, and, doomed to death, must bring to doom
 fuse thee, till in the night of hate and war
 a - tion; our pride is dust, our vaunt is stilled,



by thorns with which they crowned thee: and still our wrongs
 the powers which cru - ci - fied thee, till not a stone
 we per - ish as we lose thee? From old un - faith
 we wait thy rev - e - la - tion: O love that tri -



may weave thee now new thorns to pierce that
 was left on stone, and all those na - tions'
 our souls re - lease to seek the king - dom
 umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round thee.
 pride, o'er-thrown, went down to dust be - side thee!
 of thy peace, by which a - lone we choose thee.
 fore thy cross, to fi - nish thy sal - va - tion.

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, **Lucy Kaltenbach; Holly Swing; Suzanne Johnson; Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Penny France; Bob Longino; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.**

We pray for those who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Rick Bent & Renee Kastanakis; Misty Bentz & James Tran; Debbie Beverly; and Christine & Jim Bird.**

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

"Where is this Stupendous Stranger"

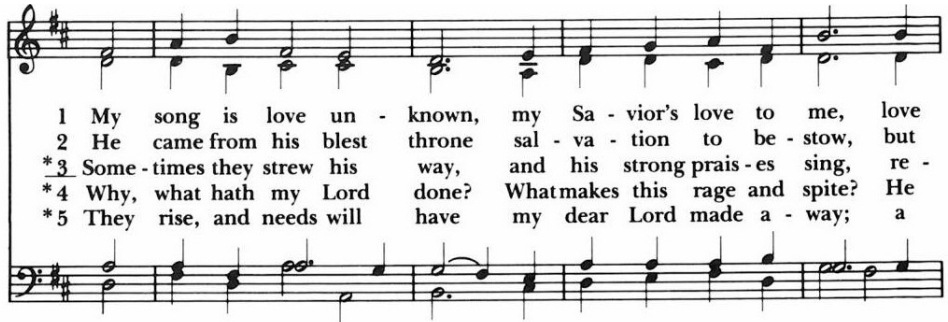
Tom Gibbs

Offertory Hymn 458

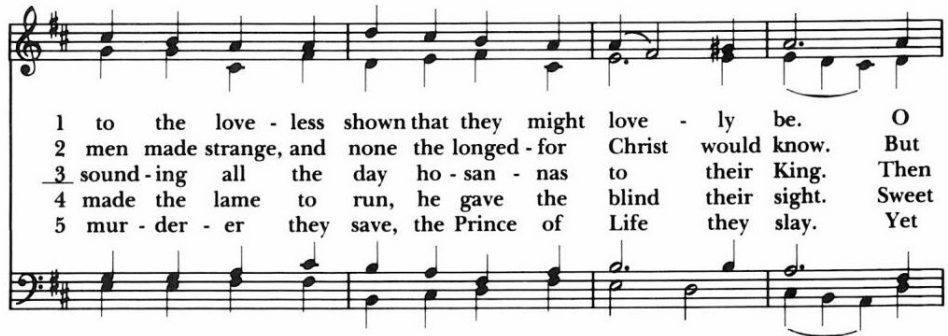
My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

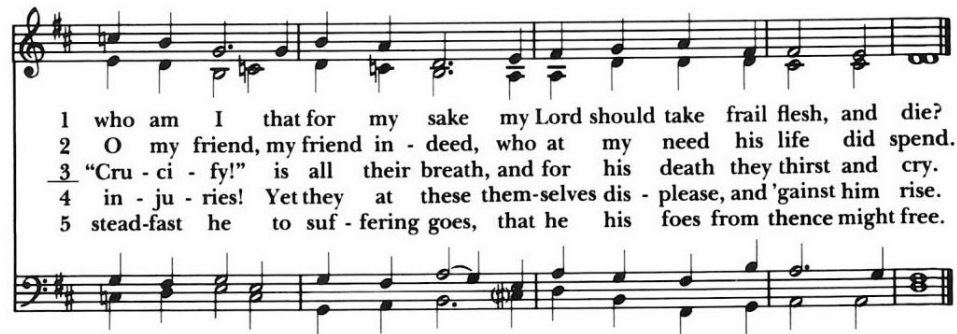
Verses 1-2, 7



1 My song is love un - known, my Sa - vior's love to me, love
 2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be - stow, but
 *3 Some - times they strew his way, and his strong prais - es sing, re -
 *4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite? He
 *5 They rise, and needs will have my dear Lord made a - way; a



1 to the love - less shown that they might love - ly be. O
 2 men made strange, and none the longed - for Christ would know. But
 3 sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King. Then
 4 made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight. Sweet
 5 mur - der - er they save, the Prince of Life they slay. Yet



1 who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 2 O my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his life did spend.
 3 "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they thirst and cry.
 4 in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.
 5 stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

*6 In life no house, no home
 my Lord on earth might have;
 in death no friendly tomb
 but what a stranger gave.
 What may I say?
 Heaven was his home;
 but mine the tomb
 wherein he lay.

7 Here might I stay and sing,
 no story so divine:
 never was love, dear King,
 never was grief like thine.
 This is my friend,
 in whose sweet praise
 I all my days
 could gladly spend.

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 S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Franz Peter Schubert / Proulx

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."

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.

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

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread (Mass for St. Dunstan's) Thomas Gibbs
Antiphon: Cantor, then All

Cantor: And at last may we come to your heavenly table where we will join with saints and angels at the feast you have prepared from the beginning.

The Celebrant continues

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1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

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.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793).

Dismissal

Response: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Partita on Duke Street – Finale

Charles Callahan

We welcome Julie Bunn back as our guest musician today.

The altar flowers are given in memory of my parents,
Lena Dot & Bob Templeton

Ministry Schedule

	November 23rd	November 30 th First Sunday in Advent
Vestry on Duty	Susie Throop	Jessica Peoples
Lay Reader: 8:30	Harriett Smith	Nancy Dillon
Lay Reader: 10:45	Lynn Hood	Claudia Gimson
Lector 1st Lesson	Rhea Hannah	Marshall Kress
Lector 2nd Lesson	Katy Pierre	Elizabeth Wong Mark
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer
Altar Guild	Nancy / Elizabeth / Mary Jane	Claudia / Elizabeth / Mary Jane
Flower Guild	Cathleen Hackett	No Flowers during Advent

Announcements

Solidarity Sandy Springs food pantry. We continue to support Solidarity Sandy Springs. Please bring your food contribution to the narthex and we will get it to them. You can also make a financial donation at their website www.solidaritysandysprings.org.

Advent Wreaths: Sunday November 30th is the first Sunday of Advent and during coffee hour we will have materials for making an advent wreath arrangement. We will have “space” for the first dozen interested. Please reserve your space with Claudia at office@stdunstan.net.

Happy Anniversary

Holly Swing & Robear Stumpe November 24

Happy Birthday

Roy Leyden November 23 **Colin Brown** November 24

John Morgan November 26 **Deborah Gimson** November 27

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Holly Swing; Lucy Kaltenbach; Suzanne Johnson; Brenda Patten; Vivian Siggers; Penny France: Bob Longino; Priscilla Davis; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

Family: Pamela V. Bowers, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; Tim Leyden, father / father-in law of Tim & Jessie Leyden; Kathy Benedict, family of Andrea, Anil and Brenda; Preston Wilson, brother of Mary Jane Hannah; Roswitha Moos, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; Carson Morris, daughter; Mary Morris, sister-in-law of Lee Morris; Tiffiny Lucas, niece, of Vivian Siggers; Michele Goswick, niece of Sandra & Joe Dobbs; Laura Shain; niece; Elizabeth Rhodes, cousin of Marshall Kress; Adam Swartz, brother-in-law of Gwen McAlpine; Joyce Emmons, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; Chris Ekmark, cousin of Heather Robertson; Cody Young, nephew, Deborah & Bill Reece; Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley family of Daria and Bruce Lafitte; Charlie Bunn, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; Aggie Whyte, Priscilla Williams, sisters of Bessie Holland; Oakley Family, cousins of Priscilla Davis; Mary Jane Hobbs, sister of Sara Thomas; Deni Omundson, Sydney Cortez & Family, relatives of Jeanne & Josh Taylor; Karen, sister of Steve Hauser; Jessica LeClaire, sister of Sara Thornton; Clare Richardson, sister-in-law of Penny France; Deborah Ellis-Williams, mother of Jackie O'Connell; Jeannette Davis, sister-in-law of Priscilla Davis; Barbara Martello, niece of Mimi Gold.

Friends: The Cline Family (Claudia Gimson); Joe James; Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Patricia Woods; 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); 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 Rick Bent & Reneé Kastanakis; Misty Bentz & James Tran; Debbie Beverly; and Christine & Jim Bird.

We pray for those who have died.

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
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