

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 8, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING ON FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:45 A.M.

Prelude

“Allegretto” from *Sonata no. 4*

Felix Mendelssohn  
(1809-1847)

1 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name  
 2 Form - less, all love - ly forms de -clare his love - li - ness;  
 3 His Spi - rit flow - eth free, high surg - ing where it will:  
 4 E - ter - nal life hath he im - plant - ed in the soul;

who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.  
 ho - ly, no ho - li - ness of earth can his ex - press.  
 in pro - phet's word he spoke of old; he speak - eth still.  
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a - ges roll.

The one e - ter - nal God ere aught that now ap - pears:  
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre - a - tion speaks his praise,  
 Es - tab - lished is his law, and change - less it shall stand,  
 Praise to the liv - ing God! All prais - ed be his Name

the first, the last, be - yond all thought his time - less years!  
 and ev - ery - where a - bove, be - low, his will o - beys.  
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, on sea, on land.  
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

# 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.**

## The Song of Praise – S280

*Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell (1932 – 2025)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Celebrant* Together, let us pray.

**The Collect** *said by all*

Israel's jealous God, giver of love's law, in whom there is no blandness, no dullness of oppression; liberate us from all that numbs compassion to find in your commands light undimmed and flavor unrestrained; through Jesus Christ, fulfiller of the law. Amen.

**The First Lesson**

**Isaiah 58:1-9a**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?

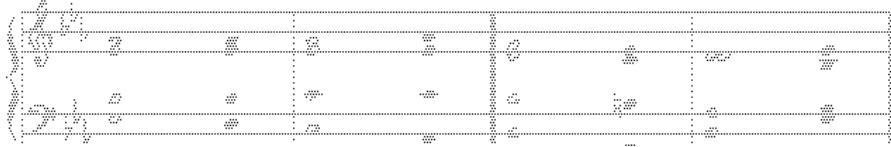
Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm** *Beatus vir*

**Psalm 112:1-9**



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Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the / Lord \*  
and have great delight in his com - / mandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the / land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be / blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their / house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for - / ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the / upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of com - /passion.

It is good for them to be generous in / lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with / justice.

For they will never be / shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting re - /membrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil / rumors; \* their heart is right;  
they put their trust in the / Lord.

Their heart is established and will not / shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their / enemies.

They have given freely to the / poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with / honor.

## The Second Lesson

## 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"—these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**



*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

*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.

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,  
showing us how to bring about God's kingdom here and now,  
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,  
where we will not be strangers or guests  
but lambs gathered safely home in the arms of the Good Shepherd.      AMEN

### **The Prayers of the People**

Gracious God, we thank you for the love that sustains us from day to day. Enable us to show our thankfulness by lives that are wholly given to your service.

Lord, in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Help us to look with compassion upon those who live with injustice, terror, hunger, disease, and death as their constant companions.

Lord, in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

As your son came to earth not to be served, but to serve, stir in us the desire to serve, to open hearts and hands to the stranger, the lonely, the broken in mind and spirit, and those who come to these shores from foreign lands.

Lord, in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Help us make our nation a reflection of your kingdom, a place of justice and peace, where all are welcomed and cared for, and where there are no outcasts.

Lord, in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, remembering especially those on our prayer list including **Priscilla Davis; Brenda Patten; Penny France; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.**

Lord, in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

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

Lord, in your mercy.

***Hear our prayer.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life and our parish community, especially **Shirley & John Morgan; Marilyn Morgan & Lee Morris; Gloria Nelson; and Jackie & Mark and Reese O'Connell.**

*Celebrant*

O God, the creator of all, whose son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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**

Offertory

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?*

*Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?*

*Shall I give God my first-born, for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*God has shown you, o child. God has shown you what is good.*

*And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,  
    and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Micah 6: 6-8**

## Offertory Hymn 329

## Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

## Pange Lingua



1 Now, my tongue, the mystery tell - ing of the glo - rious  
 2 Given for us, and con - de - scend - ing to be born for  
 3 That last night at sup - per ly - ing mid the twelve, his  
 4 Word made flesh, the bread he tak - eth, by his word his  
 \*5 There - fore we, be - fore him bend - ing, this great Sac - ra -  
 \*6 Glo - ry let us give and bless - ing to the Fa - ther



1 Bo - dy sing, and the Blood, all price ex - cell - ing,  
 2 us be - low, he with us in con - verse blend - ing  
 3 cho - sen band, Je - sus, with the Law com - ply - ing,  
 4 Flesh to be; wine his sa - cred Blood he mak - eth,  
 5 ment re - vere; types and sha - dows have their end - ing,  
 6 and the Son, hon - or, thanks, and praise ad - dress - ing,



1 which the Gen - tiles' Lord and King, once on earth a -  
 2 dwelt, the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with  
 3 keeps the feast its rites de - mand; then, more pre - cious  
 4 though the sens - es fail to see; faith a - lone the  
 5 for the new - er rite is here; faith, our out - ward  
 6 while e - ter - nal a - ges run; ev - er too his



1 mong us dwell - ing, shed for this world's ran - som - ing.  
 2 won - drous end - ing his most pa - tient life of woe.  
 3 food sup - ply - ing, gives him - self with his own hand.  
 4 true heart wak - eth to be - hold the mys - ter - y.  
 5 sense be - friend - ing, makes our in - ward vi - sion clear.  
 6 love con - fess - ing who from both with both is One.

## 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 in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.

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

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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.

### **Fraction Anthem**

**The Breaking of the Bread:** 490 I want to walk as a child of the light

*Houston*

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ.	In him there is no darkness at all.
I want to be with Jesus.	The night and the day are both alike.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.	The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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

**Communion Anthem** Arise, Shine, For Thy Light Has Come Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Arise, shine, for thy Light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.*

*Alleluia! Oh praise the Lord, all ye nations, and laud Him, all ye people!*

*For God's merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever.*

*Alleluia!*

### **Prayer after Communion** *Celebrant and People*

O God, you made us in your image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that in your good time, all nations, races, and creeds may serve you in harmony. Amen.

## **The Blessing**

May God bless us with discomfort  
at easy answers, half truths, and superficial  
relationships, so that we may live deep  
within our hearts.

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 anger  
at injustice and oppression,  
so that we may work  
for justice, freedom, and peace.

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

**AMEN.**

**Recessional Hymn** 346

Completed, Lord, the Holy Mysteries  
*On following page*

*Song 4*

## **The Dismissal**

*Response*

***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

Toccata in g minor

Gabriel Pierné (1863-1937)

*Unison or harmony*

1 Com - plet - ed, Lord, the Ho - ly Mys - ter - - ies,  
 2 Here we have tast - ed in - fi - - nite de - - lights,  
 3 Through God's good grace these Mys - ter - - ies are ours,

as far as lies with - in our mor - tal power!  
 be - held a - far that life which soon shall be;  
 or - dained by thee, the ev - er - last - ing Son;

Thy death re - mem - bered, feed - ing thus on thee,  
 oh, count us wor - thy, Christ, thy joys to share  
 blest by the Spi - rit, breath and flame of life,

we here have know the re - sur - - rec - - tion hour.  
 for ev - er in e - ter - - ni - - ty with thee.  
 to whom be praise while end - less a - ges run.

Words: Liturgy of St. Basil; tr. Cyril E. Pocknee (1906-1980)  
 Music: *Song 4*, Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625), alt.

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# Happy Birthday

**Mim Gold** February 9 **Fina Hernandez** February 14

## Prayer Requests

**Parishioners:** **Priscilla Davis; Brenda Patten; Penny France; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.**

**Family:** **Kristen Macys, Kathy Benedict**, family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten; **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark; **Bryan Wilson**, brother of Mary Jane Hannah; **Terra Garrett**, cousin of Cathleen Hackett; **Jane Schneiderwind**, sister of Mimi Gold; **Cody Young**, cousin of the Reece Family; **Tim Leyden**, father / father-in law of Tim & Jessie Leyden; **Roswitha Moos**, grandmother of Katharina McCawley; **Tiffany Lucas**, niece, of Vivian Siggers; **Joyce Emmons**, cousin of Elizabeth Wong Mark; **Chris Ekmark**, cousin of Heather Robertson; **Carra & Vincent Lafitte, Larry & Sharon Mobley, Jack & Linda Mobley** family of Daria Jones & 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; **Barbara Martello**, niece of Mimi Gold.

**Friends:** **Kelsey Clark; Miriam & Santana Herrera; Cary Ralls & Mark Sillay; Patricia Woods; Walter Buchanan** (Rhea Hannah); **Able Mable Thomas, Bill Goodhew** (Lee Morris); **Bob Adams** (Mary Jane Hannah); **Marilyn Reynolds** (Bessie Holland); **Tony Rizzuto** (Daria Jones); **Carol Davis, Carolyn Timmons** (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); **Sara Corredor** (Tiffany Wilson); **Rik Rasmussen** (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Gay McNeely, John Ware** (Suzanne Van de Mark); **Lauren Courtney Robinson** (Lindsey Reece); **Neil, Emma, Addison Bonser** (Brown family); **Barry Mazor** (Bob Wolfson); **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); **Jennifer Pern, Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold); **Madison Fucita & Family; Rose Faison, Mary Jane Graff, Anne Henry, Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis).

We give thanks for our parish especially **Shirley & John Morgan; Marilyn Morgan & Lee Morris; Gloria Nelson; and Jackie & Mark and Reese O'Connell.**

We pray for those who have died.

# Ministry Schedule

	February 8th	February 15th
Vestry on Duty	Jessica Peoples	Marshall Kress
Lay Reader 8:30	Bob Longino	No Service
Lay Reader: 10:45	Claudia Gimson	Alexander Pierre
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Tom Barnett	Jon Throop
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	John Gimson	Josh Taylor
Ushers / Greeters	Karen Dessables	Tom Barnett
Altar Guild	Marshall / Fina / Marshall	Ralph /
Flower Guild	Cathleen Hackett	Claudia Gimson

## Announcements

### Upcoming Calendar of Services:

Next **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>** is the last Sunday before Lent begins. We mark that day with a party! There will be one service, a jazz Eucharist at 10 am, followed by a pancake brunch. John Gimson and his assistant flippers will provide the pancakes. Please bring a favorite side dish to share. Let the good times roll!

**ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18<sup>th</sup>** There will be services at Noon and 7pm

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Daylight Savings Begins

### **HOLY WEEK:**

March 29<sup>th</sup> – **Palm Sunday** –Services at 8:30 and 10:45

April 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Maundy Thursday** – Service at 7 pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Good Friday** – Service at 7 pm

April 4<sup>th</sup> - **The Easter Vigil** on Saturday – Service at 7 pm

April 5<sup>th</sup> – **Easter Day** – Services at 8:30 and 10:45

**Vestry 2025 - 2026**

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Andrea Patten-Weerakoon, Jr. Warden;  
Suzanne Johnson; Ralph Pault; 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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