

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



## The First Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2026

## The Holy Eucharist

STREAMING FACEBOOK LIVE AT 10:45

**Prelude**

Passacaglia

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

# THE GREAT LITANY

- I. Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,  
***Have mercy on us.***
- Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,  
***Have mercy on us.***
- Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,  
***Have mercy on us.***
- Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, One God,  
***Have mercy on us.***
- II. From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- From sloth, worldliness and love of money;  
from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- From sins of body and mind;  
from deceits of the world, flesh, and the devil,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- From famine and disaster;  
from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death;  
and at the day of judgment,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your  
baptism, fasting, and temptation,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;  
by the preaching of your reign,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,  
***Savior deliver us.***
- By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
***Savior deliver us.***

III. Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth;  
and grant it that unity which is your will.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,  
and to make disciples of all the nations.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Enlighten your bishops, priests, and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their  
teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth  
the fruit of your Spirit.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted;  
raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

IV. Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of justice and peace, remembering  
especially the people of Ukraine.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your wisdom and strength to the President of the United States; the Governor of this  
state; and the Mayor of this city; that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the  
common good.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give to the Congress of the United States; the members of the President's Cabinet; those who  
serve in our state legislature; and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of  
truth.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless the Justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law,  
that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Bless and keep all your people,

**Hear us, O Christ.**

V. Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind, or spirit;  
and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Show your compassion on prisoners, hostages, refugees, and all who are in trouble.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

**Hear us, O Christ.**

VI. Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

All



The musical notation is a single staff in G-clef (treble clef) with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four measures. The first measure contains a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note B-flat4. The second measure contains a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, and a half note F5. The third measure contains a quarter note G5, a quarter note A5, a quarter note B5, and a half note C6. The fourth measure contains a quarter note D6, a quarter note E6, a quarter note F6, and a half note G6. The piece ends with a double bar line.

*Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y. Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.*

# The Word of God

## Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
*People* ***God's mercy endures forever.***

## Collect for Purity *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.

Spirit of the desert, you drove Jesus to the edge of the world to find his truth and calling: scour our hearts and awaken our hunger, that freed from empty clinging we might find ourselves in you; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds. Amen.

## The First Lesson

**Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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



abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

**Sequence Hymn 148**

Creator of the earth and skies

*Uffingham*



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the  
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -  
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age  
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of  
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us  
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -  
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man  
 4 know-ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -  
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.  
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.  
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.  
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.  
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

**The Gospel**

**Matthew 4:1-11**

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

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

After he was baptized by John, Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is

written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*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 Peace

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## Announcements

# The Holy Communion

## Offertory Anthem

Thou Knowest, Lord, The Secrets of Our Hearts

Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts;  
shut not Thy merciful ear unto our prayer;  
but spare us, Lord, most holy,  
O God most mighty O holy and most merciful Savior,  
Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour,  
for any pains of death to fall from Thee. Amen.*

## Offertory Hymn 150

Forty days and forty nights

*Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;  
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,  
3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!  
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;  
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.  
2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?  
3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!  
4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.  
5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the c - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

## The Great Thanksgiving

*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.***

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give thanks to you always, Creator God, because you have made the world in all its complexity. You have given humanity abundant good things. You have provided us with paths leading to wisdom through deprivation and suffering. And you have shown us, through the incarnation of your love in Jesus Christ, the way of reconciliation through letting go of self and material concerns, seeking first the compassionate ways of God.

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

**Sanctus**

from *The Mass of the Quiet Hour*

George Oldroyd

All Sing:

(Organ) Ho - - - - - ly,

5 Ho - - - - - ly, Ho - - - - - ly,

9 **Choir:** Lord \_\_\_ God \_\_\_ of hosts, **All sing:** (hea-ven and hea-ven and) hea-ven and earth are

13 full\_ of thy glo - ry Glo - ry be \_\_\_ to thee, O Lord most \_\_\_

17 **Solo:** High, most High. Blessed is the one \_\_\_ that com - eth \_\_\_ in the

21 name \_\_\_ of the Lord: \_\_\_ Ho - san - na in the

24 **All Sing:** high - est, the high - - - - est (Organ)

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Ever Living God, you have created the world out of nothingness. You are present in both the darkness and the light.

You have created humanity from the dust of the earth, and have given us the ability to choose between good and evil. You have called your prophets and champions from among the lowly. You have formed your people through wanderings in the desert and through exile in foreign lands. In your creative thirst to be known to us, you have entered into our struggles, coming among us in the

human person of Jesus the Christ. He was conceived amid scandal, born in want, raised in obscurity. With us he experienced hunger and thirst, temptation, rejection, doubt, grief, suffering, and death.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat: This is my body which is given for you. Do this in 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 sin. 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.***

*The Celebrant continues*

Now in this sacred rite of thanksgiving and praise we celebrate the saving work of Jesus. For in him the cross, the instrument of torture and death, has been transformed into a sign of reconciliation and abundant life. Recalling his life and teaching, his death and resurrection, we offer these gifts of bread and wine. Spirit of Compassion, breathe upon them now, making them for us the very body and blood of your son, Jesus Christ. And breathe your Spirit into us so that, having partaken of this sacramental meal in faith, we may serve you in unity, constancy and peace, and may dwell forever in the joy of communion with you.

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.

(Organ) All sing:

O lamb of God, that tak-est a - way \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the world, have mer - cy u - pon - us.

15 (Organ) Solo:

O Lamb of God, that tak-est a -

21 All sing:

way \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the world, have mer - cy, u - pon - us.

29 Organ: All voices:

O Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ that tak-est a -

36 High voices:

way \_\_\_\_\_ the sins of the world, grant \_\_\_\_\_ us, grant \_\_\_\_\_

43 All sing:

us, grant \_\_\_\_\_ us, thy \_\_\_\_\_ peace, Thy *rit.* \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

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



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in  
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to  
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has  
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in  
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our  
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -  
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,  
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -  
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.  
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.  
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.  
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.  
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

Words: Att. Gregory the Great (540-604); tr. *Praise the Lord*, 1972, alt. James Quinn, SJ. Printed by permission of Geoffrey Chapman, a division of Cassell Ltd. Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. Thomas Foster (b. 1938).

### Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Gracious God, lead us from death to life, from falsehood past to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace. Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe. Let us dream together, pray together, work together to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen.

### The Blessing

The blessing of God,  
 who creates life out of death,  
 be with you today.

The blessing of God,  
 who suffers with the sin of this world  
 and blesses all humankind with grace,  
 be with you always.

The blessing of God,  
 who sanctifies our lives,  
 be with you as you reveal  
 the power of God's love to save.

**Amen.**

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us didst fast and pray,  
 2 As thou with Sa - tan didst con - tend, and didst the vic-tory win,  
 3 As thou didst hun-ger bear and thirst, so teach us, gra-cious Lord,  
 4 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through thy Pas-sion - tide,  
 5 A - bide with us, that so, this life of suf - fering o - ver - past,

1 teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.  
 2 O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to con-quer sin.  
 3 to die to self, and chief - ly live by thy most ho - ly word.  
 4 yea, ev - er - more, in life and death, Je - sus! with us a - bide.  
 5 an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last!

Words: Claudia Frances Hemanan (1838-1898). Music: *St. Flavian*, melody from *Day's Psalter*, 1562; adapt. and harm. Richard Redhead (1820-1901).

**The Dismissal**

*Response*

***Thanks be to God.***

There is no Postlude during Lent.

**Ministry Schedule**

	<b>Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> 2026</b>	<b>March 1<sup>st</sup> 2026</b>
Vestry on Duty	Sarah Handcock	Susie Throop
Lay Reader: 8:30 am	Bob Longino	Harriett Smith
Lay Reader: 10:45 am	Lynn Hood	
Lector 1 <sup>st</sup> Lesson	Rhea Hannah	Bill Hancock
Lector 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lesson	Shirley Morgan	John Morgan
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Alex Pierre
Altar Guild	Claudia / Ralph	Marshall / / Elizabeth

# Happy Anniversary

**Katharina & Matthew McCawley** February 28 **Julia & John Koenig** February 29

# Happy Birthday

**John Gimson** February 23 **Michele St. Peter** February 26

# Prayer Requests

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

**Family: Glenda Owens**, grandmother of Lillian Amengual; **Kristen Macys, Kathy Benedict**, family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten; **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; **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: Wanda Arrowood, Carol Davis, Carolyn Timmons** (Sandra & Joe Dobbs); **Cookie Dennis; 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); **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 **Elaine Pruitt; Cathy & Toby Raper; Deborah & Bill Reece; and Lindsey Reece.**

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially **Pamela V. Bowers**, sister of Suzanne Van de Mark.

# Announcements

**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 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

Brian Parks, Parish Musician

Claudia Gimson, Parish Administrator

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