

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

10 am

Prelude

"Anthem"

words: Tim Rice

music: Andersson/Ulvaeus

Catherine Moulton, soloist

*No man, no madness
Though their sad power may prevail
Can possess, conquer, my country's heart
They rise to fail*

*She is eternal
Long before nations' lines were drawn
When no flags flew, when no armies stood
My land was born*

*And you ask me why I love her
Through wars, death, and despair
She is the constant, we, who don't care
And you wonder will I leave her
But how?*

*I cross over borders but I'm still there now
How can I leave her?
Where would I start?
Let man's petty nations tear themselves apart
My land's only borders lie around my heart*



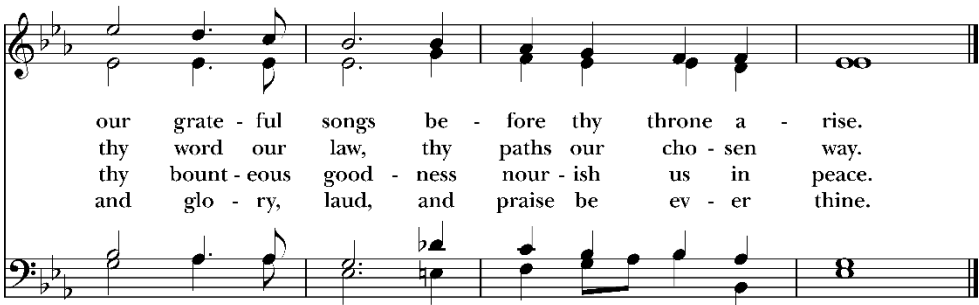
1 God of cre - a - tion, whose al - might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some



hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past, in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
 way, lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 be thou our ru - ler, guard - ian, guide, and stay
 thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
 fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 thy bount - eous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

Words: Daniel Crane Roberts (1841-1907). Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828-1902).

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.

The 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 597

O day of peace that dimly shines

Jerusalem

Introduction



1 O day of peace that dim - ly shines through all our
2 Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the

hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly

love, de - liv - ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - c -

hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re -
mies shall learn to love, all crea - tures find their true ac -

lease, till by God's grace our war - ring world shall see Christ's
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful - filled, for all the

1 *Interlude*



prom - ised reign of peace.
earth shall know the (Lord.)

Final Ending



Lord. _____

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	<i>And also with you.</i>
<i>Celebrant</i>	Together, let us pray.

The Collect *said by all*

Creator of the universe, ruler of all nations, you have blessed us in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, shores, and creatures great and small. Here you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom. Here you continue to call us to be a sign of your compassion, justice, and love in all the world. For such a place, such a vision, and such a calling, we give you thanks, Amen.

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 10:17-21

The Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<i>Thanks be to God.</i>

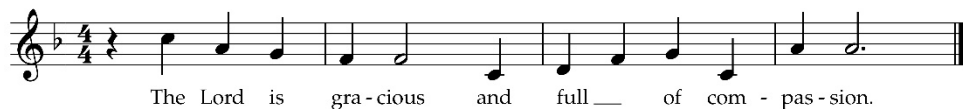
The Psalm

Psalm 145: 1-9

Psalm 145 Antiphon

The choir introduces the Antiphon, all repeating it.

The choir then chants the verses, all repeating the Antiphon as indicated.



I will exalt you, O God my Sovereign, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to your greatness. **ANTIPHON**

One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.

I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.

They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness. **ANTIPHON**

They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

O LORD, you are loving to everyone *
and your compassion is over all your works. **ANTIPHON**

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:8-16

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

1. This is my song, O God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu-er than the o-cean, and sun-light beams on
 3. This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king-doms; Thy king-dom come; on

lands a-far and mine. This is my home, the coun-try where my heart is,
 clo-ver-leaf and pine; but oth-er lands have sun-light too, and clo-ver,
 earth thy will be done. That we may seek to love and build to- geth- er

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho-ly shrine; But oth-er hearts in
 and skies are ev-ery-where as blue as mine. O hear my song, thou
 a world u-nit-ed, right-ing ev-ery wrong; a world u-nit-ed

oth-er lands are beat-ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 God of all the na-tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 in its love for jus-tice, pro-claim-ing peace to- geth- er in one song.

Music: *Finlandia*, Jean Sibelius, 1899 Words: Lloyd Stone, 1934 (alt.)

The Gospel

Matthew 5:43-48

Priest

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Priest
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Patricia Templeton

The Creed

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

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

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

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

Thanksgivings for National Life

Almighty God, giver of all good things:

We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Heal us, Lord.

We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Forgive us, Lord.

We thank you for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Inspire us, Lord.

We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Enlighten us, Lord.

We thank you for the faith we have inherited in all its rich variety. It sustains our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Renew us, Lord.

Celebrant

Help us, O Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty and crime. And hasten the day when all our people, with many voices in one united chorus, will glorify your holy Name. ***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.

All: ***And also with you.***

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

“The First Amendment” from *The Bill of Rights*

Words: James Madison (1751-1836)

Music: Neely Bruce (b.1944)

*Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion,
or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;
or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press;
or the right of the people peaceably to assemble,
and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

Offertory Hymn 599

Lift every voice and sing

Lift Every Voice

Introduction

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing till earth and hea - ven ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, thou who hast

har - mon - ies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise
days when hope un - born had died; yet, with a stead - y beat,
brought us thus far on the way; thou who hast by thy might

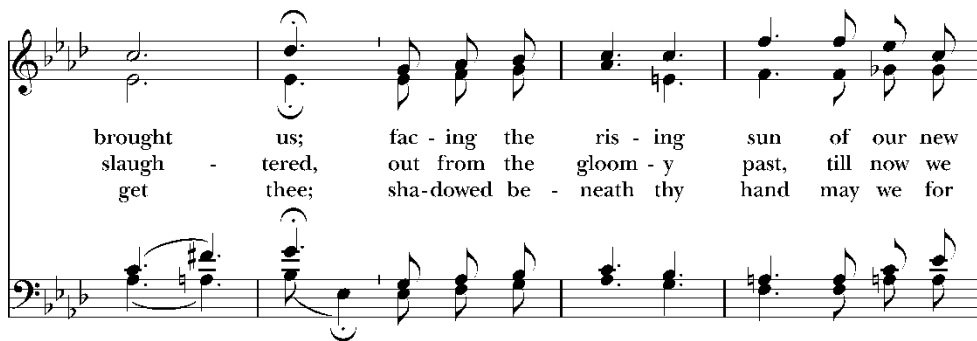
high as the lis - tening skies; let it re - sound loud as the
have not our wea - ry feet come to the place for which our
led us in - to the light; keep us for ev - er in the



roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has
par - ents sighed? We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the pla - ces, our God, where we



taught us; sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has
wa - tered; we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the
met thee; lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for -



brought us; fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new
slaugh - tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we
get thee; sha-dowed be - neath thy hand may we for



day be - gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
stand at last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
ev - er stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

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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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 130

Holy, holy, holy

Schubert/Proulx

Organ

All sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - y Lord,

God of power and might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, — heav-en and earth are full, —

full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes —

in the name of the Lord. — Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover

Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

Celebrant Continues

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Communion of the People *All are welcome.*

Communion Anthem

“Hymn to Freedom”

words: Harriette Hamilton (1933-2014)

Music: Oscar Peterson (1925-2007)

Sung by the St. Dunstan Camerata

*When every heart joins every heart
and together yearns for liberty,
that's when we'll be free.*

*When every hand joins every hand
and together molds our destiny,
that's when we'll be free.*

*Any hour, any blessed day,
the time soon will come when
all will live in dignity,
that's when we'll be free.*

*When every one joins in our song,
together singing harmony,
that's when we'll be free.*

Prayer after Communion *Celebrant and People*

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

As you leave this place,
may the God of our mothers and fathers
shed heaven's grace on you,
mend your every flaw,
and crown your every good
as you serve others in Christ's name.

As you go into the world this week,
lift every voice and sing --
sing songs full of faith and hope,
sing songs that resound with praise,
sing songs that give thanks to God
for all our blessings,
and for keeping us forever on God's path.

As you depart this sanctuary
know that the God of the ages,
whose love has led us in the past,
whose hand has protected us,
and whose grace has refreshed us,
calls us now into the never-ending light of day,
to live our lives with love and grace divine.

And may the blessing of God,
our creator, redeemer, and sustainer,
be with us as we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

Amen

Recessional Hymn 719

O beautiful for spacious skies
On following page

Materna

The Dismissal

Response

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

The Washington Post

by John Philip Sousa
arr. Joseph Linger

1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
 3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!
 thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - ery flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
 con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.
 and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

Words: Katherine Lee Bates (1859-1929), alt. Music: *Materna*, Samuel Augustus Ward (1848-1903).

Happy Anniversary

Marilyn Morgan & Lee Morris July 7 **Andrea Patten-Weerakoon & Anil Weerakoon** July 9

Prayer Requests

Parishioners: Bruce Lafitte; Penny France; Wayne Hood; Lisa Wilson; Priscilla Davis; Virginia Skinner; Donna Thomas; and Cathy Leake.

Family: Amy Currie, sister of Lisa Wilson; **Preston & Bryan Wilson**, brothers of Mary Jane Hannah; **Ann Harrison**, sister-in-law of Nancy Knight Latimore; **George Robinson**, nephew, and **Aggie Whyte**, **Priscilla Williams**, sisters of Bessie & Hollis Holland; **Glenda Owens**, grandmother of Lillian Amengual; **Kristen Macys**, **Kathy Benedict**, family of Andrea & Anil Weerakoon and Brenda Patten; **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; **Vincent Lafitte**, **Larry & Sharon Mobley**, **Jack & Linda Mobley** family of Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte; **Charlie Bunn**, cousin of Tiffany Wilson; 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: Diane Earle (Gwen McAlpine & Paul Zimmer); **Susan & John Ware**, **Gay McNeely**, (Suzanne Van de Mark); **Roxane Hollosi**, **Sara Knochel**, **Bob Adams** (Mary Jane Hannah); **Bill Cobb**, **Sandy Jusak**, **Michellene Tipton**, **Joshua Dowd**, **Debbie Bogard**, **James Bogard** (Jeanne & Josh Taylor); **Susan Moody**; **Beth Thorn**; **Charles Miller – Jr & Sr**, **Toya**, **Cliff Frierson**, **Joe James**, **Amma Hawker**, **Steve Smith**, **Kelsey Clark**, **Patricia Woods**, (Rhea Hannah); **Tom Lombardo** (Tricia Templeton); **Ellie Richards**, **Jennifer Pern**, **Sherrel Howard** (Mimi Gold); **Shehan**, **Preemali Seneveratne & family**; **Mike**, **Kathy**, **Luke and Ellie**, **Rik Rasmussen** (Anil & Andrea Patten-Weerakoon); **Dena Horner** (Bob Longino); **Wanda Arrowood**, (Sandra Dobbs); **Tony Rizzuto** (Daria Jones); **Lauren Courtney Robinson** (Lindsey Reece); **Neil**, **Emma**, **Addison Bonser** (Brown family); **Barry Mazor** (Bob Wolfson); **Loretta Roberts**, **Benjamin Banas** (Cathy Leake); **Carolyn Neely Holmes** (Vivian Siggers); **Madison Fucita & Family**; **Rose Faison**, **Mary Jane Graff**, **Anne Henry**, **Tim Embry** (Priscilla Davis).

We give thanks for our parish especially **Daria Jones & Bruce Lafitte**; **Nancy Night & Keith Latimore**; **Maryann & Rick Lazano**; and **Cathy & Charlie Leake**.

We pray for those who have died, remembering especially all those killed in the recent earthquakes worldwide.

Ministry Schedule

	6 th Pentecost – July 5 th	7 th Pentecost – July 12 th
Vestry on Duty	Suzanne Van de Mark	Susie Throop
Lay Reader: 10:00 am	Claudia Gimson	Susie Throop
Lector 1 st Lesson	Karen Dessables	Jon Throop
Lector 2 nd Lesson	John Morgan	Suzanne Johnson
Ushers / Greeters	Elizabeth Wong Mark	Ralph Paulk
Altar Guild	Claudia / Elizabeth	Marshall / Elizabeth
Flower Guild	Suzanne Van de Mark	Claudia Gimson

Schola Quadratum Concert & Evensong ~ Thursday, July 9th ~ 5 pm

Our parish musician Brian Parks and parish choir soprano Catherine Moulton direct a unique ensemble of young people called Quadratum. In July, they are taking 14 of their middle and high school students to Exeter Cathedral in the south of England for a weeklong choral residency. As the cathedral choir-in-residence, they will sing Choral Evensong every day from July 13th through July 19th with a full Choral Eucharist as well on the morning of the 19th.

In preparation for this expedition, they will be rehearsing at St. Dunstan's every day this week prior. On Thursday, July 9th, they are offering a public presentation of much of that week's repertoire as well as observing Choral Evensong. You are invited to come support and send them off at 5 p.m. on July 9th. The event should last one hour with a reception to follow.

Vestry 2026 -2027

Susie Throop, Sr. Warden; Alexander Pierre, Jr. Warden;
 Sarah Hancock; Tom Wilson; Eddie Belgarde;
 Mary Jane Hannah; Susan Hauser;
 Zoe McMichael; Suzanne Van de Mark

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
 Rhea Hannah, Volunteer Administrative Assistant



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