

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

The Church That Feeds People



First Sunday in Advent

December 1, 2024 - 10 am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Candle lighting prayer

Please stand, as able for the candle lighting and opening hymn.

All: Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face,
transparent flame of love's free duty, You bring salvation to our human race.

Reader: Sacred Mystery, we light the first candle of Advent for hope and truth.

Light the first candle.

Reader: We kindle your light with hope that it may allow the truth to shine brightly for the world. Help us break down walls, so that we live in compassion, justice, and peace.

All: Sacred Mystery, break through all that keeps us from you. Help us to see the truth about oppression, as we prepare to become the beloved community. We ask for your mercy and to see your image in one another. This Advent, visit us with your justice, love, and peace. Amen.

Hymn 59

Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Opening Sentences

EOW, 50

Presider: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria

S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty - 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.

Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal;

through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Lector: A reading from the book of Jeremiah

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-10

BCP, 614

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

For your Name's sake, O Lord, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Lector: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 64

O heavenly Word, eternal Light

O Heiland, reiss

Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth.

Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Please stand, as able.

Nicene Creed

EOW, 53

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Beloved in Christ, as we observe this holy season of Advent, let us pray for the Church, the world, this nation, and all those in need, inviting God's reign to be made manifest among us.

Leader: O Lord our Redeemer, give your Church the power to prepare your way and make your paths straight. Guide and strengthen all laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons as we answer your call to love our neighbors in your name. Especially we pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop; and for this congregation in our time of transition. Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Judge of all nations, bring your peace and your justice into the world. Teach us to care for your creation, to beat swords into ploughshares, and to live in peace, that the earth may be full of your glory. Especially we pray for peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine. Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Lord our Governor, we pray for our nation. Heal our divisions, help us to work for democracy and for justice, and teach us to lift up the poor, be kind to the immigrant, and set free the captives. Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Lord Emmanuel who comes to be with us, pour your abundant grace on our neighbors and our loved ones. Have mercy on the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O God of compassion, strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Have mercy on those who suffer from any illness or need, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O God our companion, be with those who travel, that they may be safe and that they may know your loving presence, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Dayspring from on high, the source of all life, we thank you for your many blessings, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O God our Savior, gather those who have died into your Kingdom, where there is everlasting joy and where sorrow and sighing shall flee away, especially. . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

The Presider offers a collect.

Confession

EOW, 56

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

All: **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

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem

Saw Ye My Savior
Al Johnson, trombone

Southern Harmony
arr. Todd Marchand

Offertory Hymn

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures
here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Offertory Blessing

Presider: All things come from you, O Lord.

People: And of your own have we given you.

The people stand or kneel.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer 2

EOW, 60

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The presider continues,

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Sing three times

Ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of life, God of light and God of dark-ness,
ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of life, you are bless-ed in our sight.

Setting: Kevin Pearson, Taizé

The presider continues,

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:

“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:

“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Dunstan and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Presider: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem

Sing three times



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

Setting: Taizé

The Invitation

Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Hymn 53

Once he came in blessing

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

Post Communion Prayer

EOW, 69

Presider: Let us pray

All: 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

Hymn 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Voluntary on "Stuttgart"

Al Johnson, trombone

Daniel Gawthrop

(b. 1949)

Altar flowers are given for the glory of God.



Healing Prayer is offered at the altar after the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley | **Deacons:** The Rev. Alan Christensen,
The Rev. Pat Grodt | **Seminarian:** Lynne Markova
Music Director: Susanna Valleau
Eucharistic Minister: Ves Pacher
Healing Minister: Deacon Mary Shehane
Lectors: Luke Damm, Lucy Damm-Thoms
Ushers: Tom Paulson, Madeline Segó | **Vestry Host:** Acacia Georgescu
Altar Guild: Trish Carosiello | **Hospitality:** Tina Polf, Mary Sasinowski,
Liz Hinkofer | **Counters:** Tina Polf, Janet Allen

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