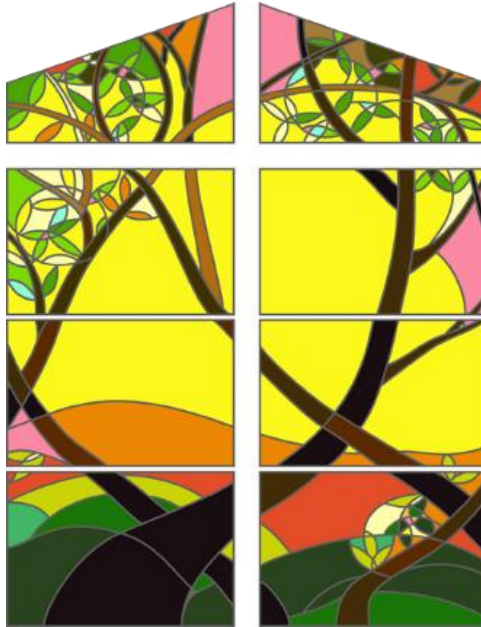


St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025 - 10 am

Prelude

“Flower Duet,” from *Lakmé*

Leo Delibes

Ian Paulson, flute and Lisa McNeill, clarinet

arr. John Dempsey

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Hymn 184

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Christ ist erstanden

Opening Sentences

BCP 355

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Presider: 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.**

Gloria

S-278

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.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Lector: A reading from the book of Acts

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

BCP 612

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Lector: A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

Gospel

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand.

What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Lynne Markova

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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, rejoicing in the good news of Easter, let us pray for the church, the world, and those we care for, in the name of him who said, “I am the Resurrection and the Life.”

Leader: God of wisdom, we commend to your care your holy catholic church, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop; and all laypeople, bishops, priests, and deacons. As we each live out our unique vocations, inspire us to be a light to the world. Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: God of justice, we lift before you this nation and all nations; remembering especially all who are in positions of authority. Instill compassion in us, and fuel our desire to live in peace with one another and to work together for the common good. Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: God of peace, we remember before you the cares and concerns of the world. We remember the people of Haiti, Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Congo and everywhere there is conflict, danger, or strife. We pray for all who suffer from poverty, famine, or displacement. Help us to work together and to take our small steps for the healing of the world. Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: God of grace, we pray for the cares and concerns of this community, remembering especially the poor, the unhoused, and those suffering from addiction. Inspire us, we pray, to walk alongside our neighbors in their journeys, that all might share in your abundant love. Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: God of compassion, we commend to your care, all those who suffer and those in any kind of trouble, that they may be comforted in this distress and their sorrow turned into joy. We remember especially . . . and those we now name, either silently or aloud . . . Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: We give thanks to you for all of the blessings of this life, especially . . . and those blessings we now name, either silently or aloud. . . Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: We pray for all who are traveling, that they may reach their destination safe and secure in your love for them. We especially remember. . . and those we now name, either silently or aloud . . . Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Leader: We pray for those who have died, that they may rest in peace in your love and rise again in your glory. Comfort those who mourn that they may have the assurance of your love and grace, especially . . . and those we now name, either silently or aloud. . . Risen Lord,

People: **Hear our prayer. Alleluia!**

Presider: God of glory, who raised our Savior Jesus from the dead: Hear our prayers and fill us with your Spirit. Grant that we may be witnesses of your Kingdom and be raised to everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem

Psalm 23
St. Dunstan's Choir

Howard Goodall
(b. 1958)



Praise the ris - en Lord; — Glo - ry in the high - est:



Praise with all your songs of joy, Sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu!



Praise, sing praise, all peo - ple, Sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia.

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 D

BCP 372

Presider: God 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,

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Sanctus

S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

S-129. Setting: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The presider continues,

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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 Jesus 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is
 sac - ri - ficed for us; There-fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942) The Hymnal 1982

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 343

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

St. Agnes

Presider: Let us pray

All: Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of Christ,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Events

BCP 830

Presider Watch over your child(ren), O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart(s) may your peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

Dismissal

The Deacon offers a dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

“April: The Snowdrop” from *The Seasons* Peter Tchaikovsky
Ian Paulson, flute; Lisa McNeill, clarinet; Karin Rogers, piano (1840-1893)

Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God.



Healing Prayer is offered at the altar after the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Presider: The Rev. Catharine Reid | **Preacher:** The Rev. Lynne Markova

Deacons: The Rev. Alan Christensen, The Rev. Lynne Markova

Music Director: Susanna Valleau

Eucharistic Minister: Ves Pacher | **Healing Minister:**

Lectors: Sarah Roskam, Jan Boyd

Prayers of the People: Madeline Segó

Vestry Host: Brynne Sterling | **Ushers:** Chris Johns, Jonathan Thoms

Altar Guild: Madeline Segó

Hospitality: Paula Ross, Mary Jo Briggs, Laurie Brown

Counters: Alan Christensen, Chris Johns

A/V: Tom Wear

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