

# Christmas Day



10 o'clock Holy Eucharist  
December 25, 2021

Saint Dunstan's Episcopal Church

## Welcome to St. Dunstan's

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

*The clergy and staff of St. Dunstan's wish you a blessed Christmas season and peace in the coming year!  
Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.*

**Prelude** Noël X: Grand jeu et Duo

*Louis-Claude Daquin (1694-1772)*

## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The people stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Procession Hymn 83** O Come, All Ye Faithful

*Adeste fideles*

*verses 1, 3, & 6*

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
2 God from God, Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
\*4 See how the shep - herds, sum - moned to his cra - dle,  
\*5 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,

1 come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;  
2 lo! he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb;  
3 sing, all ye ci - ti - zens of heaven a - bove;  
4 leav - ing their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;  
5 we would em - brace thee, with love and awe;

1 come, and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;  
2 on - ly - be - got - ten Son of the Fa - ther;  
3 glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est;  
4 we too will thith - er bend our joy - ful foot - steps;  
5 who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?

*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a -  
 dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

6 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
 born this happy morning;  
 Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
 Word of the Father,  
 now in flesh appearing;

*Refrain*

**Priest** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Priest** **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 Hymn 96** Angels we have heard on high  
*Verses 1 & 3*

*Gloria in Excelsis*

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*

Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -

- - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

**The Collect of the Day** *The people remain standing.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

God of David's fragile house of hope and expectation:  
in the time of empires, your word is born to those who have no place and sung  
to those who watch in the wild; may his birth unsettle our world with hidden glory  
and untold peace; through Jesus Christ, the Child of Promise. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 52:7—10**

*A time of great joy as the Lord saves the people and brings deliverance to Jerusalem. The long exile is at an end. The messenger proclaims the good news, "The Lord reigns." The watchmen of the city respond with shouts of triumph to see God's salvation.*

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who  
announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation,  
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy;  
for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.

Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;  
for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.  
The Lord has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;  
and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn 82 Of the Father's Love Begotten

*Divinum mysterium*

Verses 1 & 2 are sung before the Gospel reading. Verses 3 & 4 are sung after the Gospel reading.



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten, ere the worlds be -  
 2 O that birth for ev - er bless - ed, when the Vir - gin,  
 3 Let the heights of heaven a - dore him; an - gel hosts, his  
 4 Christ, to thee with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
 prais - es sing; powers, do - min - ions, bow be - fore him,  
 Ghost, to thee, hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing,



he the source, the end - ing he, of the things that  
 bore the Sa - vior of our race; and the Babe, the  
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on  
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be; hon - or, glo - ry



are, that have \_\_\_\_\_ been, and that fu - ture  
 world's Re - deem - er, first re - vealed his  
 earth be si - lent, ev - ery voice in  
 and do - min - ion, and e - ter - nal



years shall see, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 sa - cred face, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 con - cert ring, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_  
 vic - to - ry, ev - er - more and ev - er - more! \_\_\_\_\_

This hymn may be performed in equal note values: ♩ ♪ ♪ ♪ ♪

**John 1:1–14**

*A hymn to the expression of God's very being, God's Word, who has now become flesh and lived among us. Through the Word all things have their life. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did not recognize the Word, those who believe in the Word have been given the right to become children of God.*

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. Laurel Coote

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The people stand or kneel.*

Leader Brothers and sisters, on this most holy day of our Lord's birth,  
let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying:  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim  
the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For your servants in this congregation, that, nourished by your word and holy  
sacraments, we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice  
may be replaced by the light of peace and love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who travel during this holiday season,  
that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy,  
and that they return safely to their homes and loved ones.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who labor this day on behalf of others: doctors and nurses,  
police officers and firefighters, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers,  
those in the armed forces, and all those whose work prevents them from  
sharing this day with those they love.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry;  
those who are hospitalized or sick at home; those who are imprisoned in body  
and soul; and those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light, especially St. Dunstan and St. Andre. Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Let us offer our prayers, thanksgivings, and names on our hearts today  
*The people may add their own prayers.*

Priest All these things we ask in the name of him who came as the light in darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

**Christmas Greeting** *The people are seated.*

*The Rev. Laurel Cooté  
Rector of St. Dunstan's*

**The Offertory**

Priest Let us give to God with generosity and gladness  
the offerings of our lives, our labors and our love.

**Offertory Anthem** Torches

*John Joubert (1927-2019)*

Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem!  
Christ is born and now lies sleeping; come and sing your song to him!  
Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby, Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;  
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling, While we sing you our Roro.  
Sing, my friends, and make you merry, joy and mirth and joy again;  
Lo, he lives, the King of heaven, now and evermore. Amen.

# Offertory Hymn 115 What Child is This

*Greensleeves*

*Unison or harmony*

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on  
 2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where  
 3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, come,

Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with  
 ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear: for  
 peas - ant, king, to own him; the King of kings sal -

an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are keep - ing?  
 sin - ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.  
 va - tion brings, let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

*Refrain*

This, this is Christ the King, whom shep - herds  
 guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste to  
 bring him laud, the babe, the son of Ma - ry.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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.

Priest 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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 S130** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

*Franz Schubert*

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

God of power and might, hea-ven and earth are  
 full, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest 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."

Priest 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

Priest 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 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.



**People**

**A-MEN.**

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,  
 People **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

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

#### Fraction Anthem S164 Jesus, Lamb of God

*Schubert*

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive.  
It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him,  
should meet him here.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station.

Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host.

The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister,  
you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may indicate this by  
crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

**Communion Anthem** Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light *J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning;

O shepherds, greet that glorious sight, our Lord a crib adorning.

This child, this little helpless boy, shall be our confidence and joy,

The power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.



Communion Hymn 81 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

*Est ist ein Ros*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten-der stem hath sprung!  
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,  
 \* 3 O Flower, whose fra-grance ten-der with sweet-ness fills the air,

Of Jes-se's lin-eage com-ing as seers of old have sung.  
 with Ma-ry we be-hold it, the Vir-gin Mo-ther kind.  
 dis-pel in glo-rious splen-dor the dark-ness ev-ery-where;

It came, a blos-som bright, a-mid the  
 To show God's love a-right, she bore to  
 true man, yet ve-ry God, from sin and

cold of win-ter, when half spent was the night.  
 us a Sa-vior, when half spent was the night.  
 death now save us, and share our ev-ery load.

**The Post-Communion Prayer** *All Stand.*

Priest Let us pray.

**People** **E**ternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Blessing**

Priest **M**ay Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you  
in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the  
light of his holiness. **Amen.**

**M**ay God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth,  
fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

**M**ay God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to  
heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

**A**nd the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 107 Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

*In dulci jubilo*

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 2 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;  
 3 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;

give ye heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to - day;  
 now ye hear of end - less bliss; Je - sus Christ was born for this!  
 now ye need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

ox and ass be - fore him bow, and he is in the man - ger now.  
 He hath o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for ev - er - more.  
 Calls you one and calls you all to gain his ev - er - last - ing hall.

Christ is born to - day! Christ is born to - day!  
 Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!  
 Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

**Priest** Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**People** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Postlude** In dulci jubilo

*J.S. Bach (1685-1750)*

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.*



### **WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE**

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

### **WHAT WE ARE FOR**

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

### **WHAT WE ARE AGAINST**

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

### **WHAT WE VALUE**

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

### **WELCOME!**

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