

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

The Church That Feeds People



Christmas Eve

December 24, 2025 – 5:30 pm

5:00 PM MUSICAL PRELUDE

Preludes	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i> Al Johnson, trombone	arr. Todd Marchand
	<i>O Holy Night</i> Anne Prather, soloist	arr. Anne Prather
Hymn 107	<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	In Dulci Jubilo
	<i>Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming</i> Ian Paulson, flute; Karin Rogers, flute; Lisa McNeill, clarinet; Rachel Gregg, cello	arr. Ralph C. Schultz
Hymn 84	<i>Love came down at Christmas</i>	Gartan
	<i>What Child is This?</i> Ian Paulson and Karin Rogers, flutes	Trad. English arr. Rebecca Bonam
	<i>Gesu Bambino</i> Terry Rogers, saxophone	Pietro A. Yon
Hymn 115	<i>What Child is This?</i>	Greensleeves
	<i>"Spring Carol," from Ceremony of Carols</i> Mary Sims, soprano and Sophie Nash, alto	Benjamin Britten
	<i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice</i> St. Dunstan's Handbell Choir	arr. Patricia Cota

5:30 PM WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Please stand, as able.

Hymn 83 vs. 1-3, 6

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

Opening Sentences

Presider: Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever.**

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.**

Hymn of Praise

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,
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.
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 - - - - -

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Words: French carol; tr. James Chadwick (1813-1882), alt. Music: *Gloria*, French carol; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes (1887-1958).

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96

BCP 725

Sing to the Lord a new song; *

sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *

proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations *

and his wonders among all peoples.

For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *

he is more to be feared than all gods.

As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *

but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *

Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *

ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *

bring offerings and come into his courts.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *

let the whole earth tremble before him.

Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *

**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *

let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy

before the Lord when he comes, *

when he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness *

and the peoples with his truth.

The Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

Lector: A reading from the letter to Titus

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Hymn 98

Unto us a boy is born!

Puer nobis nascitur

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered.

Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: 11to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Please stand, as able.

Nicene Creed

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: As we pray for the Church and for the world, may God's Word be made
flesh in us. Let us pray that we may embody the Good News and spread
God's love throughout our world.

Leader: Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Phil, our Bishop; and for the people and clergy of this parish. Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for . . . and for those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: Keep in your care those who are traveling, that they may be safe from harm and know your love this Christmas season. We pray especially for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: We give you thanks for your many blessings, especially for . . . and for those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Leader: We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We especially pray for . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Jesus, Savior,

People: **Be born in us today.**

Presider: Son of God, Child of Mary, born in the stable at Bethlehem, be born again in us this day that through us the world may know the wonder of your love. Hear this prayer for your name's sake. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offertory Anthem

Quem Pastores Laudavere

Paul Ayres

St. Dunstan's Choir

(b. 1970)

*To him whom the shepherds praised, being told by the angels:
'Now let fear be banished from you: the King of Glory is born'*

*To him to whom the wise men journeyed, carrying gold, frankincense and myrrh
and offered these things sincerely to the victorious Lion
To Christ the King, born of God, given to us through Mary,
let resound right worthily 'Praise, honor and glory.'*

The Offertory is a time to present and give thanks for bread and wine, financial offerings, and time and talent given to the church. We gather our offerings through passing the plate where all are invited (though none are required) to give. Contributions can also be made online through the QR code here. Time and Talent cards are available in pew backs to represent the many hours given. For all the gifts of time, treasure, and talent, we give thanks.



Offertory Hymn 87

Hark! The herald angels sing

Mendelssohn

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 B

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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

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,

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection, We await Christ's coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 Dunstan all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 Anthem

Wexford Carol
Karin Rogers, flute

arr. Michael Barker

Communion Hymn 112

In the bleak midwinter

Cranham

Candlelight Hymn 111

Silent Night

Stille Nacht

Post Communion Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Hymn 100

Joy to the World! The Lord is come

Antioch

Dismissal

The Deacon offers a dismissal

People: **Thanks be to God.**

We welcome you to remain for prayer or meditation during the postlude.

If you need to leave right away, please be careful not to disturb those who are listening.

Postlude

Toccatina on "Joy to the World"

Brenda Portman
(b. 1980)

Altar flowers are given for the glory of God.

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Deacon: The Rev. Alan Christensen

Music Director: Susanna Valleau

Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Johns, Scott Prather

Lectors: Tom Paulson

Prayers of the People: Sarah Roskam

Ushers: Bill Barnsdale, Stefan Schrader

Altar Guild: Joy Barnsdale, Laurie Brown

A/V: Jan Boyd

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