

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

The Church That Feeds People



Easter Vigil

April 4, 2026 - 7 pm

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,

Cantor *People*

... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Cantor

The Lord be with you.

People

And al - so with you.

Cantor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Cantor *People*

... for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Presider: Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The Story of Creation

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Hymn

He's got the whole world in his hands

- I He's got the whole world in his hands (three times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
- II He's got you and me sister, in his hands (three times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
- III He's got you and me brother, in his hands (three times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.
- IV He's got everybody here, in his hands (three times)
He's got the whole world in his hands.

Presider: Let us pray. O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Flood

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Anthem

I Believe in Rainbows
Terry Rogers, saxophone

Mart Rodger
arr. Gene Silberberg

Presider: Almighty God, you have placed in the skies the sign of your covenant with all living things: Grant that we, who are saved through water and the Spirit, may worthily offer to you our sacrifice of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Deliverance at Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Hymn 648

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Go Down, Moses

Presider: O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Valley of Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Anthem

Dry Bones

Spiritual

Terry Rogers, saxophone

Presider: Let us pray. Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

silence

The First Reading

Romans 6:3-11

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**



1 At break of day three wo - men came to find where Christ was laid.
 2 O Ma - ry, see your son a - gain, in re - sur - rec - tion joy.
 3 Come ce - le - brate the death of death! Come share e - ter - nal life!



With myrrh pre - pared to a - noint his corpse, they wept and mourned the dead.
 Shine, shine Je - ru - sa - lem, for Christ is ris'n in ma - jes - ty.
 Come leap and praise the liv - ing God who o - pens par - a - dise!



But now the stone is rolled a - way, they wor - ship in full day,
 Lift up your eyes, look around and see, re - joic - ing, strong and free,
 For dawn is come all shin - ing bright, to show sal - va - tion's might



then run to take the good news back and share their ho - ly joy.
 your child - ren come to find their home for all e - ter - ni - ty.
 to break the tomb, burst through the gloom, and flood the world with light.

Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, “He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.” This is my message for you.’ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, ‘Greetings!’ And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.’

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Presider: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Presider: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Presider: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Presider: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Please stand as able.

Presider: *Alleluia! Christ is risen.*

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Hymn

Christ is Risen From the Dead



Christ is ri-sen from the dead, tramp-ling down death by death, and on



those in the tombs be - stow - ing life, _____ be - stow-ing life!

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The 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, you are eternal wisdom. We commend to your care your holy catholic church, especially Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop; Elizabeth, our Rector; Alan, our deacon; 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 Christ,

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

Leader: You call us to practice justice and to work for peace. We lift up to you the cares and concerns of this nation and all nations. Inspire all who are in positions of authority to work for the common good. Bring an end to wars throughout the world, especially in the Middle East and in Ukraine. Have mercy on all who suffer from poverty, famine, or displacement. Help us to work together for the healing of the world. Risen Christ,

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

Leader: You call us to love our neighbors as ourselves. 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.

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

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

Leader: You shower your blessings upon us. We give thanks for all of the blessings of this life, especially ... and those we now name, either silently or aloud. Risen Christ,

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

Leader: You are our companion along the path of life. We pray for all who are traveling, that they may reach their destination safely and secure in your love for them. We especially remember ... and those we now name, either silently or aloud. Risen Christ,

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

Leader: You are the Resurrection and the Life. 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. We especially remember ... and those we now name, either silently or aloud. Risen Christ,

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

In the Garden

C. Austin Miles

Terry Rogers, soloist

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.



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

lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Offertory Blessing

Presider: All things come from you, O Lord.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The people stand or kneel.

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,

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation 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,

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and 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 friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The presider continues,

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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

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

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 for 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

S-154

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - 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.

Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950). Copyright © 1981 GIA Publications, Inc.

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.

Postcommunion Prayer

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

What a Friend we Have in Jesus



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bred with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge. Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819-1866). Music: Charles C. Converse (1832-1918).

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

Postlude

What a Friend we Have in Jesus

Charles C. Converse

Terry Rogers, saxophone



Altar flowers are given in celebration and memory of the following:

Bill & Joy Barnsdale in memory of Ralph and Betty Olsen, Alymer and Margaret Bright, Emily Morgan, Bill and Florence Barnsdale; and in honor of 2Lt Richard Michael Bright.

Trish & Italo Carosiello in memory of Jim Babb, Joyce Babb, Tim Babb, Italo and Rosa Carosiello, Katie Holloway and Brian Mindt.

Dorothy Dawe, Carl & Verle Sasinowski for Charles and Mabel Lywood, parents and Neil's sister who died in 2025.

Jane & Al Johnson in memory of their parents, Martha and Dick Grisier, Charlotte and Ed Johnson.

Karin & Terry Roger in memory of our family members.

Paula Ross in memory of Stephen Ross.

Dan & Madeline Sego in memory of our parents, Malcom and Barbara Post, and Henry Sego.

Phil & Andriene Sterlington, for love and creation, and in honor of the Sterlington, Lewis, Brace, Hovde, and Hanson families..

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Deacon: The Rev. Alan Christensen

Music Director: Susanna Valleau

Eucharistic Minister: Alexandra Pacher

Lectors: Tina Polf, Tom Wear, Jan Boyd

Usher: Bill Barnsdale

Altar Guild: Trish Carosiello, Laurie Brown

A/V: Tom Wear

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