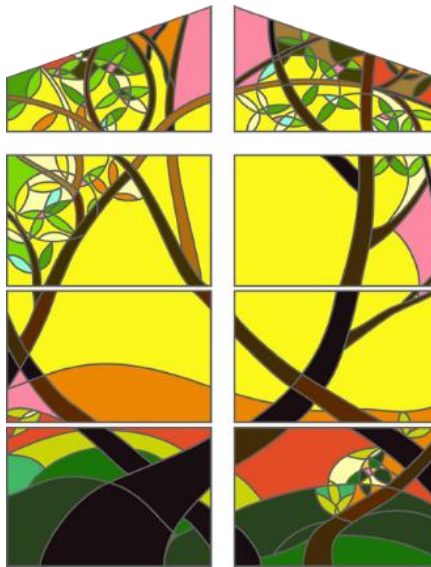


St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 16, 2026 - 10 am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Hymn 410

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Lauda anima

Opening Sentences

Presider: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.*People:* **And also with you.***Presider:* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Lector: A reading from the book of Genesis

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 133

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
 when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head *
 that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, *
 and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew of Hermon *
 that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
 life for evermore.

The Second Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

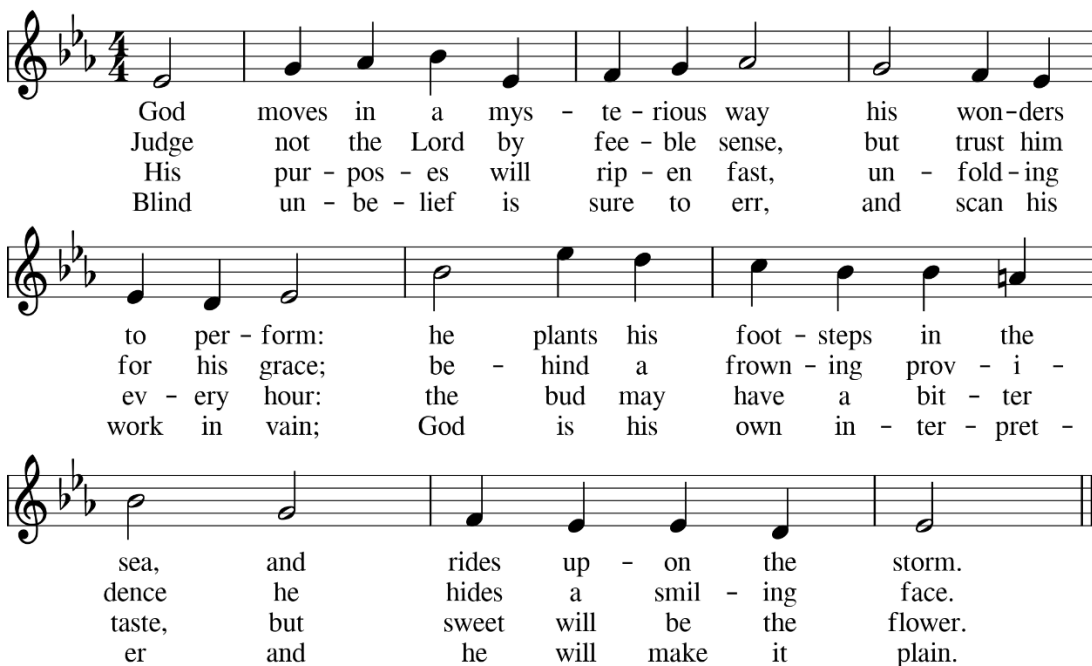
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Hymn

God moves in a mysterious way

Dundee



God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won-ders
Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him
His pur - pos - es will rip - en fast, un - fold - ing
Blind un - be - lief is sure to err, and scan his
to per - form: he plants his foot - steps in the
for his grace; he be - hind a frown - ing prov - i -
ev - ery hour: the bud may have a bit - ter
work in vain; God is his own in - ter - pret -
sea, and rides up - on the storm.
dence he hides a smil - ing face.
taste, but sweet will be the flower.
er and he will make it plain.

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

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:
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 worshiped 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.

Prayers of the People

Deacon: Siblings in Christ, placing our whole trust in God's grace, let us pray for the Church, the world, our nation, and those whose needs are on our hearts.

Leader: God our blessed hope, we pray for your holy Church. Guide us into all truth and teach us to proclaim your Reign and your love for all people. We especially pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Phil our Bishop, Elizabeth our Rector, Alan our Deacon, and all people of our diocese and St. Dunstan's Church. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Holy Trinity, you show us the splendor of diversity and the beauty of unity in your own divine life. Inspire within us delight for the many different gifts you have bestowed on your children. Give to those entrusted with authority and leadership of this country the spirit of wisdom, and curb every abuse of that trust, so that both here and abroad, justice and peace may flourish. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, you are the Mother of Exiles. Extend your arms to all who are weary, who live with poverty, and those who seek freedom. Embrace people seeking refuge; those incarcerated, detained, or disappeared; and neighbors fearing those they once trusted. Give healing and hope to people in any oppression and need. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Creator of all, we pray for peace in this world. Especially we ask for an end to all war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, in Ukraine, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, in Sudan and South Sudan. May all your children know peace. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God who bore our infirmities and carried our sorrows, we pray for those who need healing, help, and hope, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God who is with us, we ask your mercy on those who are traveling, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give you thanks for our many blessings, and we ask for your blessing on those whom we love. We especially give thanks for Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God our comfort, we pray for those who have died, that you will receive them into your presence, that they may have eternal joy, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. Holy God,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider: Hasten, Holy God, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.
Amen.

Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
St. Dunstan's Summer Choir

Calvin Hampton
(1938-1984)

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

Doxology

A musical score for a hymn in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "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." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

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.

Text: Thomas Ken. Music: *The Old Hundredth*, Louis Bourgeois.

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 A

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 God thanks and praise.**

The presider continues,

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

S-124

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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The presider continues,

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

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.**

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

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 706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

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 your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Events

All 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 371

Thou, whose almighty word

Moscow

Dismissal

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

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

"Allegro con brio" from Sonata IV, op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Altar flowers are given today to the glory of God.



Healing Prayer is offered at the altar after the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley
Deacon: The Rev. Alan Christensen
Music Director: Susanna Valleau
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Pacher, Scott Prather
Healing Minister: Madeline Sego
Lectors: Glen Pacher, Jan Boyd
Prayers of the People: Phil Sterlington
Vestry Host: Tom Wear | **Ushers:** Stefan Schrader, Bill Barnsdale
Altar Guild: Madeline Sego, Andriene Sterlington
Hospitality: Trish Carosiello, Marilyn McCormick
Counters: Glen Pacher, Chris Johns
A/V: Jonathan Thoms

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