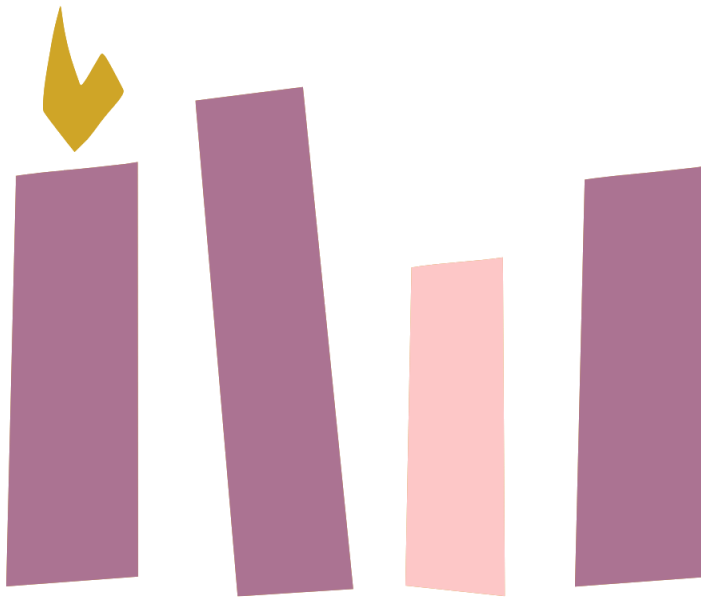


St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

The Church That Feeds People

Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!



First Sunday in Advent

November 30, 2025 - 10 am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Hymn 68

Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Llangloffan

Advent Wreath Lighting

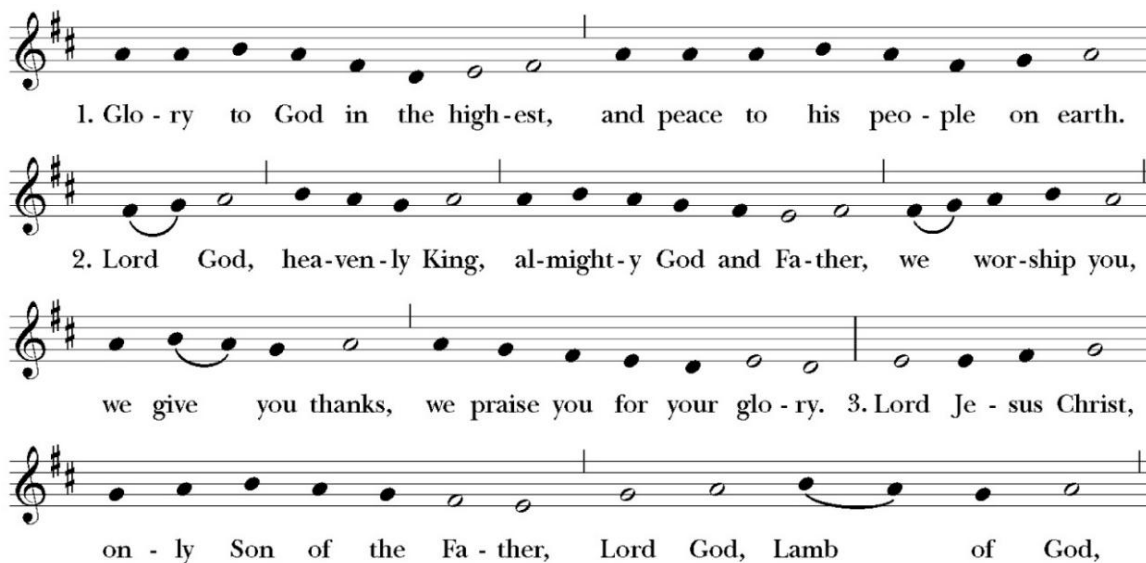
Light the first candle.

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.**

Gloria

S-277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

2. Lord God, hea-ven-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.

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

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 122

BCP 779



Enriching our Music 1: Canticle A. Setting: William Bradley Roberts © 2002 W.B. Roberts

I was glad when they said to / me, *

“Let us go to the house of the / Lord.”

Now our feet are / standing *

within your gates, O Je-/ rusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a / city *

that is at unity with it-/ self;

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the / Lord, *

the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the / Lord.

For there are the thrones of / judgment, *

the thrones of the house of / David.

Pray for the peace of Je-/ rusalem: *
“May they prosper who / love you.

Peace be within your / walls *
and quietness within your / towers.
For my brethren and companions’ / sake, *
I pray for your pros-/ perity.
Because of the house of the Lord our / God, *
I will seek to do you / good.”

The Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

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

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as able.

Hymn 546

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve

Siroe

Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is

coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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: Beloved in Christ, as we observe this holy season of Advent, let us pray for the Church, the world, this nation, and all those in need, inviting God's reign to be made manifest among us.

Leader: O Lord our Redeemer, we pray for your Holy Catholic Church. Guide and strengthen all laypeople, bishops, priests and deacons as we answer your call to love our neighbors in your name. Especially we pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Phil, our Bishop; for Elizabeth our Interim Rector and for this congregation in our time of transition. Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Judge of all nations, bring your peace and your justice into the world. Teach us to care for your creation, to beat swords into ploughshares, and to live in peace, that the earth may be full of your glory. We pray especially for peace in the Holy Land and in Ukraine. Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Lord our Governor, we pray for our nation. Heal our divisions and help us to work for democracy and for justice. Teach us to lift up the poor, to be kind to the immigrant, and to set free those who are held captive to injustice. Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Lord Emmanuel who comes to be with us, pour your abundant grace on our neighbors and our loved ones. Strengthen the weak hands and make firm the feeble knees. Have mercy on those in need of healing, help, and hope, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O God our companion, be with those who travel, that they may be safe and that they may know your loving presence, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O Dayspring from on high, the source of all life, we thank you for your many blessings, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . . Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Leader: O God our Savior, gather those who have died into your Kingdom, where there is everlasting joy and where sorrow and sighing shall flee away, especially . . . and those we name now, either silently or aloud. . . .
Holy God,

People: **Come and reign among us.**

Presider: Hasten, O Father, 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—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 our Savior 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 the grace of 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

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 Anthem

Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

Johann C. H. Rinck
(1770-1846)

Offertory Hymn 454 vs. 1, 4 *Jesus came, adored by angels*

Lowry

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: 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,

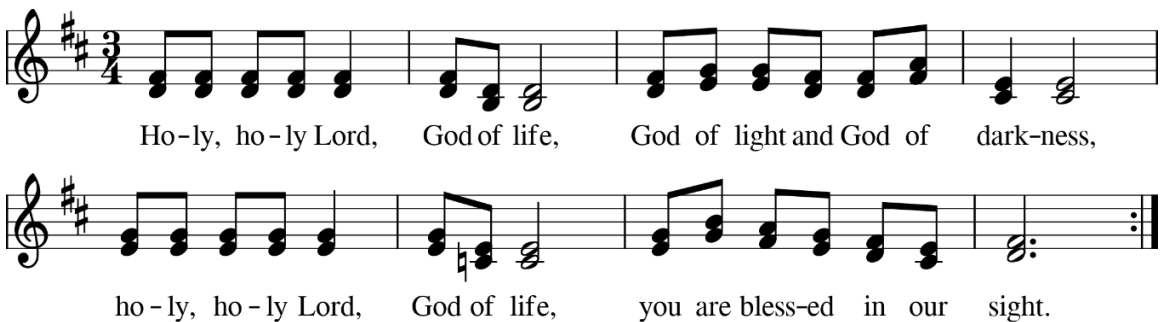
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us
heirs of everlasting life; that when Christ shall come again in power and great triumph
to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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,

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all. Jesus 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 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

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.

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.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Special Events

BCP 830

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 61

"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us

Wachet auf

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.*

Altar flowers are given for 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: Brynne Sterling, Ves Pacher
Healing Minister: Sarah Roskam
Lectors: Emily Firman, Mary Evans
Prayers of the People: Phoebe Christensen
Vestry Host: Jan Boyd | **Ushers:** Tom Paulson, Chris Johns
Altar Guild: Joy Barnsdale
Hospitality: Tina Polf, Joy Barnsdale
Counters: Paula Ross, Janet Allen
A/V: Tom Wear

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