

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2026 - 10 am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Hymn 492

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Finnian

Opening Sentences

Presider: Alleluia. Christ is risen.*People:* **Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - 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: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

The Collect of the Day

Presider: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Lector: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

Lector: A reading from the first letter of Peter

For it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.

For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 708

Savior, like a shepherd lead us

Sicilian Mariners

Gospel

John 10:1-10

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Deacon: The Gospel of our Savior.

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,
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, 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

I Know that My Redeemer Liveth
St. Dunstan's Choir

G.F. Handel
(1685-1759)

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.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The score ends with a double bar line.

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 D

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 truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

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._____

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The presider continues,

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All: **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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, 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

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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.

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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 645

The King of love my shepherd is

St. Columba

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

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 334

Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing

Allest ist an Gottes Segen

Dismissal

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

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

*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

Alleluia

Charles Callahan
(1951-2023)



Healing Prayer is offered at the altar after the postlude.

SERVING TODAY

Presider and Preacher: The Rev. Elizabeth Riley

Deacon: The Rev. Alan Christensen

Music Director: Susanna Valleau

Eucharistic Minister(s): Allison Croft

Healing Minister: Paula Ross

Lectors: Tom Wear, Liz Hinkofer

Prayers of the People: Phoebe Christensen

Vestry Host: Tom Wear | **Usher(s):** Chris Johns

Altar Guild: Trish Carosiello

Hospitality: Liz Hinkofer, Paula Ross

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A/V: Jan Boyd

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