

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 11, 2025

10:15 AM

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Prelude

Processional Hymn At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Hymnal #174

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes
his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns
the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood
was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath
thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 A Community Mass

Richard Proulx

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord, God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther. re - ceive our pray'r, re - ceive, re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

A - men. A - men.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: 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.**

Acts 9:36-43

Reader: A Reading from The Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 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.

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Hymnal #708

1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;
much we need thy tender care;
in thy pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use thy folds prepare.
 Blessèd Jesus!
 Thou hast bought us, thine
 we are.

2 Early let us seek thy favor,
 early let us learn thy will;
do thou, Lord, our only Savior,
 with thy love our bosoms fill.
 Blessèd Jesus!
 Thou hast loved us: love us still.

John 10:22-30

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told

you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: Rev. Anna Scherer

The 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

Gracious God whose love defeated even death, hear and answer our deepest hopes and needs as you did for the women who discovered the empty tomb and hear our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Your church is the Body of Christ, constituted and empowered to continue to proclaim Christ's resurrection, strengthen and embolden us to be persistent in our proclamation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Our world still falls short of the full blossoming of human potential. Open the eyes and hearts of the world's leaders to pursue peace and human thriving for all people.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to see the risen Christ in the world around. Guide us into the work you have given us to do so that the ministries of Jesus might continue, that the poor might know his healing and love through our actions.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You have placed us in a glorious creation and charged us with its care. Grant us wisdom and a willingness to protect our environment so that future generations might know the fullness of its beauty and abundance.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bring healing and wholeness to our lives and to all who suffer in any way. Grant that they might feel Christ's caring touch on their hurts. Especially we pray for Michael, Jack, Karen, Nancy, Elizabeth, Richard, Nese, Mani, Elliot, Brian, Louisa, Maureen, Jacob, Rachael, Catherine, Sean, Harry, Roy, Wayne, Jim, Theresa, Misty, Cathy, Dan, Helen, Aidan, Bill, and Caroline.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ's resurrection opened for us the way to eternal life. Grant that we all may continue on Christ's pathway and enter into your eternal reign and rise again with all the saints who have gone before.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Glorious Lord, you have promised to be with us always, fulfill now your promises for us and grant our prayers as may be best for us and always in accord with your will. All this we ask through our advocate and redeemer, Christ Jesus who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, eternally one God. **Amen.**

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

Clergy and People:

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.

Clergy: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all of 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.**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Presentation Hymn *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* Hymnal #193 v. 5

5 All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Hymnal S-125

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The Celebrant 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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant continues: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. **Amen.**

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

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover from A Community Mass

by: Richard Proulx

Choir: Alleluia

Congregation: **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast.**

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Congregation: **Christ our passover is sacrificed for us,
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia!**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Hymn: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

Hymnal #664

1 My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is his Name;
in pastures fresh he makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,
in paths of truth and grace.

2 When I walk through the shades
of death,
thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows,
thy oil anoints my head.

3 The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days;
oh, may thy house be mine abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People :

**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.**

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

May God who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and everlasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance.

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: *Ye Servants of God*

Hymnal #535

1 Ye servants of God, your
Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his
wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of
Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he
rules over all.

3 Salvation to God who sits on
the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor
the Son.
The praises of Jesus the
angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces,
and worship the Lamb.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty
to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence
we have.
The great congregation his
triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus
our King.

4 Then let us adore, and give him
his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom
and might,
and honor and blessing, with
angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing
and infinite love.

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

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

Postlude

Our mission is to build and strengthen relationships among God and God's children, through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER LIST

May 11, 2025

In the Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

In the Diocese of Virginia, we pray for Emmanuel, Delaplane, St. John the Baptist, Ivy, and St. Peter's, Purcellville.

In our Chesterbrook Community, we pray for First Baptist Church.

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week especially Elizabeth McCall, and for those celebrating anniversaries this week.

We pray for those who are ill or in special need: Michael, Jack, Karen, Nancy, Elizabeth, Richard, Nese, Mani, Elliott, Brian, Louisa, Maureen, Jacob, Rachael, Catherine, Sean, Harry, Roy, Wayne, Jim, Theresa, Misty, Cathy, Dan, Helen, Aidan, Bill, and Caroline.

We pray for those who have died.

We pray for: Our Country, our military, peace in Ukraine, peace in the Middle East.

Assisting today: Carter Brown, Cody Brown, & Jack Brown (Acolytes), Ann Collier (Chalicist), Alison Keck (Lector), Ben Keck (Ushers), Linda Young, & Linda Scanlon (Altar Guild), Alison Keck (Flower Guild), Linda Young (Greeter).

Announcements

St. Dunstan's Graduates

Please join us in congratulating our recent graduates. Cecilia Curran graduated from Amherst College with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology. Next month, Carter Brown graduates from McLean High School, and Julia Williams graduates from Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

Children's Chapel

We will hold a short, child focused worship service with communion at 9:00am on Sunday, May 18. Invite the young people in your life to join us.

Dying Well: A Conversation About Funerals and End of Life Decisions

On Sunday, May 25th join us for a forum after church led by Anna, Derrick, and Chris. The topic will be end-of-life preparations. We will dive into the language and theology of our Book of Common Prayer, wonderful hymns customarily played at funerals, and much more. Often, we shy away from end-of-life conversations. The reality is that one of the best gifts we can give to our loved ones when we die is clarity about end-of-life care, funeral plans, and all else.

Summer Fellowship Hosts Needed

Summer is a great time to get involved and host an outdoor fellowship. No coffee making, just cold drinks and snacks. Please contact Martha Taishoff (703) 582-3338 or mvtaishoff@gmail.com to pick a Sunday or to get more information.

Vinson Hall Upcoming Events

- Tue May 13, 7:00pm Alford Auditorium, Broadway Lectures w/songs
- Sat May 17, & Sun May 18, 12:00 - 4:00pm Ballroom, Spring Art, Photo Show (traditionally wine/cheese are served about 3:00)
- Tue May 20, 5:15pm Penthouse Dining Room, Episcopal dinner
7:00 Chapel, Episcopal service w/Anna, Chris, Derrick

If you'd like to have dinner in the PH any time, please call Carol Saunders (703) 532-6882 or C (703) 624-5675 so she can reserve a table. Please pay w/credit card, no tipping.



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