

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST: THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
IN ORDINARY TIME, PROPER 27 SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

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**PLEASE ENJOY THE SERVICE MUSIC BUT REFRAIN FROM SINGING AT THIS TIME.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

**ENTRANCE SONG** *All standing.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

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.**

**PRAYER**

**BCP, 324**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

**GLORIA** *Sung by The Praise Team*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING *The People sit.*

**AMOS 5:18-24**

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 70 *sung by the choir*

*Deus, in adjutorium*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*  
O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*  
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*  
because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever,

"Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

## THE SECOND READING

## 1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN/SONG

### THE HOLY GOSPEL *The People stand*

### MATTHEW 25:1-13

*The Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

## FR. ROMAN ROLDAN

### 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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The People respond to all the petitions with*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The prayers conclude with*

In the communion of Blessed Dunstan, and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*People*     **To you, O Lord Our God.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

*The Celebrant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*All, kneeling.*

**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.

*The Celebrant then pronounces the absolution of sins, to which the People respond.*

**Amen.**

## THE PEACE

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

**The peace of the Lord be always with you.**

*People* **And also with you.**

*At this time simply bow, wave, give the peace sign, etc. or verbally acknowledge those around you saying "peace be with you" or "good morning".*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

**YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE AT [WWW.SAINTDUNSTANS.ORG/GIVE](http://WWW.SAINTDUNSTANS.ORG/GIVE). THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY SONG/HYMN

### THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand*

*From all that dwell below the skies, v. 3*

**HYMNAL, 380**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### RITE II - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

**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 unto our Lord God.**

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*The Celebrant proceeds with the proper preface, which concludes*

**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 AND BENEDICTUS

*Sung by The Praise Team*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Then 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 say*

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

*The 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 Blessed 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.

*Celebrant and People say* **AMEN**

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

*People and Celebrant, kneeling*

**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

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread and a period of silence is kept, then is said*

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrifice for us

*People* **therefore let us keep the feast.**

## THE INVITATION TO A SPIRITUAL HOLY COMMUNION

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The presider says the following prayer:*

Our Jesus,

We believe that you are truly present

in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

We love you above all things,

and long for you in our souls.

Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into our hearts.

As though you have already come,

We embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you;

never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

*(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

## THE COMMUNION MUSIC

## POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

*The People kneel. The Celebrant and People say*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,**

**and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,**

**and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you**

**with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*The Priest blesses the people, who respond*

**Amen.**

*The Celebrant, dismisses the people, who respond*

**Thanks be to God.**

## SONG OF MISSION

#### NORTHWEST ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES CHRISTMAS BAGS

St. Dunstan's is partnering with Northwest Assistance Ministries to provide The Blessing of Gifts this Christmas to children. We have committed to filling 60 gift bags for kids. Help us meet this goal! Stop by the office during business hours to pick up a bag(s) or pick some up in the breezeway on Sunday mornings. If you drop your filled bag(s) off at St. Dunstan's by Dec. 6th we will take it to NAM for you. Contact Sarah Quiroga with any questions.

#### BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER

During the month of November is St. Dunstan's Blood Drive at The Gulf Coast Blood Center. You can make an appointment at the Gulf Coast Blood Drive Center and mention St. Dunstan's Donor ID #1820.

#### IN HIS STEPS CALLS REMINDER

In His steps prayers calls will be occurring November 9th to November 14th. Asking parishioners to consider answering their phones, emails, or texts. A Prayer team member will be contacting and praying for you during this time leading up to Commitment Sunday on, November 15th. The entire parish will be prayed for during that time.

#### HEALING PRAYER TEAMS AVAILABLE IN THE WELCOME CENTER AND THE CHAPEL