



HOLY EUCHARIST: THANKSGIVING EVE ~ WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021

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WELCOME

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THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Travis

ENTRANCE HYMN *All standing.*

"Come, ye thankful people, come"

HYMNAL, 290

vs. 1, 2, 4

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

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

The Celebrant continues with the Collect for Purity

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.**

The Celebrant continues with the following

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

*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.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING *The People sit.*

JOEL 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 126 *said by all*

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.

- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

THE SECOND READING

1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *The People stand.*

"I sing the almighty power of God"

HYMNAL, 398

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 6:25-33

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

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

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

AFTER THE GOSPEL

Sung twice

Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord.

Sing prais - es, all you peo - ples, sing prais - es to the Lord! Sing

THE SERMON

The Rev. Beth Anne Nelson

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 LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader For the communion of saints, in all times and places,
People **We thank you, Lord.**

Leader Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
People **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SINS

The Celebrant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All, kneeling or standing as able

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

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.

People **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 ALSO GIVE ONLINE AT WWW.SAINTDUNSTANS.ORG/GIVE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

HYMNAL, 377

“All people that on earth do dwell”

THE DOXOLOGY *The people stand*

HYMNAL, 377 vs. 5

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC 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

***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.



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 sung

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
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.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's Table. To receive Holy Communion follow the procession line towards the altar.
Place your hands together (palms upward), receive the host, and carefully dip the host in the chalice before consuming.
Drinking from the Communion cup is not allowed at this time. If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN

HYMNAL, 288

"Praise to God, immortal praise"

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

The Priest blesses the people, who respond

Amen.

HYMN OF MISSION

HYMNAL, 397

"Now thank we all our God"

THE DISMISSAL

From the back of the church the Deacon or Celebrant, dismisses the people, who respond,

Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Sunday School Classes & Small Groups!

Zoom and contact information for these groups can be found on our website
<https://saintdunstans.org/onlinegroups>.

All groups are open to new members and visitors any time.

NAM CHRISTMAS BAGS:

Located in Parish Hall

Pick up a bag and fill it with presents for a boy or girl

Due back by Nov. 28th

SEAFARERS DONATIONS

We are collecting items for the
Christmas Seafarers Donation Boxes.

Please bring items to church

on or before the

St. Nicholas Breakfast on

Saturday, Dec. 11

Suggested donation items:

- Shoebboxes (plastic preferred)
- Socks
- Baseball caps
- Toothbrush/ toothpaste
- Chapstick
- Lotion (small bottles)

- Popcorn/ hot chocolate
- Shampoo/ soap/ deodorant
- Gum/ candy
- Pocket calendars/ playing cards
- Pens/ Sudoku/ word searches
- Nail clippers
- Razors

HOLIDAYS AT ST. DUNSTAN'S

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5 - THE FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS 4:00PM

Hear nine Lessons which tell the story of a God who prepared a great Messiah to be with us and save us from our sins, so that we can be with Him forever. Sing the carols of Christmas, pray for the world, the Church, and the poor. Cookie Reception following.

**This service will also be live streamed. Childcare available.*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11- BREAKFAST WITH SAINT NICHOLAS 9:00AM-12:00PM

Enjoy donuts, a bounce house, holiday crafts, & a visit from Saint Nicholas himself. FREE—so invite friends for some holiday Fun!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 - TAIZÉ 4:00PM

Take a special moment to sit in silence, in prayer, or in song with God during this Advent season's Taizé service.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00PM MODERN TRADITIONAL FAMILY WORSHIP WITH STUDENT CHOIRS

Celebrate our family friendly worship with children & student choirs & student readers.

6:00PM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP WITH THE PRAISE TEAM

Celebrate with our Contemporary Instrumentalist and Vocalist as they sing contemporary music & traditional Hymns.

**This service will also be livestreamed.*

8:00PM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH THE PARISH CHOIR, ORGANIST & STRINGS

Celebrate with music from a string quartet, our organist, and choir in this service rich with Episcopal traditions.

10:00PM CANDLELIGHT CHORAL WORSHIP WITH ORGANIST & STRINGS

*The tradition of hypoallergenic incense and the singing of "Silent Night" in candlelight brings a reverent beauty to the still night. *This service will also be livestreamed.*

*****Childcare available at the 4:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:00pm Christmas Eve Services.*****

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY 11:00AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP WITH ORGAN MUSIC

Celebrate the birth of Jesus on this Christmas morning!