

# St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Blue Bell, PA



First Sunday of Advent  
December 2, 2018

*Welcome to St. Dunstan's community of faith. Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your faith journey, you are welcome here, to receive God's blessings and be nourished with us at the Lord's table.*



## ***Entrance Rite***

### **Prelude**

*At the sound of the chime, the congregation rises for the lighting of the Advent Wreath.*

### **Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

Presider            Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All                    Thanks be to God.**

*The Advent Candle is lit.*

Presider            People of God: awake! The day is coming soon when you shall see  
God face to face. Remember the ways and the works of God.

**All                    God calls us out of darkness to walk in the light of his coming.  
We are God's children. Lord, make us one as we walk with Christ  
today and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider and Chalice Bearer return to their seats.*

## Entrance Hymn 58

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -  
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful  
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling  
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,  
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,  
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,  
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788) Music: St. Thomas, melody #1. John Francis Wade (1711-1786); harm. #1. Vincent Francis Novello (1781-1861)

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

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY (*said by all*)

**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.**

### **Penitential Kyries**

*Reader* Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*Reader* Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

Christ, have mercy

**All Christ, have mercy.**

*Reader* Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

# Liturgy of the Word

## Collect of the Day

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

*All* **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.**

## First Reading:

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

*Reader* Word of God; Word of life.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Psalm 25:1-9

*The Chalice Bearer reads until the asterisk, the peoples response is in bold.*

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
**let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
**let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, \*  
**and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
**for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, \*  
**for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
**remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; \*  
**therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
**and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness \*  
**to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

## **Second Reading**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*Reader*            Word of God; Word of life.  
*All*                **Thanks be to God.**





Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

*Presider*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All now repeat the Gospel Alleluia, above.*

## HOMILY

### Nicene Creed

*All stand.*

**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

Reader: Brothers and sisters, as we joyfully await the full manifestation of God's reign in Christ, let us pray for the needs of the church and the world.

Reader: O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High and reach from beginning to end, mightily and sweetly ordering all things. Behold and bless your church, remembering especially Michael our presiding bishop, Daniel our bishop, David our priest, and all those who minister in your holy name. Be present in ordering the life of this and every congregation.

**All: Come and teach us the way of prudence.**

Reader: O Adonai, God of the Covenant, ruler of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and on Mount Sinai gave your law. Forgive us when we stray from your guidance and will.

**All: Come and redeem us for our life together.**

Reader: O Root of Jesse, you stand as an ensign to humankind; before you rulers will shut their mouths, and nations bow in worship: We pray for your peace and justice in every nation and throughout the world; be present to all whose lives are ravaged by war and strife; especially we hold before you those from among us who serve their country abroad. Guide the leaders of this and every land into the paths of peace and goodwill.

**All: Come save us and do not delay.**

Reader: O Key of David, and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can shut, you shut and no one can open: Guide us in opening the doors of opportunity for the unemployed, for the homeless, for prisoners, and for all who are oppressed; and lead us in closing the doors that lead to poverty, bigotry, and injustice.

**All: Come and bring the captives out of the prison house.**

Reader: O King of the Nations and their Desire, you are the cornerstone that makes us one: We lift up all who are suffering and in need, especially those on our parish intercession list and those we name now silently in our hearts or aloud (*leave silent time for intercessions*) Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous and help us minister to them in your love.

**All: Come and save us whom you have fashioned out of clay.**

Reader: O Dayspring, radiance of the Light Eternal and Sun of Righteousness: Shine your light on those who have died, and bring comfort to all those who mourn.

**All: Come and enlighten all who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.**

Reader: O Emmanuel, God with us, Expected One and Savior, we give thanks for all the blessings of this life; for all those who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries; and for the other blessings we now name silently or aloud [*pause*]. Make each of us ready to receive you into our hearts, to serve you in all whom we meet, and to greet you in the fullness of your glory in the day of your appearing.

**All: Come and save us, O Lord our God**

Reader: Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary, John the Baptist, and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

**All: To you, O Lord.**

**Presider:** Hasten, O God, 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; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

**All: Amen**

Presider Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbors, and ourselves.

*Silence is kept.*

**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 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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive 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. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

**All** **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Liturgy of the Table**

*Remain standing.*

### **Offertory Sentence**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to  
the Lord.

## Offertory Hymn 54



1 Sa - vior of the na - tions, come! Vir - gin's  
2 Won - drous birth! Oh, won - drous child of the  
3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears, grac - ing  
4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son, who o'er

Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both  
Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and  
his cre - a - ted spheres; hence to death and  
sin the vic - tory won. Bound - less shall your

heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Ma - ry's son, ea - ger now his race to run!  
hell de - scends, then the heaven - ly throne a - scends.  
king - dom be; grant that we its glo - ries see.

## Presentation of Gifts

**All** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head above all.

## Invitation to the Table

*The congregation gathers in a circle/oval around the Altar.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues.*

*Presider* Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

*All* 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.

*The Presider continues.*

### **Memorial Acclamation**

*Presider* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

*The Presider continues.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

*All* Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
All Therefore let us keep the feast.

## The Invitation to Share

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.  
All May we who share these gifts be found in Christ,  
and Christ in us.

## Communion Chant

## Bless the Lord my Soul

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The top staff is a vocal line with lyrics in Latin and Hawaiian. The bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line with lyrics in Latin and Hawaiian. The lyrics are: U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor, Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est, Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

## Postcommunion Prayer

*Remain seated*

Presider Let us pray.  
All 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.

## Announcements

### Blessing

## Going Forth Hymn 59

*Descant*

2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

1 Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing; "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
2 Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;  
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;  
4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,

2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

1 "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye child - ren of the day."  
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.  
3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
5 with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

Words: Latin, ca. 6th cent.; fr. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861, 40. Music: *African*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889); desc. Alan Gray (1855-1935)

## Postlude



## **Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **A Healing Service will follow**

### **Ministers of the Liturgy Today**

**Greeters** *Marge Fueher, Charles Stehle*

**Lector** *David Martin*

**Minister of the Chalice** *Ursula Schaufler*

**Prayers of the People** *John Ruser*

**Altar Guild** *Marge Fuehrer, Joanne Stehle*

**Altar Flower** *Sue Fralick-Ball*

**Pastoral Care** *John Ruser*

**Vestry Member on Duty** *Sue Fralick-Ball*

**Coffee Hour** *Rivers*

**Organist** *Joe Benedict*

**Presider** *Rev. Christina Nord*

We pray for Jack Munera, Tony Bove, Colleen Kelly and family, Jeffery, the Provost family, Jean, Nancy Benedict, Jamie Brady, Kathy Earley, Craig, Ross Hill, Michael Scullen, Jean Kennedy, Shirley Brinker, Kathryn Bullock, Shirley Swift, Al Kime, Shirley Hawes, Paul & The Rev. Lori Exley, Joanne Stehle, Robert Hagendorf and Kai.

We pray for our Vestry, our Bishop and the Diocese of Pennsylvania. We pray for peace throughout the world.

**December Birthdays:** 7- Allan Kime 17- Jeanette Munera





## THE VESTRY OF ST. DUNSTAN'S

David Martin *Senior Warden*

Elizabeth Willoughby *Accounting Warden*

Charles Stehle

John Ruser

Sue Fralick Ball

### **Finance Ministry**

- Liz Willoughby, Charles Stehle,  
Richard Earley, Ruth High,  
David Martin

### **Worship Ministry**

- Mimi Lezenby
- Pastoral Care Ministry  
John Ruser/Gertrude Knapp

### **Community Engagement Ministry**

- Gertrude Knapp, Ursula Schaufler,  
Charles Stehle  
≈ Communications/  
Publicity/Events  
≈ Hospitality  
≈ Newcomer Welcoming

### **Christian Formation Ministry**

- David Martin, Janet Martin,  
Liz Rivers

### **Stewardship Ministry**

- David Martin, Charles Stehle

### **Outreach Ministry**

- ≈ ECS/Christmas
- ≈ Ambler Food Cupboard
- ≈ Thanksgiving
- ≈ ECS/Back to School
- ≈ Laurel House
- ≈ Good Friday Offering

### **Property Ministry**

- Charles Stehle, John Ruser
- Ursula Schaufler, Facility Usage

