



A Eucharist for St Dunstan's Day

Prelude

The President may say some words of introduction and welcome.

We light the Paschal Candle

May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The lights of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn: Blessed City, Heavenly Salem

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and corner-stone,
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
And her confidence alone.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
What they ask of thee to gain,
What they gain from thee for ever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in thy glory
Evermore with thee to reign.

Welcome

Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one.
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.

(Latin, trans. John Mason Neale)

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

All: **He has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead.**

All: **Lord, speak to us that we may hear your word.
Move among us that we may behold your glory.
Receive our prayers that we may learn to trust you.
Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus is the Good Shepherd:
in every generation he raises up overseers,
to shepherd the Church of God that he obtained with his own blood.
We are sinners:
let us call to mind the times when we have failed to hear his voice
and not followed where he has led.

Lord Jesus, you call by name those who are yours:
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you lead us in the right paths for your name's sake:
Christ, have mercy.

All: **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the door of the sheepfold;
those who enter by you will be saved:
Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Gloria

All: **Glory to God in the Highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heav'nly 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

Almighty God,
who raised Dunstan to be a true shepherd of the flock,
a restorer of monastic life,
and a faithful counsellor to those in authority:
give to all pastors the same gifts of your Holy Spirit
that they may be true servants of Christ and of all his people;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

First Reading – Exodus 31.1-5

The Lord spoke to Moses: See, I have called by name Bezalel son of Uri son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with divine spirit, with ability, intelligence, and knowledge in every kind of craft, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, in every kind of craft.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading – Matthew 24.42-46

Alleluia, alleluia.
I am the good shepherd:
I know my own and my own know.

All: **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

'Who then is the faithful and wise slave, whom his master has put in charge of his household, to give the other slaves their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

All: **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 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, who with the
Father and the Son is worshipped 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 Intercession

We use the following response:

Lord, in your mercy
All: **Hear our prayer.**

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father,
All: **Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you'.
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

*This is the moment in the service when we usually take a collection for our churches.
The work we do is funded only by the money we raise ourselves. Please visit our
website for more information on how to give to our parish:*

<https://www.cheamparish.org.uk/giving>

Choir Anthem: Be Still For The Presence Of The Lord (arr. Evans)

Good Shepherd, your flock is never without care.
Accept our sacrifice of praise
and grant that your Church may always rejoice
in faithful pastors, servants of Christ
and stewards of your mysteries.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Today we honour Dunstan,
who in your loving providence
enabled your church to grow in spirit as the body of Christ.
To your children he faithfully proclaimed the good news of salvation
and nourished them by ministering your sacraments.
Through a pastor's love he led your people to share your grace
and witness to the world in the communion of one true faith
and in the work of selfless charity.
On this his feast, we join with him to praise you
And in the company of angels and all the host of heaven
we sing for ever of your glory.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world, rejoicing
in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one kingdom
all who share in this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you
for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray with confidence as our
Saviour has taught us:

All: **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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The President breaks the bread, saying:

We break the bread of the world,
To share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The President receives communion.

Spiritual Communion

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St. Thomas Aquinas, "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him." Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

**Jesus, I believe that you are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I long for you in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, be with me at least
spiritually into my heart.
Amen.**

Prayers after Communion

God, shepherd of your people,
whose servant Dunstan revealed the loving service of Christ
in his ministry as a pastor of your people:
by this eucharist in which we share
awaken within us the love of Christ
and keep us faithful to our Christian calling;
through him who laid down his life for us,
but is alive and reigns with you, now and for ever.

All: **Amen.**

All: **God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands the bread of life:
strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you
and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Notices and Announcements

The Dismissal

Christ the good shepherd,
who laid down his life for the sheep,
draw you and all who hear his voice,
to be one flock within one fold;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All: **In the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Hymn: All My Hope On God Is Founded

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

(Robert Seymour Bridges)

Postlude