



Ordinary August Time

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

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THE FEAST OF WILLIAM PORCHER DUBOSE



William Porcher DuBose

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William Porcher DuBose (April 11, 1836 – August 18, 1918) was an American priest, author, and theologian in the [Episcopal Church in the United States](#). After service in the [Confederate States Army](#) during the [American Civil War](#), in which he became a [chaplain](#) in his cousin's regiment, DuBose served as a Professor, Chaplain, and Dean of Theology at the [University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee](#).^{[1][2]} Later he served as Chaplain at Fairmount College in [Mon-teagle, Tennessee](#) (currently the [DuBose Conference Center](#), named after William Porcher DuBose) and as priest-in-charge at the nearby Chapel of the Holy Comforter.^[3]
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Early life and education

In 1836, William Porcher DuBose was born near [Winnsboro, Fair-](#)

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

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

Presider: **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:

Hymnal 1982 S280

**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.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect:

Almighty God, you gave to your servant William Porcher DuBose special gifts of grace to understand the Scriptures and to teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)

The First Lesson - A Reading from James 3:1-12

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm - Psalm 19:7-14

**7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

**8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

**9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; ***

**the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

**10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**

**11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.**

**12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.**

**13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer**

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 16:19-31

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those

who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

Nicene Creed *(Traditional)*

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:

Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: O Jesus, you cared for your companions and for the little ones who surrounded you. We pray for our family, friends, and neighbors, and for those for whom you have given us a special care:

- * For the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache people, that we may honor each other and work together for our common good.
- * In the diocesan cycle of prayer for *Christ The King, in Tucson*.
- * In the Anglican cycle of prayer for *The Diocese of Meridional (Southern) – Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil*
- * And for the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

(The People may add their own petitions, aloud or silently)

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(The People may add their own thanksgivings, aloud or silently)

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Leader: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(a short pause)

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: 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. **Amen.**

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

People And also with you.

Offertory

Presider Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself as a offering and sacrifice to God.

(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)

Doxology

(Hymn #380 v. 3)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creature here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Amen**

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving -

BCP Rite II Prayer C

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: *God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.*

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982 #S125

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (x2)

The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

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

Lord's Prayer: (Traditional)

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 S154

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. Come to the rail and extend your hand to receive the bread, wait for the chalice to dip/intinct your bread into the wine, then consume it. If you prefer not to have the wine, you may eat the bread when you receive it. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

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.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Deacon: *People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?*

People: **We are called to love and serve.**

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Please, join us for refreshments in the Parish Hall after worship.

[field County, South Carolina](#) (near [Columbia, South Carolina](#)) to the former Jane Sinkler Porcher (*Porcher* is French and pronounced as if spelled *por-shay*) and her husband, Capt. Theodore Samuel DuBose. Both sides of his family were descended from [French Huguenots](#)^[5] who had immigrated as religious refugees in 1686 and settled in the [Midlands](#) of [South Carolina](#). DuBose grew up on the 2,500-acre (10 km²) family plantation near Winnsboro; his parents were planters and major slaveholders, owning 204 slaves in 1860.^[6] His great-uncle [William DuBose](#) (1787 or 1788 - 1855) was also a planter and major slaveholder; he was elected as South Carolina's lieutenant-governor.^[7] W. P. DuBose was privately educated, including at [Mount Zion College](#), a private male academy in Winnsboro. Later he taught there.

At age 15, DuBose entered the South Carolina Military Academy (now known as [The Citadel](#)) in 1851. By his final year (1855), he was the ranking officer as well as Assistant Professor of English. He graduated from SCMA in 1855 "with first honors".^[5]

While at The Citadel, DuBose had his "conversion experience":

I leapt to my feet trembling, and then that happened that I can only describe by saying that a light shone about me and a Presence filled the room. At the same time, ineffable joy and peace took possession of me which it is impossible to either express or explain.^[8]

In 1856, DuBose entered the [University of Virginia](#), graduating with a Master of Arts degree in 1859.^[5] Later that year, he entered the just-opened South Carolina diocesan seminary in [Camden, South Carolina](#).^{[5][1]}

Confederate States Army

When the [American Civil War](#) began, DuBose left the seminary. He enlisted with South Carolina's [Holcombe Legion](#), and accepted an appointment as its [adjutant](#).^{[5][9]} The legion fought at the [Second Battle of Bull Run](#), where DuBose was injured twice. For part of 1862, DuBose was a [prisoner of war](#) before being [exchanged](#).^[5] He was wounded again in December of the same year.

In 1863, family friends and church contacts helped DuBose gain a commission as a [chaplain](#). After he was ordained a deacon at Grace Church in Camden, South Carolina in December 1863, he joined [Kershaw's Brigade](#) as its chaplain in [Greeneville, Tennessee](#). It was led by his lawyer cousin [Dudley M. DuBose](#), who was raised in Tennessee.

Ministry

After the war, on September 9, 1866, DuBose was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church by Bishop [Thomas F. Davis](#). (He had aligned with the [Protestant Episcopal Church in the Confederate States of America](#) during the conflict, when his brother served as Attorney General of the Confederacy). The Rev. DuBose served St. John's Parish, [Fairfield](#), which included [St. Stephen's Episcopal Church](#) and St. John's Episcopal Church in Winnsboro.^{[1][10]} While there, DuBose also taught Greek at his alma mater, Mt. Zion College.^[1]

In January 1868, DuBose was called as rector of Trinity Church in [Abbeville, South Carolina](#).^{[1][11]} At the diocesan convention in 1870, he was considered to be a serious contender to succeed The Rt. Rev. Davis, which DuBose later considered a "fortunate escape".^[1]

In July 1871, Vice-Chancellor [Charles Todd Quintard](#) nominated The

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