



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

ASCENSION DAY
June 2, 2019
8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

Prelude Majeste du Christ demandant sa gloire a son Pere *Suite Ascencion; Olivier Messiaen*
Prier du Christ montant vers son Pere ** see notes in announcements

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest 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.**

People **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 *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

**Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our
Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind
there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Acts 1:1–11

A summary of the last events and instructions of Jesus' earthly ministry before he is lifted up into heaven. The book is formally dedicated to Theophilus, who may have been an early convert to Christianity. Jesus tells his followers to wait for their baptism in the Holy Spirit, after which their missionary work will spread from Jerusalem out to all the world. Jesus will one day come again, but his disciples now have a message to bring to all peoples.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

God reigns, the Lord of all creation, and has established the earth and subdued the great waters.

- 1 **T**he LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

Ephesians 1:15–23

Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesians and prays that they may see with their inward eyes the power of God, who has raised and enthroned Jesus far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in God! The Lord Christ now reigns as head of the church, which is his body and which experiences the fullness of his love.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 24:44–53

Jesus leaves his followers with the promise of the Holy Spirit and is carried up into heaven. The disciples are to await their empowerment from on high before beginning their mission to the world. Joyfully they return from Bethany, the town where Jesus had stayed before his passion. They enter the temple and praise God.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Serenity prayer

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Rob Fisher

The 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:
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 worshipped 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.

Standing or kneeling.

The Prayers of the People *The people stand or kneel*

Leader **F**ather, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **T**hat we all may be one.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **T**hat your **N**ame may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for Bishop Mary, N., the Bishop-Elect, all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **T**hat they may be faithful ministers of your **W**ord and **S**acraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

Priest Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**People 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 Absolution

Priest **A**lmighty 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.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

**People 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 people stand or kneel.

Priest Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

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

**People 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 Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Priest 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 are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People 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

Priest **L**ife is short. *Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)*

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest **A**lleluia! Alleluia!

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Rob Fisher

Lay Server: Mac Moss

Lector: Dede White



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

.....

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper,
like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up
or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF

online at stdcv.org/bulletins





Young Adult BonCom

June 8; 7—10 pm

Twin Lakes State Beach, Santa Cruz

a night of building bonfire and community for young adults of all identities.

COST: FREE! You're also free to come & go

RSVP: Insta dm [@agape_realepiscopal](https://www.instagram.com/agape_realepiscopal)
or [kelsey\(at\)realepiscopal.org](mailto:kelsey@realepiscopal.org)

You and friends are invited to our first **BonCom** in Santa Cruz hosted by Agape Meals.

What: We will have s'mores, music, and lots of hanging out around the fire. Very low-key, social event. Though it is the night before Pentecost, there will be no official liturgy. Lighting the bonfire & sharing stories will serve that. Please bring your own chair/blanket.

Who: The event is built around "young adults" but it is open to anyone who wants to come!

****NO ALCOHOL****

Help us know you by

Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Sign up today to receive

St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

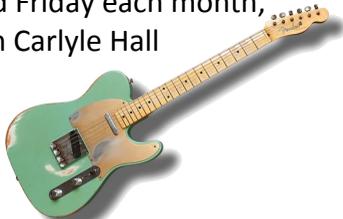
Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering your email address.

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Now the Second Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

**Friday,
July 5**



In our prayers this week. . . .

Sam, Andrew, J.J., Richard, John, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Ida, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, Fran, Gigi, Nancy, George, Deborah, Nate, Chuck, Josh, Bill, Lawrence, Bob, Jack, Natalie

For the repose of the souls

Jeanne Oss, Horace Lane Clark

Children & Youth Ministries

*To get involved or learn more,
contact the church office.*

Light and Love (Ages infant–4 years)
10 am Sundays in the nursery

A safe, sunny space where the youngest children can learn and play while parents experience the service. All children are also heartily welcome in church!

Godly Play (Ages 4 and up)
10 am Sundays in Carlyle Hall

Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

Re:form (Tweens and Teens)
11:30–12:45 Alternate Sundays

Using games, videos and discussion, participating youth develop their tools for critical thinking, faithful reflection and discovery. And they have fun!

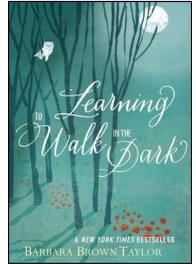
Youth in Action (Tweens and Teens)
At least once per month; sites vary

A kid-driven volunteer service program through which our youth address social and environmental issues, help others in the community and have fun!
Open to any local kids who want to make their community a better place.

Sunday Morning Class

9 am in the Outer Office

The Sunday Morning Class is discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's book, Learning to Walk in the Dark.



Taylor writes that most of us fear the dark places of our lives and want to avoid them. But in her provocative book, Taylor shows how much we need the dark in order to find the light. Even if you have not the book, please join us.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office(at)stdcv.org by midnight Monday.

**Notes on the music

Today's Prelude movements musically portray prayer from Christ recorded in the Gospel according to St. John:

- 1.) Father, the hour is come: glorify Thy Son, that Thy Son also may glorify Thee.
- 2.) And now, O Father, I have manifested Thy name unto men. . . . and now, I am no more in the world, but these are in the world and I come to Thee.

Final Stewardship Forum Today at 11:15 am

Please join us as we collectively discern where and how God is calling our church at the final of this year's three forums. We ask that you share thoughts on how we can best serve God by improving what we are now doing, and by starting new work.

Our forums this year are particularly important since much of the information will be available to our yet-to-be-formed rector search committee in preparing our parish profile. Your input will help shape our future in discerning and calling our next rector.

All suggestions are carefully considered by parish leaders at an all day leaders retreat. Even if you have participated in the past and feel that you have already contributed, please join us again for our discussions even if for 20 minutes or so. You are free to leave whenever you need to.

Next Sunday: All-Parish & School Picnic, and Bidding Farewell to Rob, Sarah, and Zoe

We hope to have everyone join in the festivities on June 9th, 11:30 am, as we gather to celebrate the end of our school year and say goodbye to Rob, Sarah & Zoe.

The Taco Truck will be serving delicious food. There will be games and activities for kids. And this will be Fr. Rob's last Sunday at St. Dunstan's.

Please sign up on the Welcome Table to let us know you are coming.
You may also sign up to bring a salad or dessert.

Haiti Team Begins Spring Fund Drive for St. Andre's School

During the next few weeks, members of the Haiti Team will present some details of the projects to be funded during the 2018 – 2019 school year at St. Andre's in Hinche, Haiti. Among the initiatives requiring support are: a trial of a new food program with emphasis on locally-grown items; continuing enhancement and expansion of the computer laboratory; expansion of the opportunity of rural students to attend St. Andre's; and continuation of the Teach for Haiti and Ministry of Education programs for teacher enhancement. The funding goal for this drive is \$35,000. You have been most generous in supporting our past efforts to improve the educational level of Haiti's citizens and we ask for your continued help in improving future generations of Haitians to meet the challenges that confront them.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, June 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 Stewardship Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 Children's Ministries
 11:30 am Stewardship Forum
 7:00 pm AA

Monday, June 3

2:30 pm Ranch House HOA meeting

Tuesday, June 4

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, June 5

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
 12:30 pm Daughters of the King
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
 2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6

12:00 pm Quilters
 4:00 pm I-Help (meal by others)

Friday, June 7

Saturday, June 8

9:00 am Stewardship leader retreat

Sunday, June 9 ~ The Day of Pentecost

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Graduations
 Children's Ministries
 11:30 am All-Parish Picnic
 7:00 pm AA

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Joan Carter	11 Andrew White	21 Rodger Langland
6 Forrest Borlik	14 Libby Lambert	21 Sebastien Lewis
7 Emma Brown	15 Mildred Annand	24 Ross Merrifield
8 Don Carr	15 Debbie Howitt	25 Raymond Vasquez
9 Mystery Chastain	17 Bridget Booth	27 Francesca Barattucci
10 Dave Lambert	17 Rich Hawkins	27 Dave Roth
11 Mary Britton	18 Ember Gregorio	28 Marge Kohler
11 Madison Snellgrose	20 Rory Lambert	30 George Pappas



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

Originally written by the people of St. Bartholomew's, New York, this statement has been modified for our use with their permission.

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, California 93923

(831) 624-6646 office@stdcv.org



saintdunstanschurch.org