



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 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 “Reverence” and “Amazing Grace” (Sanctuary)

Gwyneth Walker

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

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

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, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Isaiah 58:9b–14

The prophet draws a distinction between false and true worship. God will bear the prayers of those who act justly and extend themselves for the hungry and afflicted. Such genuine sacrifice delights the Lord's heart, and for such worshippers God will prove a sure guide and sustainer.

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in. If you refrain from trampling the sabbath, from pursuing your own interests on my holy day; if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable; if you honor it, not going your own ways, serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs; then you shall take delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth; I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1–8 *Benedic, anima mea*

A hymn of blessing and thanksgiving for healing, forgiveness, and for all the Lord's acts of goodness.

- 1 **B**less the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The LORD executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.

- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.
- 8 The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Hebrews 12:18–29

Disciples are said to stand, not before Mount Sinai, but before Mount Zion of the heavenly Jerusalem. Theirs is an unshakable kingdom. The covenant at Sinai was made in terror. Through the covenant brought about by Jesus' sacrifice, the new people become God's children. Not to heed the voice of Christ, however, is more dangerous than it was not to hear God's words spoken through Moses. The God of fire who shook the earth at Sinai will shake earth and heaven once more. Only what is unshaken will remain.

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 13:10–17

Jesus, on the sabbath day, heals a long-suffering woman from an infirmity she has had for many years. The effect of Jesus' laying on of hands is immediate. Rather than rejoicing at the blessing received by the woman, the official in the place of worship protests Jesus' trespass against one traditional understanding of sabbath regulations, an argument apparently current in Jesus' time. Jesus sharply contrasts these rules with the kindness routinely shown to animals, shaming the official and causing all to marvel at his words and deeds.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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. Marcia M. Lockwood

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.

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

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

Silence

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; Mary our Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop-elect; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Hear us, Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

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

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings.

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.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Priest *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.*

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

Silence may be kept.

People **H**ave 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.

The Absolution

Priest 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.**

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

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest 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.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest 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.

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

Priest 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.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest 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:

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 **A**nd 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 all 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,

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

Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; 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.

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

Priest 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,

**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 Life 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 **Go** in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant & Preacher
The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Lay Server: Steve Andrews

Lector: Anne Proctor



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Michael & Joan Carter in celebration of their anniversary*

*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.*

Nancy's Project

Bagging Beans Today



We have the opportunity once again this Summer to help bag beans for our neighbors in the Salinas Valley who are served by Nancy's Project.

This is a fun and important way we can tangibly participate in meeting the very real and very basic needs of those who help put food on *our own tables* yet often do not have enough to eat themselves. (And yes, it really is fun!)

So plan to join us at 9 am and 11 am today and again on **September 15**.

End—of—Summer

Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, August 25th
after the 10 am service**

All you can eat ice cream!

Bring a friend!

See you there!

Hosted by
St. Dunstan's Sunday School Teachers



Women of St. Dunstan's Book Discussion

Save **Saturday, Sept 7th** from **10 AM until noon** in **Carlyle Hall** for the book review on **“An Altar in the World”**. Written by best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal Priest Barbara Brown Taylor, the author “shares how she learned to encounter God far beyond the walls of the Church.” And reveals meaningful ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see — through simple practices like walking, working, prayer.

Through Taylor's expert guidance and delicate, thought-provoking prose, we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in.” Books are \$7.50. Contact Pam Austin if you want one!

This special time of reflection will be led by **Kelsey Davis**, our Diocese Curator for Emerging Communities. It will be wonderful to have this time with her!

Episcopal Visit, October 13 Bishop & Bishop-Elect to Visit St. Dunstan's

Before Bishop Mary leaves in 2020, she will make her annual visitation to St. Dunstan's, on Sunday, October 13, for those who wish to be confirmed, received from another denomination, or renew their vows. Bishop-elect Lucinda Ashby will join Bishop Mary, which should be a real treat for us at St. Dunstan's.

This announcement is an invitation to all adults, and young people, 14-years and older, who are interested. A six week Inquirer's Class will begin during the week of September 1. Those interested should sign up at the welcome table this Sunday. The group, when formed, will decide on a meeting time and date. If you have questions, please address them to Rev. Marcia at 831-277-2469.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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





Facilitated Labyrinth Walk

Saturday, August 31

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Are you feeling anxious, scattered, overwhelmed? What if in 20 minutes you could calm your mind, feel centered and enjoy peace?

All are welcome to meet at the St. Dunstan's Labyrinth for a facilitated labyrinth walk with certified labyrinth facilitator and Healing Touch Specialist, Elizabeth Ashton Blackman. And if you like, bring your favorite pen, journal, or paper to jot down your thoughts and capture your experience.

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, Jack, Natalie, Joanie, Sarah, Steve, Ann, Lauren, Aaron, Michael, Clare

For the repose of the souls

Carmen Courtney, Ginger Brock

Thank you! from the Rector Search Committee

Thank you to all who participated in our forums and took our recent survey! This valuable information will help prepare the documents needed to begin the search for our new rector.

102 people completed the online survey, and about 120 people participated in the after-services forums. The information obtained is being used to create a website presentation to recruit rector candidates, along with an "Office for Transition Ministry" Portfolio. The expectation is that these items will be ready to support a position announcement in mid-September and that we will then begin to receive applicants soon thereafter.

If you missed the opportunity to provide your thoughts via the survey or a forum, you can still send us your thoughts with a note delivered to the church office or an email to Don Kirk at [kirkid\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:kirkid(at)comcast.net).

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!

Summer Sunday Children's Ministries

Light and Love: 8 weeks—preschool

Located inside the church hall our Light and Love program is a space where infants and younger children can participate in songs and stories and engage in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service. (Infants and children of any age are also welcomed to join their parents in the service if their families prefer it.)



Godly Play: (Preschool age and up)



Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible. Following the story children are invited to explore their thoughts and ideas through expressive art. A light snack is offered. Following clean up the children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall

For more information, contact our Family Ministry Coordinator at [elizabeth\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:elizabeth(at)stdcv.org)

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common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

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

**Friday,
Sept 13**



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, August 25

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Bagging Beans
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Children's Ministries
11:00 am Bagging Beans
End-of-Summer Ice Cream Social
7:00 pm AA

Monday, August 26

Tuesday, August 27

10:00 am Staff Meeting
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, August 28

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

9:30 am Guided Labyrinth Walk

September is Recycling Month!

Sunday, September 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Children's Ministries
7:00 pm AA

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

23 Flora Beiderwell	23 Jacey Talley	30 John Vera
23 Clare Riggs	24 Otto Neely	

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Pinky McCammon	12 JJ Bohlman	19 Lois Kettel
3 Tim Condon	12 Sarah Pease	20 Broden Murray
3 Duncan Murray	14 Michael Carter	23 Ella Duddy
4 Georgia Byrne	14 Juju Lewis	25 Eva Kasdan
7 Marikay Morris	14 Marcia Lockwood	27 Margo Fuselier
8 Ross Quattlebaum	15 Dick Habermann	29 Jan Pina
10 Anthony Healey	18 Judy Hill	
12 Hudson Beiderwell	18 Wren Merrifield	



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!

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