



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 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 Chorale prelude on *Wachet auf!* (Sleepers, wake!)

J.S. Bach

Priest **B**lessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Priest **A**lmighty 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 **H**oly God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

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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.

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.**

Isaiah 2:1–5

The prophet Isaiah sets forth a majestic vision of a time when people throughout the world will worship the Lord and live in peace with one another. The mountain of the city of Jerusalem will be raised up to become a symbol of hope and justice to every nation. Many peoples will look to Jerusalem and to its holy Mount Zion as the place from which God will issue God's word and law, bringing about an end to strife and warfare.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

A pilgrim's song of praise and prayer for the peace of Jerusalem.

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
 “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
 within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
 that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, *
 the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the LORD.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
 the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
 “May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
 and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
 I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
 I will seek to do you good.”

Romans 13:11–14

Paul urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. Disciples must recognize that the night-time of sinfulness is passing. The daylight, the time for new conduct and the following of Jesus, now comes.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 24:36–44

Jesus tells his disciples of the need for readiness because the Son of Man will come at a day and hour which no one knows. People will continue to go about their usual affairs, when suddenly this time of judgment will happen. Disciples are to be ever watchful, imagining themselves like a householder whose alertness could prevent a robbery.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 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.”

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. John Saville

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 joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and each of us a new creation. We pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader May our gracious God always console and comfort us, nourish our deepest hungers, and guide us in ways of justice and peace. We pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan, a stream of blessing that bears forgiveness, refreshment and joy. We pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the people of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's, for Mary our Bishop, Lucinda our Bishop-Elect, and all who do ministry near or far; may the God of John the Baptist raise up holy prophets in our midst, voices to challenge us to greater integrity and truthfulness. We pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need especially: We pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader May the God who is our future hold those who have died in the embrace of faithful love. Together may we see new heavens and a new earth. We pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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 St. Dunstan's, 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.**

Hasten, O Father, 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. **Amen.**

Priest We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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 **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

Eucharistic Prayer B

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; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. 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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

People **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

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 **M**ay Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. **Amen.**

May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love. **Amen.**

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. **Amen.**

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 **I**n the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, and pray that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many, are one because we share one Bread and one Cup. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

Priest **L**et us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Preacher: The Rev. John Saville

Lay Server: Mystery Chastain

Lector: Lauren Proulx



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in memory of Irma Heston by the Heston Family*

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.*

The Gifting Tree is Bare

Our annual campaign to raise funds for the food program at St. Andre's begins today. With the turmoil and civil unrest in Haiti, it is especially important that we raise enough funds to assure each child has a nutritious meal every day. Due to the scarcity of food in Haiti now, it is even more important to raise at least \$20,000.



We are decorating our "Gifting Tree" from the lower boughs up with bright Christmas ornaments. With each donation of \$50, a bulb will be hung on the tree and the donor will receive a card which can be passed on as a gift. So, let's honor our family and friends with gifts to feed the children of St. Andre's and fill our tree with ornaments and an angel on top!



Have Your Picture Taken Today

(We promise to give it back. . .)
Rev. Marcia will be in the breezeway after church today to take pictures for our parish directory. If you are not already pictured there or if you need an updated picture, stop by for a quick snap.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

Any items to be published in the bulletin Dec 29 & Jan 5 are due Dec 16. There will be a special edition of the eNews on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

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!

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





A MADRIGAL Affair

December 7 & 8

Please see the exciting new Madrigal announcement coming up with new hours and exciting items for sale and bidding. There will be lots of sign up sheets available for help on set up Friday, December 6, help at the Madrigal Event, Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8. We need Silent Auction Items, hand made and baked items packaged to sell, and sweet and savory items to serve.

How can you help?

The last WSD Madrigal Event was able to give \$10,700 in grants to many amazing organizations. We need you whether you are male or female!

This will be a fun event and always a win for all who come and buy.
Invite your Community!

In our prayers this week. . . .

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ross, Ida, Victoria, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Yolette, Fran, Nancy, George, Chuck, Bill, Lawrence, Jack, Joanie, Sarah, Lauren, Michael, Clare, Mel, Bob, Roz, Maureen, Ann, Tom, Michael, Kent

For the repose of the souls

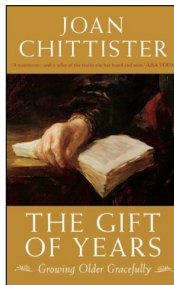
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Miss Morning Prayer?

For the three Wednesday 10 am services during Advent (Dec. 4, 11, 18) we will be using Morning Prayer for the Liturgy of the Word before continuing with the Great Thanksgiving. We will also consider some of the great words for Advent; **WATCH, WAIT, PREPARE, EXPECT, HOPE**

Sunday Morning Class

9 am in the Outer Office



The Sunday group has selected The Gift of Years: Growing Older Gracefully, by Joan Chittister, for our next book discussion.

We invite you to join us for discussion on Sunday mornings between services at 9 am in the rector's outer office.



St. Dunstan's Sunday School

Presents

The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!

Sunday, December 8th

10 am

Youth-in-Action, Nancy's Project Bringing Christmas to the Salinas Valley

Would you like to help make a farm worker family's Christmas a little merrier?



YOUTH IN ACTION

The Youth in Action Group will be purchasing and wrapping Christmas gifts for farm worker children served by Nancy's Project, and

every dollar you can contribute will make a huge difference!

Please make checks out to St. Dunstan's Church and be sure to specify "YIA XMAS GIFTS" somewhere on the check and get them to the church office, Aleksander Simpson or Elizabeth Buche by Thursday December 12th.

If your child would like to participate, email [sarahcgreco\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:sarahcgreco(at)gmail.com)

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

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

**Friday,
December 13**



Youth & Family Programs

Nursery: (infant—early preschool)

Located inside the church hall, our Light and Love program is a space where infants and younger children can participate in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service.



Sunday School: (Preschool—5th Grade)



Using the Godly Play curriculum which is based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

The children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall.

Youth Group: (6th—12th Grade)

Dec 8: Christmas Pageant at
10 o'clock Holy Eucharist

Dec 22: Meeting (Carlyle Hall) 5—7 pm
Dinner included

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

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Sunday School & Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Advent Labyrinth Walk
 7:00 pm AA

Monday, December 2

Tuesday, December 3

11:00 am Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, December 4

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

Thursday, December 5

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

Friday, December 6

~ Madrigal Setup ~

4:00 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal

Saturday, December 7

10:00 am Madrigal Affair

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Cindy Poole	16 Bob Young	24 Taylor Hawthorne
2 Gigi McWilliams	19 Chandler Clark	25 Joanie Webb
4 Mel Blevens	20 Linda Keill	28 Reed Cripe
4 Charlie Rose Talley	22 Jennifer Lama	30 Sylvia Shattuck
5 Nancy Green	22 Jeanne Polaschek	
10 Gus Hawthorne	22 Aleksander Simpson	



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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