



THE 1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

December 29, 2019

10 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 Berçeuse paraphrase (Away in a manger)

George Baker

Introit Chant A Child is born in Bethlehem, Alleluia! (103)

*Puer natus in Bethlehem
14th c. plainsong chant*

Processional Hymn 102 Once in royal David's city

Irby

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

People **A**nd 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.**

Gloria: Hymn 96 Angels we have heard on high **
Verses 1 & 4

Gloria in Excelsis

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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 61:10–62:3

The prophet joyfully responds on behalf of all God's people to the Lord's promises for a redeemed Jerusalem. He is a messenger to those who are poor and have suffered many troubles. Now he feels himself clothed in salvation and integrity, like a bridegroom or bride. In the sight of all people this nation shall become like a fresh garden. The prophet will not keep silence until the deliverance of Jerusalem is known throughout the world.

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13—21 *Laudate Dominum*

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who rules over nature and has shown faithfulness to God's people Israel.

- 13 **W**orship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

Galatians 3:23–25; 4:4–7

Paul explains what the role of the law has been and how, in our new relationship of faith, we have become sons and heirs of the Father. Before the coming of Christ and justification by faith we were like small children who had to be closely watched. God's own Son was born a subject of the law. Through him we now are given the status of sons coming into their maturity. We are enabled, through the Spirit of his Son, to call upon God with the same Aramaic word for Father that Jesus is remembered to have used, Abba.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 90 It came upon a midnight clear
Verse 4 is sung after the Gospel reading.

*Noel; English melody
adapted, Arthur Sullivan*

John 1:1–18

A hymn to God's Word, the expression of God's very being and the creative power of all life, who has now become flesh and lived among us. The Word is the light of all humankind, and was witnessed to by John the Baptist. Although the world made by the Word did not recognize the Word, those who did believe in the Word have been given the right to become children of God. The law came through Moses, but grace and truth come through the only Son, who makes the Father known.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 Brothers and sisters, in this most holy season of our Lord's birth, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying:
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For your servants in this congregation, that, nourished by your word and holy sacraments, we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those who travel during this holiday season, that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy, and that they return safely to their homes and loved ones.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those who labor today on behalf of others: doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers, those in the armed forces, and all those whose work prevents them from sharing this day with those they love.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized or sick at home; those who are imprisoned in body and soul; and those for whom this season is one not of joy but of trial and sadness.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light, especially St. Dunstan and St. Andre. Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us offer our prayers, thanksgivings, and names on our hearts tonight.

The people may add their own prayers.

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.**

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 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

○ 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.

Offertory Anthem Of the Father's Love Begotten (82)

Divinum mysterium

Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!

O that birth for ever blessèd,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!

Let the heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;
powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

Offertory Hymn 110 The snow lay on the ground

Venite adoramus;
adapted, Charles Winfried Douglas

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

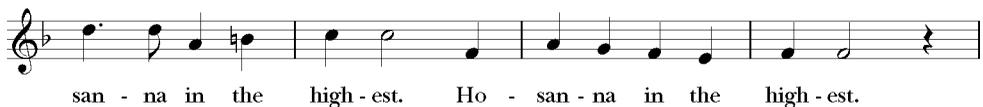
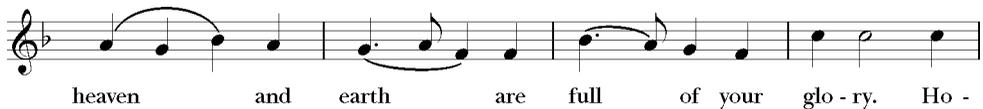
Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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:

Sanctus: S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might

Richard Proulx



Post-Communion Anthem Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light
Text of Hymn 91

Ermuntre dich,
harmonized J. S. Bach,

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 May the love of God surround you,
The wonder of Christmas joy inspire you,
The hope of Christ within you, grant you peace forevermore.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Procession Hymn 99 Go tell it on the mountain

Afro-American spiritual, 19th c.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Christmas Fantasia

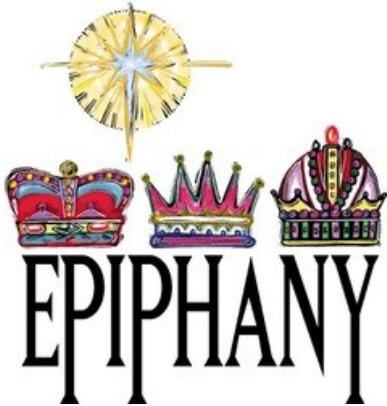
Richard Purvis

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Gramma Latta & our families by Bob & Jeanette Latta*

*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.*



Epiphany Service & Potluck Sunday January 5th; 5 pm

Bring your favorite dish to share.
Drinks and Kings cake dessert provided

Attention Ministry Leaders 2019 Ministry Reports Due January 2

Our Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, January 19. In order for your ministry report to be included, it must be submitted no later than Thurs, January 2. (No penalty for early submission!)

Please email your report as an editable document to [office\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:office@stdcv.org).

The office can also email you a copy of your report from last year, if that would be helpful.

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



Rector Search in Full Swing

Our search for the next Rector of St. Dunstan's is now in full swing. The [Rector Search Website](#) can be accessed through our own [stdcv.org](#). Check it out and see a presentation of our story as well as some of the things we learned about ourselves in the parish survey and parish forums.

If you know of someone you feel would be a good candidate, please share their information with Don Kirk or anyone on the Rector Search Committee. Absolute confidentiality will be maintained.

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!

**** Notes on the music**

Today's Postlude was written by Richard Purvis, organist-choirmaster Grace Cathedral, SF. It shows the versatility of our organ tones, including theatre pipe organ style.

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common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

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

**Friday,
January 10**



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, Jim

For the repose of the souls

Breyer Jay Hawthorne, Winifred Cass

Youth and Family Programs at St. Dunstan's

There are many opportunities for kids and families at St. Dunstan's!

If you'd like to learn more about these programs or become a volunteer, let us know!

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 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.)



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. 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.



Youth Group: (6th—12th Grade)

Sunday, Jan 5

Epiphany potluck and service; 5 pm

Acolytes: (Tweens and Teens)

Acolytes have the opportunity to play an important role in Sundays services and learn about church liturgy in the process.

Youth in Action: (Tweens and Teens)

This kid-driven youth service organization initiated and sponsored by St. Dunstan's is open to any local children who want to make their community a better place. The youth steering committee chooses their own monthly service projects, which have included activities addressing food insecurity with I-Help, Ag Against Hunger, Nancy's Project and Rise Against Hunger; the comfort of rescue animals with the SPCA; and literacy with Read to Me Project. About once per month; sites vary.

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 29

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Monday, December 30

Tuesday, December 31 ~ New Year's Eve

~ Office Closed ~

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, January 1 ~ New Year's Day

~ Office Closed ~

Thursday, January 2

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

Friday, January 3

Saturday, January 4

Sunday, January 5 ~ Epiphany Celebrated

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
2:00 pm La fête des Rois (Alliance Francaise)
5:00 pm Epiphany Potluck & Service

Parish offices closed for Christmas Week

The Parish offices will be closed Dec 24—Jan 1. We will re-open at 9 am on Jan 2.

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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Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Altar Guild

TBD

Readers: Lois Kettel & TBD

Prayers of the People: Bette Nybakken

Chalice Bearers: Susan Baxter & Gigi McWilliams

Acolytes

Crucifer: Broden Murray

Ushers: Karen Deaton & Hal Snellgrose

Greeter: Ann & Duncan Clarke

Name Tags: June & Norman Parris

Coffee Hour Host: Bette Nybakken

Welcome Table: TBD

Music

Organist & Director of Music Ministries: Steve Denmark

Choir Director: Arthur Wu *Cantor:* Stephanie Cervi

St. Dunstan's Choir

Pam Austin, Melanie Cervi, Stephanie Cervi, Bobby Clampett, Marianna Clampett, Phil Clarkson, Margo Fuselier, Chantal Grybas, Betty Kasson, Otto Neely, Art Pasquinelli, Elizabeth Pasquinelli, Sarah Pease, Louis Powell, Bob Priestley, and Arthur Wu

Sunday School

Kelsey Talley & Elizabeth Buche

Nursery

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