



THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 19, 2021
8 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome BACK to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!
Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prelude Andantino pour Orgue

Denis Bédard

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

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

People 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.

God, who draws near, who comes to our level, whose nature is revealed in lordship laid aside: give us grace to welcome you in the one who tests the bounds of our community: in the child, the outcast, the one who comes with no power save that of remaking our heart; through Jesus Christ, the one who will be betrayed. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 11:18-20

The prophet Jeremiah offers the first of his laments to the Lord. Though he is innocent, there are those who seek to take his life because of his faithful outspokenness. Yet his confidence is placed firmly in God to whom he has committed his cause.

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;
then you showed me their evil deeds.

But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name will no longer be remembered!"

But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 54 *Deus, in nomine*

A prayer of salvation by one who is persecuted.

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.
- 4 Behold, God is my helper; *
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 Render evil to those who spy on me; *
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice *
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, *
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Believers are to cleave to wisdom that is pure, peaceable, gentle, and full of mercy and good fruits.

The Christian community must recognize the results of worldly attitudes and desires: jealousy, disorder, quarrels, even murder. Prayers are too often offered for the wrong motives, but a harvest of righteousness is sown for those who sow in peace. The wise will refuse evil and draw near to God, and in doing so, they will find that God has also drawn near to them.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?

Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.

And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus foretells his death and resurrection as the Son of Man, bidding his disciples to have a servant ministry and to learn to welcome him and God in a child. The several sayings are linked together by the theme of Jesus' lowliness and readiness to suffer for others. His followers' difficulty in understanding him and their discussion concerning which of them is greatest stand in sharp contrast to their Lord's teachings. Jesus' action and words with regard to the child remind us of another saying: whatever is done to the least member of the community is done to him.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified.

Who 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

Enriching Our Worship; Form V

The people stand or kneel

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Priest **A**lmighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin *Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.*

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

We pause for a moment of reflection as we prepare to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God.

People **M**ost 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.*

The Offertory

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship; Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 our thanks and praise.

Priest All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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 Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.**
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Priest Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Dunstan, and Andre, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you 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.

Priest **W**e break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

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.

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station.

Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host.

The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister,
you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may indicate this by
crossing their arms over their 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 spiritually with 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 you live this day compassionate of heart,
clear in word,
gracious in awareness,
courageous in thought,
generous in love,
and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*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

*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.*

Imagining Session TODAY!

Outreach Imagining Session

We are living in a time of great need: people in our local communities, in our state, nation and throughout the world are struggling, are suffering, and could benefit from some assistance. Our present involvement with — St. Andre's in Haiti, Nancy's Project, I-Help program, has been life-changing, rewarding, and valued for all involved.

Maybe you're aware of a need in the world? Maybe there is a ministry that you've always wanted to explore? If you do, or if you're just curious, join us today at 11:30 in Brock Hall as we wonder and imagine together how God might be calling us into new ways of serving our neighbors.

Rev. Laurel to be Instituted September 26, 4 pm

Join us as we welcome Bishop Lucinda for the Institution of Rev. Laurel as our Rector.

If you would like to help with the reception, contact Mystery Chastain or the church office.

Today's Prelude

Denis Bédard, composer of today's prelude, has just retired after 20 years as music director and organist at the Cathedral of the Holy Rosary in Vancouver, British Columbia.

He has composed more than 150 works and received commissions that have been performed all over the world. He kindly granted permission to St. Dunstan's to include *Andantino* as part of our live-stream.

***St. Dunstan's Foundation* Grant Deadline, September 30**

St. Dunstan's Foundation is accepting applications for funding through our grant program. The deadline for applying is September 30th. Information, downloadable fliers, and applications are available at stdcv.org/foundation.

Questions can be sent to foundation@stdcv.org

Rector's Sabbath

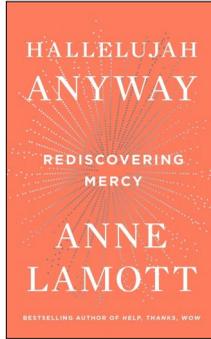
Rev. Laurel is observing her sabbath day on Fridays. Please respect this important time away except for pastoral emergencies. She will reply to any messages on Saturday.

Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

Next week we will begin discussing Hallelujah Anyway, by Anne Lamott, in the Guild Room.

The book can be ordered at your local bookstore, or if you would like a copy ordered for you (cost is \$11; Large Print \$17), contact Rebecca or the church office by Sept 20.

If you feel called to help lead the discussion one or more Sunday, please speak with Rev. Laurel or contact the church office.



Peggy Borsting Memorial

Peggy's family invites you to join them in celebrating her life at a memorial Holy Eucharist, Friday, September 24, 11 am

Feast of St. Francis celebrated with Blessing of the Animals September 26

All creatures (great and small, stuffed and animate) are invited to bring your humans to church to witness you receive a blessing as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, September 26th.

The 8 am Holy Eucharist will be indoor and live-streamed, the 10 am Holy Eucharist will be celebrated outdoor with guitar-led music.

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.

This week's guest organist

This week we welcome Cathryn Wilkinson to the bench. Welcome back, Cathryn!

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



Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 10

Ministry leaders, start thinking now about how to tell the story of and how to invite people to join you in your ministry.

Details coming soon!

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [via email](mailto:laurel@stdcv.org) or on her cell [310-562-5746](tel:310-562-5746). And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 5.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests in this time when many are in crisis. Please email the DOK's [Elizabeth Buche](mailto:elizabeth@stdcv.org), who manages the Daughters' prayer list. The Daughters pray for members of our parish and for many other individuals daily.

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!



Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

You can check available Sundays on our Master Calendar at stdcv.org/calendar. (hint: if you see ". . ." before "The Altar Flowers", that Sunday is available.)

Zoom Compline, Mondays at 5:30 pm

Please consider joining us for prayer as we give thanks to God for the day that is past and place our hope and faith in God for the night.

We are currently using the Order for Compline from the New Zealand Prayer book, which can be downloaded at stdcv.org/bulletins.

Join Zoom Compline

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899>

Meeting ID: [850 7038 4899](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899)

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

Sunday, September 19

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
Outreach Imagining Session

Monday, September 20

- 4:00 pm Finance Committee
- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, September 21

- 8:00 am Staff meeting
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, September 22

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, September 23

- 4:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, September 24

- 11:00 am Peggy Borsting Memorial

Saturday, September 25

Sunday, September 26

~ Celebration of the Feast of St. Francis ~

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
with Blessing of the Animals
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (outside)
with Blessing of the Animals
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 4:00 pm Rev. Laurel's Institution as Rector

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Pinky McCammon | 12 Sarah Pease | 18 Judy Hill |
| 3 Duncan Murray | 12 JJ Bohlman | 19 Lois Kettel |
| 3 Tim Condon | 14 Michael Carter | 20 Broden Murray |
| 4 Georgia Byrne | 14 Marcia Lockwood | 23 Ella Duddy |
| 7 Marikay Morris | 14 Juju Lewis | 25 Eva Kasdan |
| 8 Ross Quattlebaum | 15 Dick Habermann | 27 Margo Fuselier |
| 11 Sharon Tiner | 17 Kate Rule | 29 Jan Pina |



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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