



# THE 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 26, 2021  
10 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.*

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Opening Hymn** Morning has broken

*Bunessan, Gaelic melody*

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.

Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!

Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!

Priest *Alleluia!* Christ is risen.

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

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.**

**Gloria** This is the Day *Sung three times*

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a 4/4 time signature. The music is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are: "This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made, that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it; This is the day that the Lord hath made, we will re-joice and be glad in it; This is the day, this is the day that the Lord hath made." The score ends with a double bar line.

**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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

*The people weep and complain in the wilderness, and the Lord comes to Moses' help by sharing some of the prophet's spirit of leadership with seventy chosen elders and also with two others who were left behind in the camp. The story is meant to show that all leadership derives its authority from Moses' God-given power. That the Spirit falls on Eldad and Medad illustrates how it cannot be confined by human appointment.*

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

**Psalm 19:7-14 *Caeli enarrant***

*A hymn which glorifies the Creator God, with special praise for God's law and a prayer for avoidance of sin.*

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## **James 5:13-20**

*An affirmation of prayer and the power of forgiveness in all circumstances. Prayer should characterize the lives of the suffering and joyous alike, and those who are sick should seek the intercession of the church leaders. The community of believers is to strive for the restoration to faith of any who have strayed.*

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn** Seek ye first (*verses 1 & 2*)

*Karen Lafferty*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Al - le - lu - ia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find,  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Al - le - lu - ia.

## **Mark 9:38-50**

*Jesus bids his disciples to accept all who seek to do good in his name and to deal ruthlessly with whatever part of themselves causes sin. Early Christians were doubtless faced with people outside their communities who said they were acting in Christ's name. The tolerant answer given here suggests that Jesus' followers must avoid arrogance and be open to God's divine actions. On the other hand, it is a serious matter to lead a believer astray. The counsel to destroy offending parts of the body is exaggerated to make clear the importance of avoiding various sins. The description of hell is drawn from the garbage dump outside Jerusalem.*

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn** Seek ye first (*verse 3*)

*Karen Lafferty*

Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Patti Angelo

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

## 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** *The people stand or kneel. The pets sit. Stay.*

Leader Let us thank God for this world and for all of God's Creation.

People **Most High, omnipotent, good Lord  
To You be ceaseless praise outpoured,  
And blessing without measure.  
Let every creature give thanks to You  
Serving well and faithfully and true.**

Leader For the stars of the heavens, the sun and the moon,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader For rain that brings life, and clouds on high, for the crash of the ocean,  
and the wind's long sigh,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader For corn and grain and the harvest of fields, for fruits and vegetables  
and all the earth's bounty,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader For all those in need of prayer, especially *N.*, and your presence with them,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader Bless, O Lord, the animals we love!

Dog Lovers **Bless the dogs we bring before You,  
who love to run fast and jump high,  
who chase after balls and come when we call!  
Bless cockers and poodles and shepherds and schnauzers,  
dachshunds and setters and bulldogs and bowsers.  
Bless those of every kind and pedigree,  
and bless all mutts with unknown family tree.  
Keep them safe and healthy, happy and sound,  
these dogs of ours to whom we're bound!**

Leader For all our dogs, we give You thanks, good Lord!

Cat Lovers **Bless all our cats, wise creatures of worth,  
who purr in our homes and prowl on the earth.  
Bless these our kitties so soft in their stirring,  
who snuggle our legs and serenade us with purring.  
Bless barn cats and Tom cats and blue Himalayans;  
Bless Maltese and Siamese and common house kitties.  
Keep them safe from all danger wherever they roam,  
and with Your sure guidance, bring them back home!**

Leader For all our cats, we give You thanks, good Lord!

**Pet Lovers** **Bless our fish in their swimming, our birds on the perch,  
our hamsters and rats and guinea pigs small,  
our ferrets and rabbits, dear Lord bless them all!  
Bless donkeys so humble and horses so high,  
Bless our sheep and our goats and pigs in the sty,  
slithering snakes, chameleons and lizards,  
mice in their cages and ducks with gizzards;  
Bless them all, O God!**

Leader For all our animals, we give You thanks, good Lord!  
Bless those dogs which lead the blind and help the police,  
for pups that rescue from harm and ride with our fireman.  
Bless those animals who visit the sick and live with solitary.  
Bless those animals whom we love but see no more, remembering  
before You all our pets who have died.  
Bless those creatures who have gone extinct, and give us a reverence for  
Your creation that we might be mindful of all species given into our care.

**People** **Bless all Your creatures Lord, that we may love them and show  
them Your grace and goodness after the example of St. Francis,  
and through Christ who first loved us. Amen!**

## **The Blessing of the Animals**

*The pets bring their humans forward two-by-two for a blessing.*

### **Concluding collect**

Priest **A**lmighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life,  
let your blessing be upon these animals. May our relationship with them  
mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy.  
Grant these animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them  
as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ and God's servant Francis. **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.*

### Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her 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 Hymn** All God's critters got a place in the choir

*Refrain All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low and some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they've got now*

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big t'do  
And the old cow just goes moo

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles,  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old gray badger sighs

*Refrain*

Listen to the top where the little bird sings  
On the melodies and the high notes ringing,  
And the hoot owl cries over everything  
And the blackbird disagrees

Singing in the night time, singing in the day,  
When little duck quacks, and he's on his way  
And the otter hasn't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself

*Refrain*

It's a simple song a little song everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,  
The dopey alligator and the the hawk above,  
The sly old weasel and the turtle dove

*Refrain*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Our Prayers of Thanks

*from St. Francis Church, Palos Verdes, CA*

Priest God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.  
They will become for us spiritual food.

**People We bless God forever.**

Priest God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

**People We bless God forever.**

Priest God, you have blessed us with the joy of families and members of all ages.  
We thank you that they are with us to gather at your table.

**People We bless God forever.**

Priest God is here.

**People We praise God together.**

Priest Let us say thank you to God

**People God has done so much for us.**

Priest O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

**People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts,  
the water for us to drink. You blessed all those who came before us,  
and you bless us, also.**

Priest When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having  
a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.

And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

**Sanctus** Santo, santo, santo (WLP 785)

*Iona Community*



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My



cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Priest God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

**People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so, with thanks we praise you.

**People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said.

**People Do this, and know that I am with you.**

Priest Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life.

**People Do this, and know that I am with you."**

Priest We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive for ever.  
We are glad to share that life and live in him. Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

**People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

**People Help us to love God, love others, serve the world,  
Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.**

Priest We worship you and say:

**People We praise you.  
We thank you.  
We bless you. 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

Priest Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, Let us keep the feast**

Priest These are the gifts of God, for God's people.  
All are welcome at God's table!

### 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.

### Communion Hymns Day by day

*Summer*

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray:  
to see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

## **I love you, Lord**

I love you Lord,  
and I lift my voice to worship you,  
Oh my soul, rejoice.  
Take joy, my King, in what you hear,  
Let it be a sweet, sweet sound to your ears.

## **Lord, prepare me**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
Pure and holy, tried and true.  
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you.

## **Open our eyes, Lord**

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

## **The Prayer After Communion**

**People** **God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Priest** **Go,** confident in the knowledge of God's steadfast love for you, assured of the healing touch of Jesus upon you and emboldened by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit within you, and the blessing of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer, be upon you this day and always. **Amen.**

## **The Sending Forth**

**Deacon** **Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**  
**People** **Thanks be to God!**

# Closing Hymn All things bright and beautiful

Royal Oak

*Descant*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in memory of Dannie & Patricia Whitley by Rev. Laurel*



*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.*

## Ministry Fair Sunday, October 10

All parishioners are invited to attend our Ministry Fair on Sunday, October 10th where we will celebrate the work of the church.

All ministries will be gathered after each service, at 9 and 11 AM. You can meet the people that are involved in the ministry, and gather information about the various ministries within Saint Dunstan's. This event will allow you to ask questions, and get a greater awareness of all the many fulfilling opportunities the church has to offer, sign up, and become more actively involved in these ministries.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## 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.

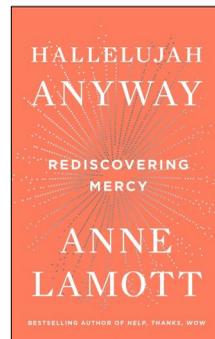
You can check available Sundays on our Master Calendar at [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar). (hint: if you see ". . ." before "The Altar Flowers", that Sunday is available.)

## 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.



## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [via email](#) 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](#), who manages the Daughters' prayer list. The Daughters pray for members of our parish and for many other individuals daily.



## ***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](http://stdcv.org/foundation).

Questions can be sent to [foundation@stdcv.org](mailto:foundation@stdcv.org)

## **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](http://stdcv.org/bulletins).

### **Join Zoom Compline**

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

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

*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!

## **Rev. Laurel to be Instituted Today, 4 pm**

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

*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](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

## **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

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

## **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.

## All Saints' Day celebrated with Baptisms Sunday, November 7

On Sunday, November 7th, we will celebrate All Saints Day! This is also a feast day on which we celebrate and offer the rite of baptism (for children and adults!). A mandatory information & preparation session will be held on Sunday, October 17 at 11:15 in the Guild Room (for those to be baptized, parents and/or godparents/sponsors), with a light lunch provided. To be included on November 7th, or if you have any questions, please reach out to Rev. Laurel directly via email ([revlaurelc@gmail.com](mailto:revlaurelc@gmail.com)) or through the church office.

### 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](http://stdcv.org/bulletins)



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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, September 26

- 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

## Monday, September 27

## Tuesday, September 28

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

## Wednesday, September 29

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

## Thursday, September 30

## Friday, October 1

## Saturday, October 2

## Sunday, October 3

- 8:00 am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am** Discussion Group
- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am** Coffee Hour
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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.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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