



THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 3, 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 Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit

J.S. Bach

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 2:18-24

The story of the creation of woman to be a companion with man after God had made the animals and the man had named them. The first human is shown to be superior to all other creatures by his power of language. But he still has no partner. So God shapes woman from his rib, and together they are a common humanity; they are "one flesh." The man leaves his own family to share life with the woman in an innocence where sexuality is a source of neither embarrassment nor contention.

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8 *Domine, Dominus noster*

The psalmist glorifies the Lord, Sovereign of the earth and the magnificent heavens, who has made human life to have mastery over all other earthly creatures.

- 1 O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children *
 your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *
 to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *
 the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? *
 the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
 you adorn him with glory and honor;
- 7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
 you put all things under his feet:
- 8 All sheep and oxen, *
 even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
 and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our Governor, *
 how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Jesus, the exact imprint of God's being and the pioneer of our salvation made perfect through suffering, is superior to all the angelic order. God inspired the prophets but has now spoken through a Son, the heir of all things, and through whom the worlds were created. For a while made lower than angels, he now through his death sanctifies all whom he calls brothers and sisters.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?”

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Mark 10:2-16

Jesus, asked about divorce, reaches back to the creation story to set before his hearers the ideal of the marriage relationship, and then blesses children. In Jesus' lifetime there were many views on divorce, some strict and some more lenient. In one sense, Jesus is the strictest of all: what through natural union God has made one cannot be separated by human action. Yet, in another sense, Jesus' answer refused to deal with the question in the way it is asked. Instead he honors the solemnity and purpose of marriage. Anything less is sin, which cannot be dismissed by human regulations. His disciples seem surprised by this teaching and also by his embracing of children.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Lamont Wiltsee

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 **E**ternal 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
by Joe & Beth Heston in celebration of their anniversary*

*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity,
culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

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



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.

This week's guest organist

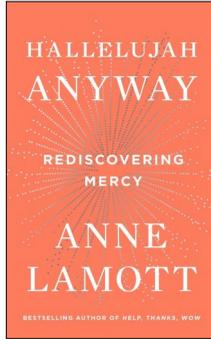
This week we welcome Cathryn Wilkinson to the bench. Welcome back, Cathryn!

A Storied Pilgrimage with Race

"A Storied Pilgrimage with Race" explores the issues of race in our diocese through video interviews, education materials, action items, and reflection. Please join Rev. Laurel and others from our community as we engage in this year-long pilgrimage. The completion of this curriculum fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real.

Our next gathering is this coming Wednesday, September 1, from 6:30—8 pm. You may join us in person or via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?pwd=NHdPbDNheFpVclpvQU1nbjQvSDNsUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 9177 5520 Passcode: 317147



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.

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 (revlaurelc@gmail.com) or through the church office.

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!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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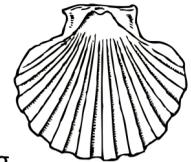
St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

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Preparation for Baptism

Sunday, October 17

11:30 - 1 pm



Might you or someone you know be interested in being baptized. An 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). And a light lunch will be provided.

If you have any questions about baptism, this preparation session or anything else, please reach out to Rev. Laurel directly at revlaurelc@gmail.com or through the church office.

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.

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)

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.Buche@stdcv.org), who manages the Daughters' prayer list. The Daughters pray for members of our parish and for many other individuals daily.



All this, AND a free cup of coffee!?! Kitchen Orientation Tours

Still don't know where the soup spoons are? Or the labels? And what are the new recycling procedures? Come on down to the Kitchen on Wednesday mornings and Liz will give you a tour. . . . and a free cup of coffee! Contact the parish office to book a tour.

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.)

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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

Monday, October 4

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, October 5

8:00 am Staff meeting
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, October 6

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
12:30 pm Daughters of the King
6:30 am Storied Pilgrimage with Race

Thursday, October 7

12:00 pm Quilters
4:00 pm I-Help

Friday, October 8

4:00 pm I-Help

Saturday, October 9

Sunday, October 10

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
Ministry Fair

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Jessica Pavloff | 16 Joe Green | 23 Eleanor Avila |
| 2 Abby Brown | 16 Ollie White | 24 Marian Mizelle |
| 3 Jessica Bohlman | 19 Elizabeth Pasquinelli | 25 Victoria Franklin |
| 3 Barbara Simmons | 19 Chuck Vout | 27 Donna Roth |
| 8 Gloria Rodda | 21 Sheila Barton | 29 Daniel Garcia |
| 11 Brishen Gregorio | 22 Joshua Pavloff | 31 Jon Hill |

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