



THE 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 14, 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 Variations on *Wondrous Love*

Samuel Barber

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.

Subversive God, deconstructing temples of power in which we would keep you trapped and tamed: Lead us through violent times, unafraid to speak for peace, untempted by those who promise easy answers; may we follow him alone who renews the world in love; through Jesus Christ, who sits at God's right hand. **Amen.**

1 Samuel 1:4–20

The birth of the prophet Samuel, on whom the guidance and direction of Israel waits. In distress because of her barrenness, Hannah makes fervent intercession before the Lord, pleading for a male child and promising that should her hope be granted, the child will be set aside for the Lord's service. The priest Eli at first thinks Hannah is drunk, but when he perceives her faithfulness, prophesies that the Lord will fulfill her petition. Against all expectation Hannah becomes pregnant and delivers Samuel, who will become a nazirite, a prophet and a great judge over Israel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 1 Samuel 2:1–10 (Song of Hannah)

The Song of Hannah portrays the mother of the prophet Samuel rejoicing in the Lord's provision.

Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.

My mouth derides my enemies,
because I rejoice in my victory.

“There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by him actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

“He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed.”

Hebrews 10:11–14, 19–25

Christ's sacrifice, supplanting those of the early offerings of the people, is the effective provision for all time and all people, and he has become a new and living way offering access to God, who may now be freely approached. The Holy Spirit confirms within all disciples that what was promised by the prophets has now been fulfilled; God's eternal law is now inscribed on human hearts and minds. Believers who have been washed in baptism must continue in the faithful way, encouraging each other to love, good deeds, and frequent assembly.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 12:28-34

Jesus answers a question concerning the chief command of the law by reciting the double commandment to love God and one's neighbor. Jesus was not unique in bringing together these two great teachings from Israel's heritage, but the New Testament gives them special emphasis. They are closely linked, for in responding to God's love, we learn that we are lovable, and so begin to be able to love others as ourselves.

In loving our neighbors we discover the mystery that we are also loving in them their Creator. The man who asked Jesus the question repeats the commandments in his own words. He is not far from the kingdom.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him,
“Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”
Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings?
Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.”

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,
an 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.

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.*



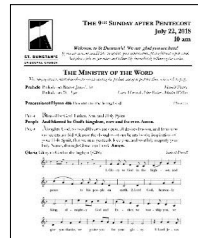
Family Church

Sunday, November 21 in Brock Hall, 4 - 6 pm

Join us for an informal "Family Church" complete with
dinner & Advent wreath making
All ages welcome!

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





Welcome Rodney Gehrke, St. Dunstan's Director of Music

It is a pleasure for us to welcome Rod back, and this time officially as our new Director of Music. We look forward to working with you, worshipping with you, making music with you, celebrating God's love with you.

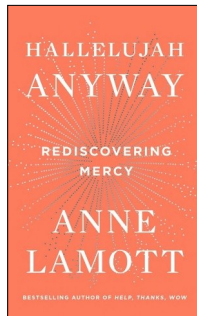
Welcome home, Rod.

Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

We continue to read and discuss 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.

For more information, contact Janel Hornbeck at parkerhorn@comcast.net.



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.)

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.

Help us get to 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!



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.

Commitment Sunday

Thanks to everyone who pledged last Sunday! We had a beautiful service that was very well attended. We received pledges from new members and over one-half of members who pledged increased their pledges for 2022! We are over half way there, and if you were unable to attend last Sunday, you will be able to pledge this Sunday, November 14, at both services since we will rerun Commitment Sunday again. Please be generous and know that we consider every pledge, regardless of amount, to be a major gift!

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@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. Prayer requests may be sent to dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

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- George Lockwood,
Stewardship Chair

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, November 14

~ Giving Thanks Sunday ~

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Newcomer Luncheon
- 2:00 pm Nancy's Project Board Meeting
- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

Monday, November 15

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

Tuesday, November 16

- 9:30 am Daughters of the King
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, November 17

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 3:30 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

Thursday, November 18

- 4:00 pm Vestry Meeting via Zoom
I-Help Men

Friday, November 19

Saturday, November 20

- 1:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 21

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 - 9:00 am Discussion Group
 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
 - 11:00 am Coffee Hour
 - 4:00 pm Family Church in Brock Hall
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View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Janel Hornbeck | 14 Pam Gallaway | 25 Corliss Kelly |
| 1 Cynthia Young | 14 Danielle Gregorio | 25 Hal Snellgrose |
| 1 Shelley Franklin | 16 Laine Rethmeier | 25 Brynn Bohlman |
| 6 Barbara Greenway | 18 Nick Leonoff | 25 Trudie McEwen |
| 6 Beth Heston | 21 Betty Kasson | 26 Phyllis Elson |
| 7 Holly Pease | 22 John Tomlin | 27 Barbara Brooks |
| 9 Val Parsel | 23 Katie Murray | 27 Mike Cervi |
| 9 Ramona Smith | 24 Kent Saunders | 28 Janet Morse |



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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