

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 30, 2022

8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.
Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.

Prelude Blessed Jesus, At Thy Word

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

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

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.

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.

Provoking God, calling us through the face of the Other: free our fickle hearts
from our need to divide and exclude the foreign and the misfit; lead us through
the storms of rage to a clear and new beginning; through Jesus Christ,
whom hatred cannot touch. Amen.

Jeremiah 1:4–10

The story of the calling of Jeremiah to be a prophet of the Lord. Jeremiah protests that he is inadequate to the task, but the Lord promises to be with him. He has been chosen to prophesy destruction and exile for Judah. Yet he will also help his people find a faith which can survive without city and sanctuary until they are one day brought back to Jerusalem.

The word of the Lord came to me saying,

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born
I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.”
But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you,
and you shall speak whatever I command you, Do not be afraid of them,
for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.”

Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,
“Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations
and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow,
to build and to plant.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 71:1–6 *In te, Domine, speravi*

A prayer that God will continue to be one's refuge and stronghold.

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; *
 let me never be ashamed.

2 In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; *
 incline your ear to me and save me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; *
 you are my crag and my stronghold.

4 Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, *
 from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

5 For you are my hope, O Lord God, *
 my confidence since I was young.

6 I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
 from my mother's womb you have been my strength; *
 my praise shall be always of you.

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

Paul continues his discussion of spiritual gifts by placing them all within the context of the greatest gift of love. Unless the members of the church are anchored in the love of God found in Christ, all other gifts and expressions of the Holy Spirit are without value. The love of God is both the source and end of all spiritual gifts. Faith and hope, too, are chief among the gifts, but the measure of all things is love.

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 4:21–30

Jesus encounters opposition in the synagogue of his own town of Nazareth. The congregation admires his words, but is also perplexed because they know his human origins. Jesus recognizes that people are unlikely to expect a prophet from among their own, and he reminds them how Elijah and Elisha did certain of their miracles for non-Jews. These illustrations (which point to the later ministry of Christianity to the Gentiles) deeply disturb the congregation, and Jesus is forced to leave for Capernaum to continue his ministry. The gospel reading would best begin with a phrase such as, ‘Jesus began to say to those in the synagogue,...’

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from the book of the prophet Isaiah, and began to say, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Standing or kneeling.*

Leader God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.
For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

Priest Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin,
confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

Silence

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of 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.*

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 Let us give to God with generosity and gladness
the offerings of our lives, our labors and our love.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

- Priest And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
- After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."
- Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
- People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**
- Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
- People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**
- Priest Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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. A period of silence is kept.

Priest Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive.
It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him,
should meet him here.

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 with spiritual food in the
Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest May the Spirit's love,
flowing like water across the face of the earth,
fill you with every gift for the good of the world.

And the blessing of God, Eternal Source,
Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.



*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.*

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, February 27



Plan to be at St.

Dunstan's on Sunday, February 27, as we welcome Bishop Lucinda on her annual parish visit.

If you are interested in being baptized or confirmed, speak with Rev. Laurel.

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 from 6:30—8 pm.

You may join us in person on via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?pwd=NHdPbDNheFpVclpvQU1nbjQvSDNsUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 9177 5520 Passcode: 317147

For more information, please contact the parish 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



Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 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.



Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

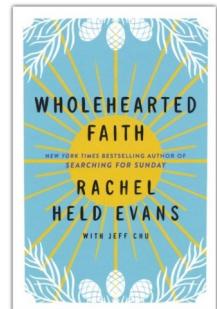
Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.

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!

Discussion Group

Sundays, 9 am



This week we continue discussing Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans. We are now meeting in the Guild Room with masks.

Or you can join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9109922704>
Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

For more information, speak with Janel Hornbeck.

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2022 Annual Parish Meeting

Today! at 11:30 am

It is time once again to gather and look at the year that has past and to begin the work of 2022.

Now, you might think "a meeting doesn't sound fun," but this is really more of a celebration. We do need to take care of some important parish business — electing some new vestry members, and delegates to convention, for example — but we also hear about all the work we have accomplished; to see how far we have come and how we have adapted to the challenges that 2021 offered us, and to present the **Scalloped Potato** and **Broken Hammer** awards. You certainly don't want to miss THAT!

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St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

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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.

Sign up on the Welcome Table

Return of the Coffee Hour Hosts!

We are finally back to the point where we can welcome you to sign up as a host for Coffee Hour! Yay! If you are not familiar with what a Coffee Hour Host does, talk with the church office for information or check the eNews.

Ready to sign up? Look for the sign up sheet on the Welcome Table.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, January 30

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Annual Parish Meeting

Monday, January 31

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, February 1

3:00 pm Staff Meeting
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, February 2

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

Thursday, February 3

12:00 pm Quilters
4:00 pm I-Help (Men)
6:30 pm Confirmation Prep Class

Friday, February 4

Saturday, February 5

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 6

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 Bob Priestley	17 Joe Heston	26 Norman Parris
9 Dug Stewart	22 Duncan Clarke	27 Ashley Blacow
11 Remy Ryan	22 Ollie Collins	27 Jack Enbom
15 John Greenway	22 Judy Kirk	29 Helena Miller
17 Mary Clarkson	22 Cathy Solms	30 Lincoln Talley

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Dominic Gregorio	11 Kim Murray	26 Sarah Hawthorne
7 Beverly Klinger	12 Sue Masters	27 Joseph Talley
8 Jill Lewis	14 Tom Logan	28 Crosby Hawthorne
10 Tammy Hawkins	22 Courtney Shevelson	



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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