



THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 13, 2022
8 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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 O God, Faithful God

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

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.

God of blessing and woe, disturbing the deadly order of the world: give us faith tested in poverty, hunger for what really satisfies, eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh at all that is false and pompous that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life; through Jesus Christ, who turns the world upside down. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 17:5–10

The prophet urges each individual to trust solely in the Lord, who alone can search out human motivations. Jeremiah's primary concern is that people should realize the importance of their choice. Only one who recognizes the powers of human self-deception and rests in the Lord can live a fruitful life.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit*

The Lord makes fruitful the lives of those who choose the way of righteousness.

- 1 **H**appy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

Paul insists that belief in resurrection from death is basic to the faith that Jesus was raised, which, in turn, is vital to all Christian hope and experience. If, as some suggest, there is no resurrection, then there is no reason to believe that God raised Jesus. If Jesus was not raised, then we remain in our unforgiven condition and are without hope for ourselves. In fact, however, Christ was raised and is the first of many who will find new life.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 6:17–26

Jesus heals many of their illnesses and teaches his disciples that the values of the kingdom of God are quite different from worldly standards. His words offer both comfort and challenge. Those who now are poor, hungry, sorrowful, and persecuted will find blessing, while the rich, satisfied, and well-spoken of will experience emptiness. Jesus' disciples must learn to share in material and spiritual deprivation in the world if they are to know the joy of the kingdom.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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

Silence

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 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.*

The Offertory

Priest **L**et 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 **A**nd 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 **T**hese 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 **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 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 **M**ay 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. **Amen.**

Priest **L**et 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.

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in thanksgiving by Shirley & Hersch Loomis*



*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.*

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 110.

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.



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 baptism or confirmation, speak with Rev. Laurel.

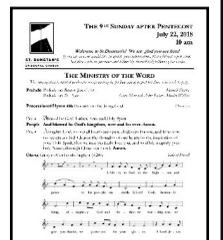
Help us get to know you by

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!

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

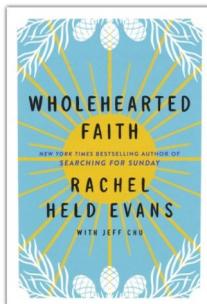
This week we continue discussing Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans. We are now meeting in the Guild Room with masks.

Or you can join us via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9109922704>

Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

More info? Speak with Janel Hornbeck.



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.

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St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

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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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Looking towards Lent

March 1 **Mardi Gras; 7 pm**

March 2 **Ash Wednesday; 12 noon & 7 pm**

March 9 **Wednesday; 6 pm**

Lenten Soup Suppers & “Going Deeper into Lent” series begins

Save the Date for **Family Church! February 20, 4—6 pm.** It's all about **LOVE!**

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, February 13

- 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 Holy Week & Easter Planning

Monday, February 14

- 3:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 15

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, February 16

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 4:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

Thursday, February 17

- 4:00 pm Vestry Meeting
- I-Help Men
- 6:30 pm Confirmation Prep Class

Friday, February 18

Saturday, February 19

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Nancy's Project Retreat
- 4:00 pm I-Help Women

Sunday, February 20

- 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
- 4:00 pm Family Church

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

5 Dominic Gregorio
7 Beverly Klinger
8 Jill Lewis
10 Tammy Hawkins

11 Kim Murray
12 Sue Masters
14 Tom Logan
22 Courtney Shevelson

26 Sarah Hawthorne
27 Joseph Talley
28 Crosby Hawthorne



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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