



# THE 7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022

10 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.  
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

## 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** Novelette in C

*Francis Poulenc (1899-1963)*

*Stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**Processional Hymn 388** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

*Hanover*

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Priest 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.**

**Song of Praise S236** Benedictus es, Domine (Canticle 13)

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

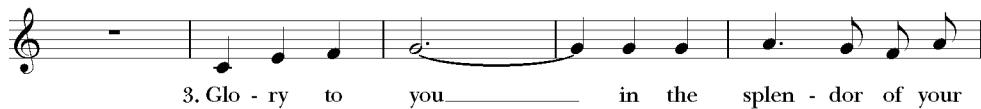
1. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; \_\_\_\_\_ you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_



for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will



praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



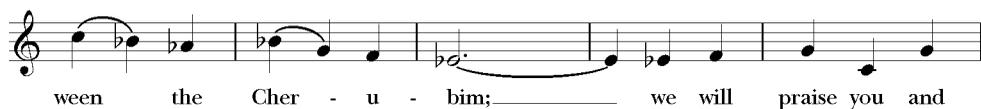
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your



tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to



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*Descant*



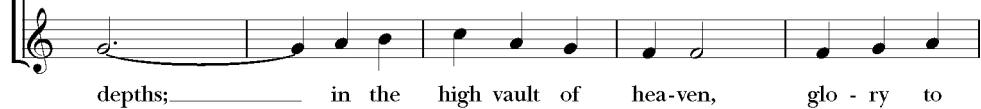
5. Glo - ry to you, be -



5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the



hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of



depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

**The Collect of the Day** *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Lord of gifts, share with us a hunger for the bread of your kingdom; give to us a yearning impatience with injustice; free us from clinging to debts gone bad; teach us to pray with honesty in words filled with earth and lit by desire; through Jesus Christ, our Jubilee. **Amen.**

## Hosea 1:2–10

*The prophet Hosea takes a prostitute to be his wife, exemplifying God's enduring love for a transgressing people. Gomer, daughter of Diblaim, bears three children to Hosea and each is given a name symbolic of God's dealings with the northern kingdom of Israel. Yet despite the unfaithfulness of the people, God will gather Israel and Judah once more into one and bless them as children of the living God.*

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, “Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord.” So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, “Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel.”

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, “Name her Lo-ruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen.”

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, “Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God.”

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, “You are not my people,” it shall be said to them, “Children of the living God.”

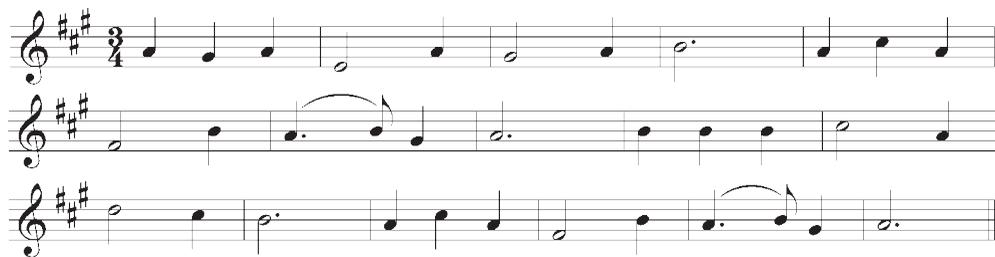
**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 85 *Benedixisti, Domine*** (Metrical Paraphrase)

*Mendon*

*The psalm both celebrates and prays for the Lord's gracious favor, forgiveness, deliverance, and justice.*



- All 1 You have been gracious to your land,  
And Jacob's wealth has been restored;  
You set aside your people's sins  
And blotted out their wrongs, O Lord.
- Women 2 You have withdrawn your rage from us  
And turned yourself away from wrath;  
Restore us, Savior, do not let  
Your anger fall upon our path.
- Men 3 Will you forever be displeased,  
Will you prolong your anger still?  
Will you not give us life again,  
Let us rejoice to do your will?
- Choir 4 Show us, O Lord, your steadfast love,  
And let your saving grace be near;  
When we return with open hearts  
The Lord speaks peace and we will hear.
- Women 5 To those who bow in reverent awe,  
Your saving help is very near;  
Your purpose is that in our land  
Your radiant glory may appear.
- Men 6 Mercy and truth at last have met,  
Justice and peace are reconciled;  
Truth has arisen from the earth,  
Justice looked down from heaven and smiled.
- All 7 Lord, you will grant prosperity,  
Our land will yield its full increase;  
Justice shall go before your face,  
The pathway for your feet is peace.

## **Colossians 2:6–15**

*The new disciples at Colossae are urged to remain rooted in Christ, letting nothing detract from his uniqueness and preeminence. The Colossians were apparently tempted to worship the pagan star-gods along with Jesus, and also to accept basic Jewish practices such as circumcision as necessary to salvation. But God has revealed the fullness of divinity in Christ, who has triumphed over all such gods. The record of our sin and debt to law have been nailed to the cross. Ours is a far better spiritual circumcision found through dying to our sinful self and being made alive with Christ.*

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Green Hymnal 767** Baptized in Water

*Hancock*

## **Luke 11:1–13**

*Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer and the character of God as Father. This shorter version of the Lord's Prayer is the earliest known to us. Its concern is both with present life and with readiness for the coming of the reign of God. Jesus' two little stories encourage his followers continually to ask in prayer and to expect the good gifts of God, especially the Holy Spirit.*

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

*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 Almighty 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.**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

**People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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.*

## The Offertory

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

### Offertory Anthem God Is In Everything

*Joseph Clokey (1890-1960)*

*Tim Krol, Baritone*

God is in the gentle wind That fans the flow'rs in old fashioned gardens  
Where the bees in lazy flight from flow'r to flow'r Work contentedly.  
There you may see God's handiwork.  
The dark rich loam where growing things push upwards to the sun.  
Each flow'r is His masterpiece. Each one.  
God is in the gentle wind. God is in the rain.  
The silent rain That freshens the thirsty earth, And makes the grass so green,  
And paints on everything, House, field, and sky, a silver sheen.  
God is in the rain. The gentle rain.  
God is in all nature. His spirit lives In the rocks and tossing sea.  
And the birds that sing. And we may find Him Deep within our hearts.  
God is in us, you and me. God is in everything.

*Clara Louis Kessler (1893-1968)*

### Offertory Hymn 709 O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand

*Dundee*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** S125 Holy, holy, holy Lord from *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest **W**e give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People** **W**e remember his death,  
**W**e proclaim his resurrection,  
**W**e await his coming in glory

Priest **A**nd we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, 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.*

### Fraction Anthem S170 Whoever Eats This Bread

*The Cantor sings the antiphon, repeated by the people*

*Mode 1 melody;*

*adapt. Mason Martens (1933–1991)*

Who - ev - er eats this bread will live for ev - er.

*Cantor*  
 1. This is the true bread which comes down from hea - ven

*Cantor*  
 and gives life to the world. [Ant.] 2. Who - ev - er

believes in me shall not hun - ger or thirst, for the bread

which I give for the life of the world is my flesh. [Ant.]

Priest **T**his is the table of the Lord.  
It is made ready for those who love him, and for those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want 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 Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup,  
may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

**Communion Anthem** Be Thou My Vision

*Bob Chilcott (b. 1955); text, see Hymn 488  
Cam McAra, Soprano*

**Communion Hymn 341** For the Bread Which You Have Broken

*Omni die*

### **The Post-Communion Prayer**

Priest Let us pray.

People **L**oving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and  
nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and  
Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may  
proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our  
Savior. Amen.



## *Giving Has Never Been Easier!* **New System for Giving**

We are rolling out a new system for electronic giving at St. Dunstan's that will streamline giving and save us money at the same time!



Scan this QR code to access our online giving portal where you can make a general gift, pay for altar flowers, support Nancy's Project or the Haiti Team, pay towards

your pledge, or even set up recurring payments. And, with the click of a box you can also opt to cover the processing fees which helps us make the most of your donation.

## **Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests**

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto: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](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



## **Women of St. Dunstan's announce The Christmas Bazaar is Back!**

Yes, the Women of Saint Dunstans are moving forward after a 2½-year hiatus.

Dates:

- **December 3 & 4**, Saturday and Sunday! The traditional weekend
- Set up on Friday, **December 2**
- First planning meeting after church **Sunday, September 11**

So if you make jams or other things like crafts you have this summer to work on them.

Info? Call Liz at the office Wednesday mornings or email [bukavugirl@aol.com](mailto:bukavugirl@aol.com).

## **Composting and Recycling**

There is a new compost tub in the kitchen that can be used to collect compostable items that can then be taken to our composter outside.



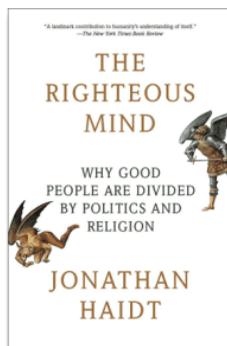
For more information about that "whats?" and "hows?" of recycling and composting, look for the posted fliers in the kitchen. Thank you for helping us comply with these new requirements.

## Discussion Group

Sundays, 9 am

We will discuss the [The Righteous Mind](#), by Jonathan Haidt.

We meet in the Guild Room. If you would like to join us via Zoom, or for more info, please contact Janel Hornbeck.



*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!

## Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

*Sign up today to receive*

### **St. Dunstan's weekly eNews**

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.



## Helping Ukraine

One way you can help the people of Ukraine is through our own Episcopal Relief & Development office. The ERD does good work all around the world, all the time. And you can rest assured that the money will be used as intended. Give today at [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org)

## 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

## Welcome Bach Festival Singer, Tim Krol

Tim Krol is honored to share his voice and collaborate with Rod Gehrke at St. Dunstan's. Rod and Tim performed a successful tour with Chanticleer in Mexico in the late 1990s.

Tim is currently enjoying his 20th year singing at the Carmel Bach Festival.

His repertoire spans from early music

to modern classical and more. He can be heard on numerous recordings, many of which can be found by searching his name on YouTube. As a voice teacher with 25 years' experience, Tim helps both amateurs and professionals, and he welcomes new students. Find out more by visiting Tim at [timkrol.com](http://timkrol.com).



## Summer Choir

We invite members and friends to join the St. Dunstan's Choir for a single Sunday or for more than one. The choir gathers at 8:30 a.m. in Guild Hall for warmup and rehearsal, then moves into the church around 9 a.m. to continue to prepare for the 10 a.m. liturgy. The choir will not vest or process during the summer and will normally sing an anthem at the Offertory, coming up to the organ area after the Peace, returning to the nave during the Offertory Hymn. We will sing music by Palestrina, Mozart, Handel, and Rutter as well as occasional spirituals. The choir will also continue to lead the hymn and canticle singing. Reading music is not required. We only ask that you be able and willing to listen to your fellow singers and do your best to blend your voice. If you'd like more information, please speak to Rod after the Sunday services, or email him at [music@stdcv.org](mailto:music@stdcv.org), or phone him at 650.619.0698. **Join us!**

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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, July 24

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

## Monday, July 25

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

## Tuesday, July 26

3:00 pm Staff Meeting  
7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, July 27

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

## Thursday, July 28

## Friday, July 29

## Saturday, July 30

## Sunday, July 31

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 am Discussion Group  
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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.org/calendar)

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Tom Dietrich	14 Mae Welty	27 Lorelei Duddy
2 Bill Schueler	16 Jim Hamilton	28 Zephyr Miller
4 Ron Garcia	21 Zachary Davis	29 Katy Linforth
8 Roslyn Hamilton	23 Hana Ferguson	29 Elizabeth Stewart
8 Andy Lambert	27 Elizabeth Buche	30 Susan Schueler

## COVID-19 Rapid Tests Available Today

We will have COVID-19 Rapid Tests available this morning for anyone who needs them. To get yours, visit the Welcome Table after both the 8 am and 10 am Holy Eucharists.



## **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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