

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST
November 20, 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.
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.*

Stand at the ringing of the bell.

Priest **B**lessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **G**lory to God for ever and ever.

Priest **A**lmighty 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 **G**lory 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 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

God of unbroken weakness, you laugh at our love of power: may we find kingship in the love that is killed for speaking its name without even the shadow of force; through Jesus Christ, King of Fools. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23:1–6

The Lord denounces the rulers who have so poorly shepherded the people Israel. God will gather the flock together and give them new shepherds, especially a just ruler in the line of David. Jeremiah prophesied during the year that Babylon was conquering his country, and while Judah's last king Zedekiah (part of whose name meant righteousness) was ruling in Jerusalem. God would now have to act as shepherd to this people and will finally fulfill Israel's dream by raising up a wise and truly righteous ruler.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus* (Luke 1:68–79)

A song of thanksgiving and prophecy. The child will be called the prophet of the Most High and will make a way for the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *

and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Colossians 1:11–20

Paul prays that the Colossians may be strengthened to meet whatever is to come, and he praises the Son as the visible likeness of the invisible God, through whom all things were created. He is the head of his body, the church, and the source of its life. There were some new disciples at Colossae who wished to worship Jesus as one of several lords. Paul insists that there can be no other divinities. God's full nature is in him. He is before all things and is the unifying principle for all created life. Through him we have been brought out of darkness into his kingdom, and by his sacrifice alone God reconciles all things.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 23:33–43

Jesus, as he hangs upon the cross, is mocked as the Christ and the King of the Jews. To a thief crucified with him he promises Paradise. The story forces us also to ask, “What kind of ruler is this? What royal power does he have? What sort of God would allow God’s chosen one to die like this?” Clearly the strength of God revealed in Christ is very different from the human understanding of kingship. Jesus’ words to the thief are words of hope to all who die in every manner of circumstance.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

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

Feasting on the Word Worship Companion

The people stand or kneel

Leader **L**oving God, we offer our prayers this day in Gratitude and thanksgiving, for in Christ you have laid a foundation for us that we might follow you more closely.

We pray for the mission of your church and thank you for the joy and encouragement we receive from you through our church family:
Give us the grace to plant faith and build love wherever you lead us to the benefit of your reign.

People Hear us, O God.

Leader We pray for all leaders and people of this world:
Give us a clear vision of the world as you intend
and the will to realize that dream of justice and peace for all.

People Hear us, O God.

Leader We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially *N.*,
and those we name now either silently or aloud:

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

Bring refreshment to their hearts through Christ that they may know your abiding presence and power to comfort and heal.

People Hear us, O God.

Leader We pray for your creation:
Convict us in the ways in which we break down and destroy the fabric of your world and give us the will to amend our ways as we seek to live in harmony with goodness you have created.

People Hear us, O God.

Leader We pray for the dying and for those who have died, especially *N.*,
and those we now name, either silently or aloud:

The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.

May they rest in your eternal glory with all the saints in light.

People Hear us, O God.

Priest **N**ow to you be all the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and forever, **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest If we call out in need, the Lord will answer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

Silence may be kept.

People **G**od of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you.
Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Absolution

Priest **B**eloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.

Therefore, be reconciled to the Lord and to one another,
walking in the light of Christ. **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

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 God thanks and praise.**

Priest **A**ll 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 **H**oly, 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 **G**lory 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."

Priest 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, 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.

People **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. A period of silence is kept.

Priest We share this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Priest This 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.

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 **M**ay the peace of Christ be with you,
May the love of God dwell deep in your heart,
May the Spirit enlighten your way,
May you walk in the comfort of God's care,
This day, and always. **Amen.**

Priest **L**et us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
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
& by Pam & Rob Gallaway in celebration of their wedding anniversary*



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

Help us get to know you by Filling out a Pew Card

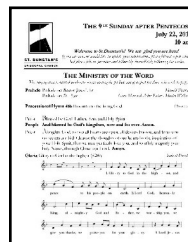
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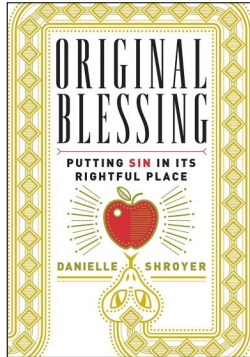
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Discussion Group

Sundays, 9 am

This week, the Discussion Group start Original Blessing, by Danielle Shroyer. Even if you have not read it you are welcome join us for this conversation!



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

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Have your picture taken for

Our Photo Directory



Do you have a picture in our photo directory? Does the picture in our photo directory still look

like you? No? Well, you are in luck!

For the next several weeks, Marcia Lockwood will be in the breezeway after worship taking picture for anyone who needs or simply wants a new one.

Stop by and see her. It is a wonderful way to help people at St. Dunstan's know who you are!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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



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.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, November 20

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

Monday, November 21

- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, November 22

- 9:00 am Centered Discipleship Group
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, November 23

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 pm Centered Discipleship Group Zoom

Thursday, November 24

Friday, November 25

Saturday, November 26

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 27

- 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
Advent Wreath Making
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View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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