



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022
10 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!
Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.
If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prelude Sur les flutes

Louise Claude Daquin (1694-1772)

Lighting the Advent Wreath

God of hope, we light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son. Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives, we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength. **Amen.**

The people respond, singing:

People O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Processional Hymn 58 Lo! he comes with clouds descending *St. Thomas*

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

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

People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion (S102) *Sung three times.* after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924)

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 2:1–5

The prophet Isaiah sets forth a majestic vision of a time when people throughout the world will worship the Lord and live in peace with one another. The mountain of the city of Jerusalem will be raised up to become a symbol of hope and justice to every nation. Many peoples will look to Jerusalem and to its holy Mount Zion as the place from which God will issue God's word and law, bringing about an end to strife and warfare.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.'

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum*

A pilgrim's song of praise and prayer for the peace of Jerusalem.

1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."

2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.

- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, *
the assembly of Israel, to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
“May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions’ sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, *
I will seek to do you good.”

Romans 13:11–14

Paul urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. Disciples must recognize that the nighttime of sinfulness is passing. The daylight, the time for new conduct and the following of Jesus, now comes.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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Matthew 24:36–44

Jesus tells his disciples of the need for readiness because the Son of Man will come at a day and hour which no one knows. People will continue to go about their usual affairs, when suddenly this time of judgment will happen. Disciples are to be ever watchful, imagining themselves like a householder whose alertness could prevent a robbery.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Serenity Prayer

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen**

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

The Prayers of the People *The people stand or kneel.*

Leader In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and each of us a new creation.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May our gracious God always console and comfort us, nourish our deepest hungers, and guide us in ways of justice and peace.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan, a stream of blessing that bears forgiveness, refreshment and joy.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the people of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's, for Lucinda our Bishop, and all who do ministry near or far; may the God of John the Baptist raise up holy prophets in our midst, voices to challenge us to greater integrity and truthfulness.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need, especially:

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May the God who is our future hold those who have died in the embrace of faithful love, especially:

Together may we see new heavens and a new earth.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Priest O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: Hear our prayers, renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People Most merciful God, we confess 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 upon 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 Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
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.*

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

Priest Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Offertory Anthem Who at My Door is Standing *arr. K. Lee Scott*

Who at my door is standing, There patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Within, the rooms are darkened, All filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy For Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling; "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!"
Lord God, I hear thee calling, Come now, abide with me.

Offertory Hymn 61 Sleepers wake! A voice astounds us. *Wachet auf*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

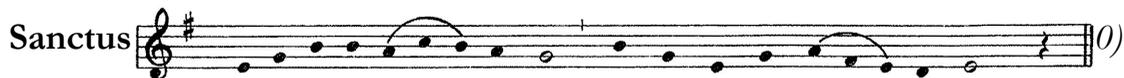
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Cantor, All repeat:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God___ of might.

Cantor



Heav - en and earth_____ are full___ of your glo - ry.

Cantor, All repeat:



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

Cantor



Bless - ed is he___ who comes in the___ name___ of___ the___ Lord.

Cantor, All repeat:



Ho-san - na in the high - est, ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

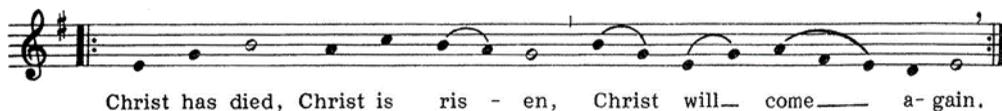
Priest He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Cantor, All repeat



Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Dunstan, blessed Andre, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Cantor, All repeat



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.

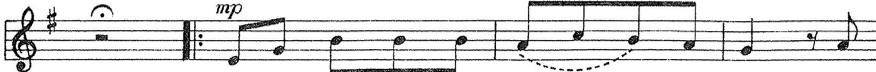
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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.

Cantor



1. Je-sus, wis-dom and might - y Lord: }
 2. Je-sus, true branch of Jes - se's tree: }
 3. Key of Da - vid and Day-spring from on high: }
 4. De-sire of na - tions, our Em - man - u - el: }
- } you



take a-way the sins- of the world, have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



world, grant us— peace,— grant us— peace.

Priest These are the Gifts of God for the People of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the 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 Hymn Green Hymnal 761

All who hunger gather gladly.

Holy Manna

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Christmas Cookie Sale December 11

*following the 8am
and 10am services*



Mix and match to create your unique dozen of fresh Christmas cookies. Cookies will be available to purchase for \$15 per dozen or \$1.50 each

You can help!

Drop off your favorite baked cookies for the sale Saturday, December 10th between 9am and 1pm.

Or

Join us for a baking morning on December 10th between 9am and 1pm. All ingredients and recipes will be provided.

Living Well Through Advent 2022

*Practicing Simplicity with All Your
Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*

Discussion Group

Sundays, 9am

This week we will begin our advent journey with the study of Living Well Through Advent. Please join us for discussion each Sunday morning in the Guild Room. For more information contact Jean Scholefield. A copy of the book will be provided.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve

Saturday, December 24

4 pm Family Service

7 pm Choral Eucharist

Christmas Day

Sunday, December 25

10 am

Women of St. Dunstan's

Holiday Gift Fair

Sunday, December 4th

9am-12pm

We are still welcoming items for the gift fair. The best day to bring them in is Wednesday and Sunday. Set up is Saturday, December 3rd beginning at 10:30. We have 3 volunteers to set up tables however we still need volunteers to help set up items and decorate. Any questions? Contact Liz by email. Bukavugirl@aol.com

Christmas Giving Opportunities

The Giving Tree

In 2005 children at St. Andre's were fainting from hunger in class. Hungry children can't learn. For 16 years, we have been funding the hot lunch program, and with your help we will continue to do so. \$50 will feed a school child a hot, nutritious meal every school day for a school year. For many, this is the only meal they will get that day. Please help fill our Giving Tree with ornaments—one ornament for each \$50 donation. Stop by the table after church to make your donation. Checks should be payable to St. Dunstan's with "Giving Tree" on the memo line.



I-Help

We are collecting cash gifts for the men in the program through December 11th. Suggested donation is \$20. Envelopes can be found on the welcome table. Please place your gift in an envelope and place the envelope in the box provided. Thank you for helping to make Christmas a little brighter for our I-Help community!

Nancy's Project

Collecting donations through December 31st. Cash may be given via, and is matched by, Monterey County Gives! (MCGives!) montereycountygives.com/nancy.

Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, 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

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 and entering your email address.

Click to Give

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 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.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to bulletin@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!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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

Monday, November 28

- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, November 29

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

Wednesday, November 30

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

Thursday, December 1

- 12:00 pm Quilters
- 4:00 pm I-Help Men

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30am WSD Christmas Boutique set up
- 11:00 am School Fundraiser—
Earthbound Farms

Sunday, December 4

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 9:00-12:00 WSD Christmas Boutique
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 12—1pm J2A at St. Mary's Pacific Grove

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar



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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