



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## October 1, 2023

### 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.*

*Thank you for silencing your cell phones.*

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## 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.*

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

People 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 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity:  
Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises,  
may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever  
Amen.

## **Exodus 17:1–7**

*The people are at the point of rebellion because they are without water in the wilderness. Moses decries their readiness to challenge the Lord through their lack of trust, and he asks God what is to be done. The Lord instructs Moses to strike a rock with his staff so that water will pour from it. This place he named Massah (meaning Challenge) and Meribah (meaning Dispute).*

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

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

**Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16**

*The psalm recalls Israel's trials and the Lord's sustaining grace in the wilderness after the escape from Egypt.*

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

## Philippians 2:1–13

*Paul bids the new disciples to be of one mind in love, knowing how Christ Jesus accepted the condition of a servant and was obedient to the point of death. We now confess him as Lord and are called to an obedient working out of our faith. Central to this passage is a poem which may have been adapted from the hopes for a savior of a people who did not yet know Jesus. He has fulfilled humanity's dream of one who will share fully in the mortal condition. Now the Lord is known personally—Jesus. His followers must work out their salvation while discovering that God is active in them for his loving purpose.*

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death--  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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

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

### **Matthew 21:23–32**

*In a response to a question about authority, Jesus tells a parable of two sons who obeyed their father differently, and he indicates that it is the same with those who are apparently obedient and disobedient in this age. Both John the Baptist and Jesus offered their message of repentance and the hope of the kingdom to all. It was the seeming outcasts who most genuinely responded. Then and now it is not a popular idea to suggest that such persons have priority over those who are established in their religion. Action is the test of obedience.*

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

**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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped 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

*Enriching Our Worship; Form V*

*The people stand or kneel*

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed. In your mercy:

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. In your mercy:

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. We pray especially for \_\_\_\_\_. In your mercy:

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger. In your mercy:

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. In your mercy:

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. In your mercy:

**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. We pray today for \_\_\_\_\_. In your mercy:

**People Hear us, O Christ.**

Priest Loving and compassionate God, we lift our prayers to you, entrusting them into your loving care. May the desires of our hearts align with your will, so to bring forth comfort, healing & restoration to your people. Let us never forget, O Lord, that your power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Help us to be bearers of your love, hope and grace to all we encounter, as we continue on our journey of faith. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who with the Holy Spirit, reigns with you for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

People **G**od 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 **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 **T**he peace of Christ be always with you.

People **A**nd also with you.

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

## Announcements *All are seated.*

## The Offertory

Priest **D**o not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



# 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(say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest We 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**    **We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People**    **O**ur 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.*

Priest: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: **Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR 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 **God of abundance, you have fed us  
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Priest The peace of the ocean wave be with you,  
The peace of the ocean breeze surround you.  
The peace of the quiet earth be in you.  
The peace of the night stars cover you.  
And the deep peace of the son of Peace be always with you.  
And the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be  
upon you, today and always. **Amen.**

Priest    **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People   **T**hanks 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*



*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.*

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**Annual Stewardship Luncheon**

**Sunday**  
**November 5th**  
**11:30am**

**More details coming soon!**

*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!

# *Music at St. Dunstan's Autumn Organ Concerts*



***Angela Kraft Cross***  
*Organist*

*Saturday  
October 14  
4 o'clock*

***Jaia Suri***  
*Vocalist, guitarist  
with Timo Lin*

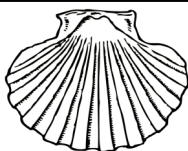
*Saturday  
October 21  
4 o'clock*



*Reception with the artists follows  
\$25 per person  
Students and children under 18 free*

*St. Dunstan's Montessori School  
Benefit Concert  
Reception following  
Suggested donation \$50  
Child friendly event, under 18 free*

## **Baptisms Offered November 5th**



If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, see Rev Laurel by October 24th to explore being baptized November 5th when we celebrate All Saints Day.

## *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.

**Blessing of the Animals  
October 8th  
10am Outdoor Service**

We will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and bless our animal friends on Sunday, October 8th. Our 8 am Holy Eucharist will be in the church as usual, and the 10 am Holy Eucharist will be outside on the lawn. *(We encourage you to bring an umbrella for shade)*

All animals are welcome to bring their human friends for a blessing!

**Deadline for eNews,  
Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com) by midnight Monday.



**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.

**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 \$30, 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 IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

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## Sunday, October 1

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:00 am** The Path Bible Study Ch. 3  
**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

## Monday, October 2

**Office Closed**

## Tuesday, October 3

**9:30 am** Discipleship Group  
**5:30 pm** The Path Bible Study Ch. 3  
**5:00 pm** Zoom Compline  
**7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, October 4

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**11:00 am** The Path Bible Study Ch. 3  
**1:30 pm** DOK Meeting

## Thursday, October 5

**12:00 pm** Quilters Group  
**4:00 pm** Foundation Meeting

## Friday, October 6

**Office Closed**

## Saturday, October 7

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**4:00 pm** I-Help Women

## Sunday, October 8

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:00 am** The Path Bible Study Ch. 4  
**10:00 am** The Blessing of the Animals  
Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

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View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar)

# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Jessica Pavloff  
3—Barbara Simmons  
5—Sawyer Borlik  
16—Ollie White  
19—Elizabeth Pasquinelli  
19—Chuck Vout

22—Joshua Pavloff  
23—Eleanor Avila  
24—Marian Mizelle  
29—Daniel Garcia

## Sermon Notes