



# THE 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 12, 2023

8 am

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!*

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.*

*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.*

Prelude Through Adam's Fall

*Dietrich Buxtehude(1637-1707)*

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

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

Priest **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,**

*and* **and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**

People **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 **Glory to God in the highest,**

**And peace to his people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

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

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

*Moses presents the people with their choice: love and obey the Lord and find life, or turn away to other gods and know death. Israel is about to cross over into the promised land, and this is Moses' final charge to them. In historical terms the speech was probably composed many hundreds of years later, near the time of the exile, after Israel had experienced much backsliding from the Lord. But this is still their choice: blessing or curse—life and good, or death and evil.*

Moses said, “See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:1-8 *Beati immaculate***

*The psalmist takes great delight in the Lord's statutes and seeks to keep all God's commandments.*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
    who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
    and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
    but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
    that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
    that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
    when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
    when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
    do not utterly forsake me.

### 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

*Paul admonishes the Corinthians for their bickering and divisions. Missionaries like Paul and Apollos are not to be regarded as leaders of separate sects. They are coworkers in the Lord's field, while it is God who supplies the growth. To think otherwise is immature and is based on worldly rather than spiritual understandings*

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Matthew 5:21–37**

*Jesus' concern with the heart of human behavior. Discipleship means far more than observance of the outward forms of the law. Genuinely to fulfill the commandments not to kill, not to commit adultery, and not to swear falsely requires a transformation of one's life. One must be willing to cast away any part of the self which opposes this change of mind and heart.*

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

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

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.  
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Mills

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

## The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People *Standing or kneeling.*

Leader God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might open our gifts for others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin** *Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.*

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

*Silence*

People **M**ost merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,  
word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left **undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**The Absolution**

Priest **A**lmighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins  
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *All stand.*

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

**Announcements** *All are seated.*

**The Offertory**

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



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Priest God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.

**People By your will they were created and have their being.**

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**People 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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Priest **A**nd so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Priest On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Priest Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

**People Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

Priest Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

**People Have mercy on us.**

Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive. It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him, should meet him here.

### **ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION**

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the 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    **T**he peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest    **L**et us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People    Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
in memory of Jean Andrews by Steve Andrews*



*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.*

## *Welcome this week*

Rev. Stephen Mills and our guest organist Fred Burgomaster. Thank you for being here and leading us in worship and song!

## **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Follow our fellow parishioners on their Holy Land journey on our St. Dunstan's Instagram and Facebook pages, OR if you are not on social media, simply visit our website at STDCV.org. Right there on the home page, you'll find the posts from the social media feed. Rev Laurel will post a few photos and a few words about their experience each day. And pray for them! For the group, for their safety and for God's blessing and wonder to be revealed.

## **Deadline for eNews and Bulletin**

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

## **Mardi Gras Party!**

**Tuesday February  
21st  
5 pm Happy Hour  
Dinner at 6 pm**



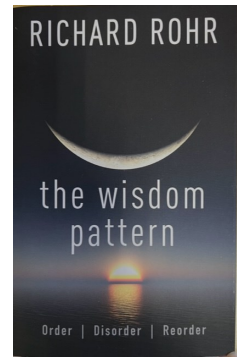
Happy Hour with activities for the children begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner at 6 pm complete with Gumbo, macaroni and cheese, salads, bread and Kings cake for dessert! Help us make this a great event by signing up to help in some way: Set up, clean up, decorate, bring food, donate wine.

Sign up on the Welcome Table!

## **DRIVING ST. DUNSTAN'S**

Our car magnets featuring the St. Dunstan's logo debuted at the parish annual meeting last weekend. They'll be back out on the welcome table for the next few Sundays and available in the office after that. (These are magnets, not stickers, so no yucky residue to damage your vehicle finish.) Displaying our magnets on your ride will give St. Dunstan's broader visibility throughout the community. See you on the road!

The Wisdom Pattern: Order, Disorder, Reorder  
by Richard Rohr  
Sundays, 9 am



A universal pattern can be found in all societies and in all creation. In “The Wisdom Pattern”, Richard Rohr illuminates the way to understanding and embracing this pattern as we focus on movement in our lives- from where we create order, then to disorder and then to our surrender to re-ordering - a new realm.

During this Season of Epiphany we welcome a vision for moving forward with faith and courage into new rebirths. Join us for discussion each Sunday morning in the Guild Room.

For more info, please contact Jean Scholefield at [jeanscholefield@att.net](mailto:jeanscholefield@att.net)

## 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

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**THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S**  
**PARISH OFFICE OPEN MONDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—1 PM**

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**Sunday, February 12**

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, February 13**

**Tuesday, February 14**

11:00 am PEO Luncheon  
7:30 pm AA

**Wednesday, February 15**

10:00 am Morning Prayer  
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
4:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

**Thursday, February 16**

9:30 am Epiphany Light Bulb study -  
Guild room  
4:00 pm I-Help Men

**Friday, February 17**

**Saturday, February 18**

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

**Sunday, February 19**

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  
12:00 pm J2A at St. Dunstan's

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

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

1 Ansley Scherer	11 Kim Murray	26 Sarah Hawthorne
5 Dominic Gregorio	12 Sue Masters	27 Joseph Talley
7 Beverly Klinger	14 Tom Logan	28 Crosby Hawthorne
10 Tammy Hawkins	21 Kaitlyn Scherer	

**Sermon Notes**