



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 16, 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.  
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

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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.*

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

People **Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

## **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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Acts 2:14a,22-32**

*Peter preaches the fundamental message of the resurrection. The time is just after the Pentecost experience and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The author of Acts presents a picture of Peter in Jerusalem telling the news about Jesus of Nazareth. Speaking to a Jewish audience, Peter seeks to show that a passage from the Psalms that promises protection from the powers of death could not have applied to King David, but instead was a prophecy about Jesus' resurrection.*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 16 *Conserva me, Domine***

*Contentment, refuge, and joy are found in the presence of the Lord, and God's faithful servant will not be abandoned at death.*

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## **1 Peter 1:3-9**

*The new birth Christians have received through baptism which brings them a living hope through Jesus' resurrection and an imperishable inheritance. The letter is addressed to former pagans living in the country we now know as Turkey. They have been experiencing some form of persecution. They are encouraged to regard their trials as a testing, and to think of their faith as more precious than gold, which passes purified and unharmed through fire.*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **John 20:19-31**

*Two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples. The first takes place on the very evening of the day of his resurrection. The disciples are gathered in fear, but Jesus brings them peace, gives them their mission, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. A week later, Thomas, who had been absent when Jesus first appeared and who doubted his resurrection, now knows Jesus by his wounds and worships him as his Lord and God. Future disciples will not have Jesus' physical presence, but they will be blessed in their belief.*

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.*

*New Zealand Prayer Book*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became fully human.**

**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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
and 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*

Form 3

Leader **F**ather, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People That we all may be one.**

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;  
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for peace in the world; We pray for all who govern and hold authority in  
the nations  
of the world;

**People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

**People Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Priest Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence may be kept.*

**People** **Most 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 **T**hrough 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.*

### **The Offertory**

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

**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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**Priest** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**  
**Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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

Priest **A**lleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Priest Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us.

Let us feed on him in our 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.

## The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

**People** **E**ternal 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 In the name of the true and living Holy One,  
who made us for love,  
who saved us by love,  
and who loves us still. **Amen.**

## Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

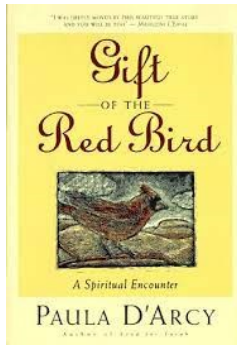
*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
by Beth and Joe Heston in Thanksgiving for the wedding anniversary of Joe and Katy Heston*



*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.*

**The Gift of the Red  
Bird  
by Paula D'Arcy  
Discussion Group  
Sundays, 9 am  
Beginning April 23,  
2023**



*The Gift of the Red Bird* by Paula D'Arcy

is a luminous account of her rendezvous with God, silence, fear, hunger, and a little bearer of grace. Like many others who have gone before her, the author discovers the wilderness inside of herself and the dimension of Spirit that resides in the world of nature.

She enacts the spiritual practices of listening, wonder, and being present. She recognizes the presence and love of God all around and even inside herself. Reading this stirring account, we find ourselves rejoicing in the epiphanies D'Arcy shares with us.

Join us for discussion each Sunday morning in the Guild Room.  
For more information contact Jean Scholefield

## **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

## **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.



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Tickets and registration:  
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### **St. Dunstan's Staff**

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### **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.

*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!

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9AM—1PM

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## Sunday, April 16

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**9:00 am** Discussion Group  
**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

## Monday, April 17

**5:30 pm** Zoom Compline  
**6:30 pm** Episcopal 101

## Tuesday, April 18

**9:30 am** Discipleship Group  
**4:00 pm** Foundation Meeting  
**7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, April 19

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**4:30 pm** Haiti Team Meeting

## Thursday, April 20

**4:00 pm** I-Help Men  
**4:00 pm** Vestry Meeting

## Friday, April 21

## Saturday, April 22

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**11:00 am** Mid Valley HOA Annual Meeting

## Sunday, April 23

**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  
**1:00 pm** Fore the Kids Golf Classic  
School Fundraiser

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

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

1 Shelby Lambert	6 June Parris	15 Mark Olsheskie
2 Gene Davis	7 Rachel Mueller	17 Hannah Priestley
2 George Lockwood	9 Laurel Coote	22 Bobby Clampett
4 Karen Deaton	11 Mel Britton	23 Todd Lueders
5 Sue Peccianti	14 Susie Carr	26 Lauren Leonoff
6 Mac Moss	14 Donna Rico	28 Melanie Cervi

## Sermon Notes

