

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 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.

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.

Life abundant, God of grace, you call us by name to live without fear: in peace may we resist all who kill and despoil your people, that their hearts might be turned to the only source of life; through Jesus Christ, the gateway. **Amen.**

All are seated

Acts 2:42-47

The new community of believers in the resurrected Jesus devote themselves to teaching and fellowship, to sharing in eucharistic meals, and to the prayers. There are many signs and healings as the church grows. Followers of Christ express their commitment to one another even to the point of pooling their possessions. Their fellowship is characterized by joy and generosity, and many are drawn to them because of the richness of their common life.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

1 Peter 2:19-25

Disciples are called to bear undeserved suffering with patience, even as Christ has set an example for us, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness. This word is addressed primarily to those who are servants, but can well be applied to all Christians who endure pain despite having done no wrong. Their Lord has transformed the meaning of suffering and through his wounds brought healing. This letter was evidently written at a time when the Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing various forms of persecution.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

John 10:1-10

Two related images in which Jesus is first the shepherd in charge of the sheep and then the gate through which the sheep enter. These teachings are set in the context of controversy. Jesus' words are directed against religious officials who do not know or truly care for their people. But Jesus knows his own sheep by name. They hear his voice and find the fullness of life.

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 Father, 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 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 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 remain standing.

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 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 Alleluia! 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 **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 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.
 And the blessing of God, the Creator,
 Redeemer and Sustainer
 be upon and with you always. **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 Sue Peccianti in Thanksgiving for Carole & Garry Stults*



*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.*

Bishop Lucinda's Annual Visit Next Sunday, May 7th

If you are interested in being **confirmed or baptized** on this Sunday please contact Rev. Laurel. If you are interested in helping provide food for the reception following the 10:00am service, please sign up on the Welcome Table.

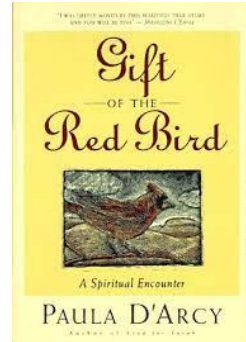
Dedicate Altar Flowers

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



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

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.

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!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to stdunstanschurch@gmail.com by midnight Monday.

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*"It will take a community with a **heart for change** to come together once again."*

You are Cordially Invited to a Special Event sponsored by

The Women of St. Dunstan's

Come hear Jodi Litz from Community Human Services' newest project, The Shuman HeartHouse

discuss the current status of Women's Homelessness

in Monterey County and what is being done to remedy the situation.

How Can We Help?

Saturday, May 13, 2023

Brock Hall at St. Dunstan's

11:30am Social Get-together

12:00 Noon -- Buffet Luncheon

12:30pm Speaker Jodi Litz

1:00pm -- Questions and Discussion of an Action Plan

2:00pm Adjournment

Feel free to invite your neighbors, friends, and anyone you know who cares about homeless women in our community.

RSVP to Georgia Byrne @ 831-38-0544, gbyrne26@gmail.com,
or Rachel Mueller 831-625-3425, rmuellerbigsur@cs.com.
There will also be a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, April 30

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
2:00 pm Lois Kettel Memorial

Monday, May 1

6:30 pm Episcopal 101

Tuesday, May 2

9:30 am Discipleship Group
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, May 3

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30 pm DOK Meeting
6:00 pm Zoom Compline

Thursday, May 4

12:00 pm Quilters Group

Friday, May 5

Saturday, May 6

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 7—Bishop's Visit

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

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Alma Swiers

4 Cameron Talley

7 Robin Harness

8 Richard Chastain

9 Aga Simpson

11 Kathy Lueders

13 Theo Lagier

15 Melissa Pavloff

15 Sheila Hiebert

17 Tyler Scherer

19 Julie Tomlin

21 Ray Hiebert

23 Star Reiersen

23 Bill Solms

24 Bill Harness

31 Dottie Little

Sermon Notes

