

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 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.

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: Erschienen ist der herrliche Tag BWV 629

Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)

The people stand.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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 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.

Generous God, whose way is love, whose truth is searching, whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord: as you have opened for us your house of many rooms, so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved, and share the work of peace; through Jesus Christ, the image of God. **Amen.**

Acts 7:55-60

A deacon of the church, Stephen, preaches salvation history before the high priest and the council, culminating in a vision of Jesus standing at God's right hand. Those gathered are so provoked by this testimony that, enraged, they drag him from the city and stone him to death. Those stoning Stephen lay their cloaks at the feet of a young man named Saul, who will later become the apostle Paul. Stephen prays God to forgive those putting him to death, as did Jesus from the cross.

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 In te, Domine, speravi

A psalm of trust by one who looks to the Lord for mercy and protection.

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

1 Peter 2:2-10

A series of images from the Old Testament, describing Christians as a chosen people called by God to God's service. It is possible that the passage was once used during an Easter season baptismal liturgy. Newborn disciples are to purify themselves and, as living stones, to join themselves to Jesus, the rejected one, who now is the cornerstone of the spiritual temple. They are the new Israel, called out of darkness into light.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

John 14:1–14

Jesus speaks with his disciples shortly before his passion and tells them that he is the way, the truth, and the life. He is the way because he himself is going the way of the sacrifice of his death, so to prepare a place for his disciples. In this way followers will discover the truth that Jesus so intimately reflects the character of God that those who have seen him have seen the Father. All who come to the Father through Jesus will find true life.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

And they kept silent and in those days told
no one any of the things they had seen.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Lucinda Ashby

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

Bishop Let us renew our baptismal covenant.

Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and,
whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

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.

Bishop 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.

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

Silence may be kept.

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

The Peace *All stand.*

Bishop 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.*

Today's offering will support the work of the Diocese of El Camino Real

The Offertory

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Bishop 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 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

Bishop 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**

Bishop And 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.**

Deacon 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.

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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

Bishop 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

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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



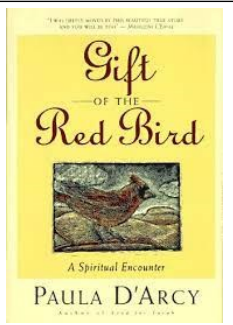
*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
By the congregation of St. Dunstan's in Celebration of the visit of Bishop Lucinda*



*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
Guild Room

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



Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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 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:310-624-6646) 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.



*"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 @ 831-238-0544,
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, 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

Monday, May 8

3:00 pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, May 9

9:30 am Discipleship Group
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, May 10

10:00 am Morning Prayer
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, May 11

Friday, May 12

Saturday, May 13

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
11:30 am Women of St. Dunstan's
Luncheon

Sunday, May 14

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

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Alma Swiers	11 Kathy Lueders	21 Ray Hiebert
4 Cameron Talley	13 Theo Lagier	23 Star Reiersen
7 Robin Harness	15 Melissa Pavloff	23 Bill Solms
8 Richard Chastain	15 Sheila Hiebert	24 Bill Harness
9 Aga Simpson	17 Tyler Scherer	31 Dottie Little
	19 Julie Tomlin	

Sermon Notes