



# THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 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.*

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Acts 17:22–31**

*Paul's address in a public forum to the curious citizens of Athens. The apostle has arrived in the intellectual and cultural center of the Greek world. The author of Acts has him deliver a kind of sample sermon for a pagan audience. Troubled by their worship of many gods, Paul uses their altar dedicated to an unknown god as an opportunity to tell them of the one true Lord of heaven and earth, and of the time of judgment and the man he raised from the dead.*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we too are his offspring.'

Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 66:7–18

*A hymn of praise and thanksgiving to God, who rules in majesty and delivers the people.*

- 7 Bless our God, you peoples; \*  
    make the voice of his praise to be heard;
- 8 Who holds our souls in life, \*  
    and will not allow our feet to slip.
- 9 For you, O God, have proved us; \*  
    you have tried us just as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the snare; \*  
    you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads;  
    we went through fire and water; \*  
    but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings  
    and will pay you my vows, \*  
    which I promised with my lips  
    and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts  
    with the smoke of rams; \*  
    I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, \*  
    and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, \*  
    and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, \*  
    the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; \*  
    he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, \*  
    nor withheld his love from me.

## 1 Peter 3:13–22

*Guidance for all Christians, counseling a readiness to suffer patiently for doing what is right. The First Letter of Peter was written at a time when Christians in Asia Minor were experiencing persecution. The author has given advice to particular groups of people and now urges all disciples to live together in love and humility, always being willing to speak in defense of their Christian hope. They should keep their consciences clear, and, if they do suffer, they are to remember how Christ, the just one, died for the unjust.*

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **John 14:15–21**

*Jesus promises his followers that those who love him will be guided by the Holy Spirit and will also see him. The evangelist presents Jesus in final conversation with his followers. Soon he will be taken away from them by death, but God will send another Counselor. The world (that is, Godless society) cannot receive this Spirit of truth nor come to perceive Jesus as still living. Yet those who follow the commandments of love will find new life in intimate association with Jesus and the Father.*

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*All are seated*

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. Stephen Mills

**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, for the people of Ukraine and for those who are helping them; 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 **G**rant, 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 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** **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. 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.

### **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 **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.

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  
& in memory of Rena Wells by Tom and Sue Masters*



*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.*



**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
JCM United's  
FUNDRACER for Hunger Prevention  
DATES  
May 15 – May 21, 2023**

What is this event?

Jews Christians Muslims United's (JCM United) FUNDRACER for Hunger Prevention is a fundraiser challenging you to complete a virtual 10-mile course over a week. Funds raised will be used to directly support Abraham's Tent.

For more information pick up a flyer on the Welcome Table.

**2023 Pledge Statements**

January through April 2023 pledge statements are available to pick up on the welcome table today and next Sunday, May 21st. Remaining statements will be mailed out the week of May 22nd.

If you have any questions regarding your statement please email the office at [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com).

Thank you for helping us save on postage by picking up your statement.

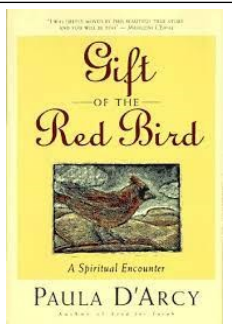
Thank you for your support!

**Stewardship Planning Forum**

Join us for an informal meeting after each of the services on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Your input is valuable to our continued development of various parish life activities and our question to you is—If resources were unlimited, what would you like to see our church accomplish over the next three years? (Time to dream!)

Get yourself a cup of coffee/other beverage and bring your ideas for the future into the discussion! As we have learned, your suggestions also stimulate other ideas through this exchange and we come up with some incredible programs!!

**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](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!

**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.



## St. Andre's, Haiti, Committee at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church

Over the last four decades, with help from members of St. Dunstan's and from our friends, St. Andre's School in Hinche, Haiti, has developed an outstanding team of teachers, cooks, and other staff who are led by a truly outstanding priest, Rev. Noe Bernier. At the beginning we sought to bring hope to a few children: better lives are now enjoyed by thousands of past and present Haitian children who we have taught and fed at St. Andre's. This would not happen without our full support. We do God's work.

Without your generosity there would be no St. Andre's School, and it is time for our Spring Fund drive to again make a request of our generous donors for the \$65,000 we need for the next school year to employ our excellent teachers and feed our hungry children. Your generous donations will allow us to continue our Island of Hope for another year. Without you, these children would be uneducated and malnourished and would continue in a cycle of poverty in one of the poorest countries in the world.

St. Andre's School is a happy place that is filled with students who enjoy learning, teachers who are thankful to teach, and very grateful parents. One parent reports: "My three children have been to St. Andre's and two have completed their studies and are now at University. They receive compliments from their teachers every day for having been at a good school."

With your continued generosity we will provide hope to children who otherwise would have no hope. Please be generous so we can continue God's call to help Haiti to be an island of hope.



# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## 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

## Monday, May 15

## Tuesday, May 16

**9:30 am** Discipleship Group  
**7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, May 17

**10:00 am** Morning Prayer  
**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**5:30 pm** Zoom Compline

## Thursday, May 18

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

## Friday, May 19

## Saturday, May 20

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**10:30 am** Haiti Team Meeting

## Sunday, May 21

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**9:00 am** Discussion Group  
**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**10:00 am** J2A offsite gathering. Beach  
Cleanup and Laser tag/mirror  
maze  
**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

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