



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 23, 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 Partita on O Gott du frommer Gott BWV 767 *Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)*

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Priest Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

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 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Divine reaper, who alone can judge without vengeance or fear:
free us from our desire to repay evil with evil;
root us in creation's longing for freedom from oppression;
shape us by hope unseen for the victory of love;
through Jesus Christ, with whom we suffer and are glorified. Amen.

Genesis 28:10–19a

God comes to Jacob in a dream and, in a vision of a ladder between earth and heaven, renews with Jacob the promise made to his grandfather Abraham. Jacob will become the father of a great nation. Jacob awakes astonished at God's self-revelation and sets up a sacred pillar, calling the place "Bethel," a site which will one day become an important northern shrine city.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1–11, 22–23

With wonderful wisdom God alone perceives the heights and depths of life.

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Romans 8:12–25

Paul teaches that, if we follow our lower nature, we are enslaved and destined to death, but when we are moved by God's Spirit, we become God's children and heirs with Christ. The Spirit prompts us to call upon God as Father with the same Aramaic word (Abba) that Jesus used. Indeed, as heirs with Christ, the whole of creation is now linked with human destiny. As creation shares in the penalty of slavery to mortality and corruption, it will through our freedom as children of God participate in our full redemption. This is our saving hope, greater than any sufferings of this present age, and though still hidden, we now enjoy the first fruits of the Spirit.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

The parable of the wheat and the weeds, for which Jesus then provides an explanation. The story points to a mystery: why there is both good and evil in life. The parable may at one time have been used to suggest that it is not so easy for humans to know what is good and what is bad from the divine perspective. In a strangely mixed world one must carry on with patience. The allegorical explanation emphasizes the judgment which will take place in the end at the hands of the Son of Man.

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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.*

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Enriching Our Worship; Form V

The people stand or kneel

Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. We pray especially for _____. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory. We pray today for _____. In your mercy:

People Hear us, O Christ.

Priest Merciful and loving God, by the power of your blessed Trinity you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Receive these, our heartfelt prayers, and knit us together as one community of love and prayer, that we may know that we walk not alone, but ever with you, in the grace of your love and mercy. We ask all this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Almighty 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 Christ 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

Eucharistic Prayer 1

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 our thanks and praise.**

Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,
all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

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 **B**lessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

Priest **O**n the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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 **R**emembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Dunstan, Andre and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

Priest **T**he gifts of God for the people of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your 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 **G**od of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest **G**od's Blessing be with you,
 Christ's peace be in you,
 the Spirit's outpouring guide your way,
 now and always. **Amen.**

Priest **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.
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 Margherita Cordoni 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.*

Computer Packing Party - Sunday July 30th - after 10am service

St. Dunstan's Haiti Mission was recently blessed with 70 refurbished computers for St. Andre's School in Haiti. The students are in desperate need of computers for their learning lab. The computers are used extensively by multiple age groups to learn computer literacy. Computer skills in Haiti are extremely valuable in helping students gain employment after graduation.

The donation was made possible through our partnership with Loaves, Fishes and Computers in Salinas. We also partnered with the internationally based non-profit Rise Against Hunger, who will cover the cost of shipping the computers from Carmel Valley to Haiti, by way of Orlando, Fl.

Please join us for a computer packing party, **Sunday July 30th** at 11:30 ,where we will prepare the equipment to be placed on pallets for shipping the next day. We need hands on help as well as cheerleaders. We will serve Haitian coffee and treats. Come by and say hi to our LFC partner coordinator, Evens Lanot, who is originally from Haiti and is looking forward to future projects with our team.

June 2023 Pledge Statements

Pledge statements are available to pick up on the welcome table today and next Sunday, July 30th. Thank you for picking yours up and helping us save on postage!

Thank you for your continued support of St. Dunstan's!



Thank you to the Discipleship Group for providing baked goods for coffee hour this week!

If you would like to host coffee hour on a Sunday please sign up on the Welcome table.

VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELP NANCY'S PROJECT JULY 29TH

On **Saturday, July 29**, in Salinas, Nancy's Project is going to distribute 1100 pairs of new school shoes to farm worker children. We need about 80 volunteers to do this smoothly and successfully. Volunteers will measure children's feet (remember those metal guides you stood on to have your foot measured? We have those!), staff the tables for each size, give children a choice of shoes, We also need people to organize the lines for foot measuring and shoes and to stand by the exits and assure children don't run into the street. We also need help with setup on Friday afternoon and cleanup on Saturday. There will be music, face painting, games and other fun stuff for kids as well.

Please help get our farm worker family kids off to a good start in school with new shoes! And because we only have enough shoes for the kids of the two poorest schools in Salinas and the event is by ticket only, please keep this quiet. We don't want the word to get out so others show up and are disappointed. We will do this again and their time will come. To help contact Betty: betty@kasson.us; 831-277-5279 or Libby: libby@nancysproject.org (831-920-7737).



Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

THE PATH ***A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE***

Beginning September 10th, St. Dunstan's is offering a parish bible study, featuring the book **The Path: A Journey Through the Bible**.

Come by the Bible Study table in the Breezeway to check out the book, to ask any questions you may have, and to sign up to participate, so we can garner which day/time would work best for most folks.

The Path will take us on a 26-week journey through the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. Participants are asked to read one chapter each week, and to come prepared to participate in a lay-facilitated discussion, based on both questions posed in the book and questions of our own.

And don't worry, if you need to skip a week, or can't commit to every week, that's ok. You continue to read along on your own, and then rejoin the group and discussion when you are able.

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!

Sign up today to receive

St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering your email address.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 6th

Start this school year off on the right foot. All children are invited to bring their backpack to church on Sunday August 6th to receive a back to school blessing.

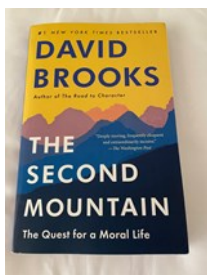
You can also help our farm worker children get off to a great start this school year with a backpack full of school supplies. Nancy's Project will be distributing 400 stuffed backpacks the first week in August. Stuff a backpack and bring it to be blessed on Sunday, August 6 before it goes to Salinas or Greenfield to bless a child. Thanks and blessings to you too-- from Nancy's Project!

The supply list can be picked up on the welcome table after church. Thank you for helping the children start the school year prepared!



The Second Mountain **By David Brooks**

Discussion Group
Sundays, 9 am
Guild Room



In *The Second Mountain*, David Brooks explores the four main commitments that define a virtuous and meaningful life: to a spouse and family, to a vocation, to a philosophy or faith, and to a community. Our personal fulfillment ultimately depends on how well we choose and execute these commitments. We have taken individualism to the extreme, Brooks argues, and in the process we have torn the social fabric in a thousand different ways. In *The Second Mountain*, Brooks gives us the tools to repair our fractured society, and shows what can happen when we put commitment-making at the center of our lives.

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN MONDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

Sunday, July 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

Monday, July 24

Tuesday, July 25

9:30 am Discipleship Group
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, July 26

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Thursday, July 27

Friday, July 28

10:30am Foundation Retreat

Saturday, July 29

9:00 am Nancy's Project shoe distribution

Sunday, July 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
11:30 am Computer Packing Party

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

JULY BIRTHDAYS

1—Tom Dietrich
2—William Schueler
4—Tom Masters
8—Abby Lambert
12—Christine Pavloff

23—Hana Ferguson
27—Elizabeth Buche
29—Beth Stewart
30—Susan Schueler

Sermon Notes

