



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 20, 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.*

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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 45:1–15

A decisive moment as Joseph reveals himself to his brothers, who then journey home to tell their father Jacob that his son is still alive. The brothers are at first overwhelmed by the discovery that the brother they had sold into slavery is now Pharaoh's right-hand man. Joseph tells them not to be upset: this had all been part of God's plan to preserve Israel during the coming time of famine.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

The psalm celebrates the blessing of a harmonious people.

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

Paul sets forth his belief that God plans to bring Jews as well as Gentiles to salvation. This apostle to the Gentiles continues to wrestle with a difficult question: why is it that so many of Jesus' own people have not accepted him as the Christ? God has not rejected the Jewish people who were foreknown, yet now Jews and Gentiles are equal in that all have been disobedient to God. In the next step the Jewish people will see the mercy shown to the Gentiles and want themselves to share in it in their own way.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 15:(10–20) 21–28

Jesus teaches that the thoughts and intentions of the human heart are paramount. Jesus warns against such blind guides preoccupied with externals. He then travels beyond the boundaries of Israel to the territory of Tyre and Sidon and encounters a Canaanite woman who beseeches him to heal her daughter. The first Christians were unsure whether they were to offer the faith to non-Jews, and the give-and-take in this story may reflect that uncertainty. Jesus sees his own mission as confined to Israel, but the woman's faith causes him to give her the bread she asks for. Symbolically it is the saving food of the gospel which heals her daughter.

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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 Loving and compassionate God, we lift our prayers to you, entrusting them into your loving care. May the desires of our hearts align with your will, so to bring forth comfort, healing & restoration to your people. Let us never forget, O Lord, that your power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Help us to be bearers of your love, hope and grace to all we encounter, as we continue on our journey of faith. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who with the Holy Spirit, reigns with you 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 But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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. 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(say) this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Priest 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

Priest **A**nd 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.**

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: This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People: Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 God 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 The peace of the ocean wave be with you,
The peace of the ocean breeze surround you.
The peace of the quiet earth be in you.
The peace of the night stars cover you.
And the deep peace of the son of Peace be always with you. **AMEN**

Priest **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **T**hanks 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



*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.*

News from the Women of St. Dunstan's

The Monterey chapter of Christian Women United will be meeting at St. Dunstan's on Friday morning September 1 at 10:00 in Brock Hall. This local chapter of the national organization, strives to bring Christian women together for fellowship, prayer and advocacy. All women at St. Dunstan's are welcome to attend this outreach event. The speaker will be Rob Sommers, the Deacon in charge at All Saints Cristo Rey in Watsonville, who will be informing us about the impact the recent Pajaro flooding has had on the community as well as the continuing relief response. In addition, there will be a collection of items for Nancy's Project. Betty Kasson has suggested that there is a need for socks and underwear, especially larger sizes for boys and girls and also medium and large men's and women's underwear. For more information contact Georgia Byrne at gbyrne26@gmail.com



The St. Dunstan's Foundation is now accepting applications for the current 2023-2024 grant cycle. The applications are due by September 30, at which time all applications will be reviewed.

If you, or someone you know is connected to a 501 C (3), an application form can be found on the church website: stdunstans.org or picked up on the welcome table.

Thank you from Nancy's Project

Thanks to all who stuffed 400 backpacks for our farm worker children, and to all who donated and stuffed backpacks on their own. Thanks to you, more than 425 children started school ready to learn!



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



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

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

Beginning Sunday, September 10th (and September 12th and 13th) St. Dunstan's will begin its parish bible study, featuring the book **The Path: A Journey Through the Bible**.

There is still time to sign up at the welcome table! You can choose from 3 gathering times:

- **Sundays at 9:00am,**
- **Tuesdays at 5:30pm or**
- **Wednesdays at 11:00am**

Contact Georgia Byrne or Larry Davidson with questions. Books are available for \$20 and can be picked up in the church office.

Calling All Lectors! **(and those who'd like to be)** **From your Verger, Joe Heston**

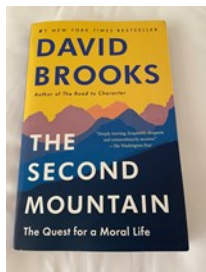
We'd like to get together for a refresher-training and review for all current Lectors, plus invite any in the parish who feel called to this important ministry to also attend. Our St.D's Lectors help guide our Sunday worship by reading Holy Scripture, leading the Psalms, and offering the Prayers of the People.

We haven't had an in-person meeting for Lectors since before the Pandemic, so we thought this would be a good way for us all to be together and review best practices. Rev. Laurel and I will lead this meeting, plus our new Lead Lector Hersch Loomis will be there and can arrange a follow-up, more individualized session, for those who are new.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, August 27 th , 11:30am. We will re-gather in the Nave after the 10am service and expect this review to be 30-45minutes. We hope all our Lectors will make time to attend this important session.

***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, August 20

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

Monday, August 21

3:00pm Finance Meeting

Tuesday, August 22

9:30 am Discipleship Group
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

4:00 pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, August 25

Saturday, August 26

Sunday, August 27

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:30 am Lector Training

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

July 30—Susan Schueler
August 2—Bette Nybakken
August 3—June Saunders
August 4—Ann Quattlebaum
August 6—Pam Austin
August 10—Sandy Hendrickson
August 10—Patricia Stewart

August 17—Carol Langland
August 19—Hazel Lama
August 19—Noemi Garcia
August 23—Jacey Talley
August 25—Jocelyn Lagier
August 28—Sienna Anderson
August 31—Nathan Lagier

Sermon Notes