



# THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## September 3, 2023

### 8 am

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*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.*

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*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.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen .**

## Exodus 3:1–15

*Moses is encountered by the Lord in the burning bush. He is called to his mission to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, and he asks to know the name of this God of his ancestors. God's answer to Moses is intriguing and mysterious. The response may indicate a proper name which traditionally has been known as Yahweh. God's answer may, however, suggest a meaning like "The One who causes to be," or "I am who I am," or "I will be what I will be."*

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said

further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”  
God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD,  
the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the  
God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

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

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105:1–6, 23–26, 45c**

*A hymn of praise celebrating God’s forming of a people through the generations.*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah

## **Romans 12:9–21**

*Paul exhorts the disciples in Rome to live lives full of Christian dedication and virtue, overcoming evil with good. One hears strong echoes of Jesus' beatitudes. Also present is Paul's own emphasis on the central role of love together with the importance of a readiness to share in both the joy and sorrow of others. Blended with these teachings are some of the best of both Jewish and pagan ethical counsel. The apostle concludes with the insistence that revenge cannot be a motivation of Christians; final justice must be left to divine retribution.*

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

## **Matthew 16:21–28**

*Jesus teaches Peter and the other disciples that the way of his ministry and theirs is the way of the cross. Peter had just confessed Jesus to be the Christ, but now he cannot accept the idea of the Christ being put to death. Jesus calls Peter “Satan” because his words represent a temptation to him. Jesus’ way costs no less than everything and leads to the discovery of that which is priceless. In the end the Son of Man will come as judge to repay all people for what they have done.*

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **The Sermon**

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. Richard Leslie

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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.  
**W**e believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
**W**e acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
**W**e 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

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

## **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. 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  
& in Memory and Thanksgiving of Wilfred Scholefield by Jean Scholefield*



*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.*

**Sunday, September 24th  
HEAVENLY PIE SALE!**

And this year we are adding CAKES to the event!  
Sign up on the welcome table to let us know what  
you would like to contribute to the sale. Pies and  
cakes will be available to purchase by the slice or  
whole. \$5 per piece, \$25 per whole pie or cake.



**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.

*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](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and  
entering your email address.

## CARE FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION

Mark your calendar! All are invited to a pre-meeting at 11:30 on Sunday, Sept. 10 to discuss establishing a Creation Care forum/network/task force consistent with the Episcopal Church's Covenant for the Care of Creation and proposed liturgy. See <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/creation-care/>.

Goals include:

- 1) acknowledging accomplishments--for example in landscaping, hospitality, energy and water efficiency, composting, recycling, and more;
- 2) sharing new ideas; and
- 3) reaching out to the community.

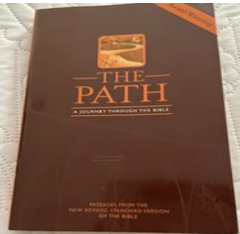
A Formal kick-off will be in October at the Blessing of the Animals. For more information or if you cannot attend but are interested in participating, please contact Ann Clarke at [annclarke1000@gmail.com](mailto:annclarke1000@gmail.com).



## 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.



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](http://stdunstans.org) or picked 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.

*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

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, September 3

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

## Monday, September 4

Office Closed—Labor Day

## Tuesday, September 5

9:30 am Discipleship Group  
7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, September 6

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
1:30 pm DOK Meeting

## Thursday, September 7

12:00 pm Quilters Group  
4:00 pm Foundation Meeting

## Friday, September 8

## Saturday, September 9

10:30 am Haiti Team Meeting

## Sunday, September 10

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

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

|                    |                    |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3 Duncan Murray    | 14 Marcia Lockwood |
| 4 Georgia Byrne    | 14 Susan Pitts     |
| 8 Ross Quattlebaum | 15 Dick Habermann  |
| 11 Sharon Tiner    | 20 Broden Murray   |
| 12 Sarah Pease     | 27 Margo Fuselier  |
| 14 Michael Carter  |                    |

## Sermon Notes