



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE 15TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## September 10, 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.*

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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Exodus 12:1–14

*Instructions are given, and the meaning of the Passover meal is told: it is a remembrance and reenactment of Israel's beginnings as a people when they were saved out of slavery in Egypt. The details indicate that several different traditions stand behind the Passover memorial. Perhaps it was the Israelites' attempts to keep ancient spring rites, derived from their shepherding and agricultural backgrounds, which caused the Egyptians to persecute them. With these traditions the story of God's judgment on Egypt and victory for the people has become richly entwined.*

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

**People** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 149

*A joyful song in which the faithful praise the Lord and anticipate the victory of justice.*

1 **H**allelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

## Romans 13:8–14

*Paul summarizes the heart of the law and urges a way of life in full awareness of the nearness of salvation. All the commandments and all human responsibility for others are fulfilled by “loving your neighbor as yourself.” Disciples must recognize that the nighttime of sinfulness is passing. The daylight, the time for new conduct and the following of Jesus, now comes.*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 18:15–20**

*Teaching about how to deal with sin and grievances within the Christian community. The early churches did not have established codes and regulations and had to fashion their own ways of dealing with such matters. Here every effort is made to bring the sinful member to repentance. Failing this, the individual is to be treated as outside the church. Such decisions are understood to be ratified in heaven and by Christ's presence even in the smallest of Christian gatherings.*

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

The Rev. David Starr

### 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.

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** **G**od 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 **T**he peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** **A**nd also with you.

*The people exchange the peace with one another.*

## **Announcements** *All are seated.*

## **The Offertory**

Priest **B**ut 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 **G**od.

*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 Jack Wood 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.*



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.



### Children and Families

We are looking forward to fall and a few changes! Beginning in October we will offer Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. The 4th Sunday the children will be participating in the service in various ways; ringing the bell, assisting the ushers with welcome and handing out bulletins, bringing up the elements for communion, helping with the offering as well as gathering around the altar during communion. If you would like more information or would like to get involved in our program please contact the church office.

### **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*

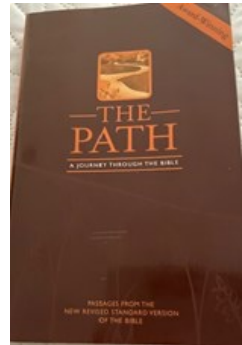
### **St. Dunstan's weekly eNews**

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.

## PARISH BIBLE STUDY

### THE PATH

#### *A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE*



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

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.

## CARE FOR ALL GOD'S CREATION

Mark your calendar! All are invited to a pre-meeting **today** at 11:30 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).



*Image borrowed from Church of the Redeemer, Cincinnati, Ohio*

*Help us get to know you by*  
**Filling out a Pew Card**

If you are visiting us, are new to St. Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**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. We are also looking for help serving, boxing pies and cakes and cashiering. If you would like to help please let Mystery Chastain or Elizabeth Buche know.



**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.

**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 10

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**8:30 am** Choir Practice  
**9:00 am** The Path Bible Study  
**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

## Monday, September 11

## Tuesday, September 12

**9:30 am** Discipleship Group  
**5:30 pm** The Path Bible Study  
**7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, September 13

**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**11:00 am** The Path Bible Study

## Thursday, September 14

**3:00 pm** Finance Meeting

## Friday, September 15

## Saturday, September 16

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**11:00 am** Ray Hiebert Memorial

## Sunday, September 17

**8:00 am** Holy Eucharist  
**8:30 am** Choir Practice  
**9:00 am** The Path Bible Study  
**10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
**11:00 am** Coffee Hour

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

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3—Duncan Murray  
4—Georgia Byrne  
11—Sharon Tiner  
11—Cindy Tiberend  
12—Sarah Pease

14—Michael Carter  
14—Marcia Lockwood  
14—Susan Pitts  
15—Dick Habermann  
20—Brodan Murray  
27—Margo Vermilyer

# Sermon Notes