

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 24, 2023

10 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 Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham" (Hymn 321)

*Kenneth Leighton
(1921-1988)*

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 8 Morning has broken

Bunessan

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

People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Gloria S278 Glory to God: Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias (b. 1934)

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4.you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Exodus 16:2-15

The children are invited to come forward for a telling of this story from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites complained, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning, you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they complained to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1–8

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who is mighty in deeds yet tender and compassionate.

- 1 I will exalt you, O God my King, *
and bless your Name for ever and ever.
- 2 Every day will I bless you *
and praise your Name for ever and ever.
- 3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; *
there is no end to his greatness.
- 4 One generation shall praise your works to another *
and shall declare your power.
- 5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty *
and all your marvelous works.
- 6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, *
and I will tell of your greatness.
- 7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; *
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.
- 8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

Philippians 1:21–30

Paul tells the Philippians that he would prefer to be with Christ beyond death, but he recognizes that he still has good work to do in his earthly life. The passage suggests that Paul had reason to think his death might be near, perhaps by martyrdom. He looks forward to a closer union with Christ, but believes it more likely that he will be able to visit the Philippians again. Either way, he asks that they live in a manner worthy of the gospel and stand firm in unity with one another.

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[a] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 686 Come thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

Matthew 20:1–16

The story of the laborers in the vineyard, who are all paid the same wage despite their different hours of work. Like most parables, this story can have many meanings, as have been given to it in the life of the church. On one level it suggests that nobody can presume on God's grace, so often extended to those who may seem the least deserving. The parable deliberately flies in the face of normal human expectations. It offers a clue pointing to God's extraordinary evenhandedness in dealing with people quite apart from human ideas about their merit. Jesus may have told it in defense of his own sharing in the lives of the outcast.

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

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

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

“About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon, he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ “‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. “He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

“When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

“The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. “These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

“But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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 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 the Lord be always with you.**

People **And also with you.**

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Offertory

Priest **But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
For such sacrifices are pleasing to God.**

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgement given.

For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
But we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations in that upper home of bliss.

If our love were but more simple we should take him at his word;
And our lives would be all gladness in the joy of Christ our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Our Prayers of Thanks

Priest God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.
They will become for us spiritual food.

People We bless God forever.

Priest God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People We bless God forever.

Priest God, you have blessed us with the joy of families and members of all ages.
We thank you that they are with us to gather at your table.

People We bless God forever.

Priest God is here.

People We praise God together.

Priest Let us say thank you to God

People God has done so much for us.

Priest O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

People **You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts,
the water for us to drink. You blessed all those who came before us,
and you bless us, also.**

Priest When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about having
a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of the world.
And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

Sanctus Green Hymnal 858 Holy, holy holy Lord

Land of rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Priest He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so, with thanks we praise you.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Priest We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said.

People Do this, and know that I am with you.

Priest Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Priest We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive for ever.
We are glad to share that life and live in him. Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Priest Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

**People Help us to love God, love others, serve the world,
Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.**

Priest We worship you and say:

People We praise you.

We thank you.

We bless you. Amen.

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**People Our 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.

Fraction Anthem Lamb of God

Eugene W. Hancock (b. 1929)

Leader *Response*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

Leader *Response*

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have

Leader

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:

Response

grant us peace.

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.

Communion Hymn 335 I am the bread of life

I Am the Bread of Life

The Prayer After Communion

People God of all Life, we have seen with our own eyes and touched with our
own hands the Bread of Life, this precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you, in love for one
another, and in love for all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.
And the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be
upon you, today and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 527 Singing songs of expectation

Ton-y-Botel

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

Postlude Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
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 Thanksgiving for Jill Sprague and Katie Amuchastegui by Steve Andrews*



*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.*

Welcome this week's guest organist

Fred Burgomaster

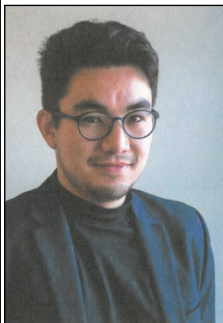
Welcome back to St. Dunstan's Fred!
Thank you for helping lead us as we
worship in song this week.

SAVE THE DATE
Annual Stewardship Luncheon

Sunday
November 5th
11:30am

More details coming soon!

*Music at St. Dunstan's
Autumn Organ Concerts*



David Lim
organist

Saturday
September 30
4 o'clock

Angela Kraft Cross
organist

Saturday
October 14
4 o'clock



*Reception with the artists follows
\$25, \$40 if purchased together
Students and children under 18 free*

**TODAY!!
September 24th
HEAVENLY PIE SALE!**

Pies and cakes will be available to purchase by the slice or whole.

\$5 per slice

\$25 per whole pie or cake.



Thank you to everyone who brought in a cake or pie for the sale this week!

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

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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

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 on the welcome table.

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.

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!

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, September 24

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 2
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
11:00 am Pie and Cake Sale

Monday, September 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 26

9:30 am Discipleship Group
3:30 pm Organ Concert Meeting
5:30 pm The Path Bible Study Ch. 2
5:00 pm Zoom Compline
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, September 27

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 2

Thursday, September 28

Friday, September 29

Office Closed

Saturday, September 30

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm David Lim Organ Concert

Sunday, October 1

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 3
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.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—Broden Murray
27—Margo Vermilyer

Sermon Notes