



CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

October 8, 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.

LITURGY 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.*

Processional Hymn Morning has broken

Bunessan

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your
holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

- Leader **M**ost High, all-powerful, good Lord,
Yours are the praises, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing,
To You alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no human is worthy to mention Your name.
- People **Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day and through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendor; and bears a likeness of You, Most High One.**
- Leader Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars, in heaven
You formed them clear and precious and beautiful.
- People **Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Wind, and through the air, cloudy and serene, and every kind of weather, through whom You give sustenance to Your creatures.**
- Leader Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste.
- People **Praised be You, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom You light the night, and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.**
- Leader Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with colored flowers and herbs.
- People **Praised be You, my Lord, through those who give pardon for Your love, and bear infirmity and tribulation. Blessed are those who endure in peace for by You, Most High, shall they be crowned.**
- Priest Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Bodily Death,
from whom no one living can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin.
Blessed are those whom death will find in Your most holy will, for the second death shall do them no harm.
- All **Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks and serve Him with great humility.**

The Collect of the Day *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Job 39:5–18

“Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

“Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labor to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

“The ostrich’s wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labor should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148: 1, 7-13

- 1 **P**raise the Lord. Praise the Lord from the heavens*
 Praise him in the heights above.
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,
 you great sea creatures and all ocean depths.
- 8 lightning and hail, snow and clouds,*
 stormy winds that do his bidding,
- 9 you mountains and all hills,*
 fruit trees and all cedars,
- 10 wild animals and all cattle,*
 small creatures and flying birds,
- 11 kings of the earth and all nations,*
 you princes and all rulers on earth,
- 12 young men and women,*
 old men and children.
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted,*
 his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Seek ye first

Karen Lafferty

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
Allelu, alleluia! *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!*

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
seek, and ye shall find,
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
Allelu, alleluia! *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!*

Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus bids all to come and find that the yoke of his teaching is easy to bear. The disclosure of the divine will comes as God's gracious gift, not through human knowledge. Especially intimate is the relationship between the Lord of all life and Jesus—that of Father and Son. Although he is the Son, Jesus is humble of heart and gentle.

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

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

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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.

Prayer of St. Francis

People **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon;
where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *The people stand. The pets sit. Stay.*

Leader **Let us thank God for this world and for all of God's Creation.**

People **Most High, omnipotent, good Lord
To You be ceaseless praise outpoured,
And blessing without measure.
Let every creature give thanks to You
Serving well and faithfully and true.**

Leader For the stars of the heavens, the sun and the moon,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader For rain that brings life, and clouds on high,
for the crash of the ocean, and the wind's long sigh,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader For corn and grain and the harvest of fields,
for fruits and vegetables and all the earth's bounty,

People **We give You thanks, good Lord!**

Leader Bless, O Lord, the animals we love!

Dog Lovers **Bless the dogs we bring before You,
who love to run fast and jump high,
who chase after balls and come when we call!
Bless cockers and poodles and shepherds and schnauzers,
dachshunds and setters and bulldogs and bowzers.
Bless those of every kind and pedigree,
and bless all mutts with unknown family tree.
Keep them safe and healthy, happy and sound,
these dogs of ours to whom we're bound!**

Leader For all our dogs, we give You thanks, good Lord!
Cat Lovers **Bless all our cats, wise creatures of worth,
who purr in our homes and prowl on the earth.
Bless these our kitties so soft in their stirring,
who snuggle our legs and serenade us with purring.
Bless barn cats and Tom cats and blue Himalayans;
Bless Maltese and Siamese and common house kitties.
Keep them safe from all danger wherever they roam,
and with Your sure guidance, bring them back home!**

Leader For all our cats, we give You thanks, good Lord!
Pet Lovers **Bless our fish in their swimming, our birds on the perch,
our hamsters and rats and guinea pigs small,
our ferrets and rabbits, dear Lord bless them all!
Bless donkeys so humble and horses so high,
Bless our sheep and our goats and pigs in the sty,
slithering snakes, chameleons and lizards,
mice in their cages and ducks with gizzards;
Bless them all, O God!**

Leader For all our animals, we give You thanks, good Lord!
Bless those dogs which lead the blind and help the police,
for pups that rescue from harm and ride with our fireman.
Bless those animals who visit the sick and live with solitary.
Bless those animals whom we love but see no more, remembering
before You all our pets who have died.
Bless those creatures who have gone extinct, and give us a reverence for
Your creation that we might be mindful of all species given into our care.
Bless all your creatures, Lord, including your beloved human beings. We pray
today for those in need: N.____ We pray also for those who have died: N. ____
Like your servant, St. Francis, bless us and them with your grace and
goodness, as Christ first loved us. **Amen!**

Concluding collect

Priest Almighty and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life,
let your blessing be upon these animals. May our relationship with them
mirror your love, and our care for them be an example of your bountiful mercy.
Grant these animals health and peace. Strengthen us to love and care for them
as we strive to imitate the love of Jesus Christ and God's servant Francis. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

The pets bring their humans forward for a blessing.

Song All God's critters got a place in the choir

*All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low, some sing higher;
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire;
And some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got. Now. . . .*

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom,
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to do.
And the old cow just goes moo.

Chorus

The dogs and the cats they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums, the cricket fiddles.
The donkey brays and the pony neighs.
And the old coyote howls.

Chorus

Listen to the top where the little birds sing
On the melodies with the high notes ringing.
The hoot owl hollers over everything,
And the jaybird disagrees.

Chorus

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day,
The little duck quacks, and he's on his way.
The possum ain't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself.

Chorus

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere
By the ox, and the fox, and the grizzly bear,
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above,
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove.

Chorus

A Creature Prayer

The Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori

Priest Let us pray.

All Cosmic creator, who imagined both leviathan and flea, mammoth and mollusk, make us conscious of our connections to all your creatures and our dependence on the whole for life and breath. Your breath enlivens us all; make us grateful for your immense and invaluable gift. 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.*

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at www.stdcv.org

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there is doubt true faith in You

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul*

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is despair in life let me bring hope
Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Chorus

Make me a channel of your peace
 It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
 Giving of ourselves that we receive
 And in dying that we are born to eternal life

Chorus

The Great Thanksgiving

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 Santo, santo, santo (WLP 785)

Iona Community

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

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.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith, seeking deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your 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.
You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Communion Hymns

Day by day

Day by day, day by day, oh dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly.
Love thee more dearly.
Follow thee more nearly, day by day.

One bread, one body

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
One cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
We are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
Woman or man, no more. *chorus*

Many the gifts, many the works,
One in the Lord of all. *chorus*

Sanctuary

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

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.**

Closing Hymn I'll fly away

Some glad morning when this life is over, I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore, I'll fly away

*I'll fly away, fly away oh glory, I'll fly away in the mornin'
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by, I'll fly away.*

When the shadows of this life have gone, I'll fly away.
Like a bird from prison bars has flown, I'll fly away *Chorus*

Just a few more weary days and then I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end I'll fly away *Chorus*

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another during coffee hour.



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
& in Thanksgiving for our Choir by Jackie Wendland*



*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.*

Centered: A Christian Discipleship Experience



Church members, neighbors and friends are invited to gather in a *small group* to get deeply rooted in love with God and one another, so that all may grow to look, act and love more like Jesus. We will begin by offering a group that meets on Thursday evenings. The series runs for 9 weeks - and ends just in time for Christmas! Intrigued? Pop an email to Rev. Laurel to let her know if you would like to participate. Here are the details:

Meeting dates: October 12, 19, 26, Nov 2, 9, 16, 30,
Dec 7 and 14.

Meeting time: 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Duration: 90 minutes

Location: Rev. Laurel's Outer Office

Format: Light refreshments/check in, prayer, two short films, discussion questions about God, belonging and living a meaningful life following Jesus.

If you are interested in participating, please contact [Rev. Laurel](#).

We need 6 people to move forward with the class.

Music at St. Dunstan's Autumn Organ Concerts



Angela Kraft Cross
Organist

Saturday
October 14
4 o'clock

Reception with the artists follows
\$25 per person
Students and children under 18 free

Jaia Suri

Vocalist, guitarist
with Timo Lin

Saturday
October 21
4 o'clock



St. Dunstan's Montessori School
Benefit Concert
Reception Following
Suggested donation \$50
Child friendly event, under 18 free

J2A (Journey to Adulthood)

We are excited to announce that J2A, our program for middle and high school youth, will be held over 3 sessions at St. Dunstan's this season!

Sundays: October 22nd, November 26th and December 2nd.

12-1pm at St. Dunstan's.

We will be working through the Journey To Adulthood curriculum for the end of Year 1. In this unit, we learn about loving and honoring God, ourselves and others. The 3 parts are:

- Self: Identity and Vocation
- Self: Sharing Our Gifts from God
- Self: My Purpose Statement

We look forward to seeing you!
Lunch will be provided at every meeting!

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!

Halloween is coming and children are thinking of costumes--and candy! Nancy's Project will be distributing small (child-sized) bags of candy at each of our food distributions the week of Oct. 22. Please help by getting small Halloween bags (easily available on Amazon) and filling them with a good sized handful of candy. Seal and put in large plastic bags and leave them in Brock Hall. Trick or treat? Treats!



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.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE
Annual Stewardship Luncheon

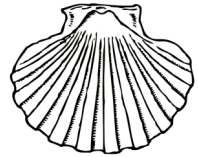
Sunday
November 5th
Following the 10am Service
Carmel Mission Inn

Join us in celebration of all that you, our congregation, have provided to our programs and ministries. This luncheon is offered at no cost to you or St. Dunstan's!

Mark your calendar and watch for your invitation to sign up to attend.



**Baptisms
Offered
November 5th**



If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, see Rev Laurel by October 24th to explore being baptized November 5th when we celebrate All Saints Day.

**Deadline for eNews,
Bulletin**

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

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, October 8

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 4
10:00 am The Blessing of the Animals
Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, October 9

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 10

9:30 am Discipleship Group
5:30 pm The Path Bible Study Ch. 4
5:00 pm Zoom Compline
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, October 11

10:00 am Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 4

Thursday, October 12

12:00 pm Quilters Group
3:00 pm Finance Meeting

Friday, October 13

Office Closed

Saturday, October 14

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
4:00 pm Angela Kraft Cross
Organ Concert

Sunday, October 15

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 5
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Jessica Pavloff
3—Peter Coote
3—Barbara Simmons
5—Sawyer Borlik
16—Ollie White
19—Elizabeth Pasquinnelli

19—Chuck Vout
22—Joshua Pavloff
23—Eleanor Avila
24—Marian Mizelle
29—Daniel Garcia

SERMON NOTES