



CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

October 8, 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.

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.*

Priest **B**lessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **A**nd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Priest **A**lmighty 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.**

People **G**lory 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 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.**

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.*

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; we pray today especially for _____

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; we pray today especially for _____

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others.

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Concluding collect

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing of the Animals

The pets bring their humans forward for a blessing.

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship; Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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.**

Priest Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People **Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Priest Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Dunstan, Andre, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People **Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

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. A period of silence is kept.

Priest **We** share this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

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.**

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.*

Music at St. Dunstan's Autumn Organ Concerts



Angela Kraft Cross
Organist

*Saturday
October 14
4 o'clock*



Jaia Suri
*Vocalist, guitarist
with Timo Lin*

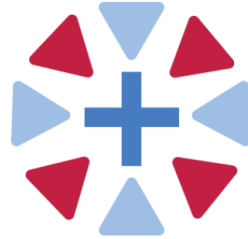
*Saturday
October 21
4 o'clock*

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

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

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:

Centered Small Group

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.

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 Pasquinelli

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

SERMON NOTES