



THE 20TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 15, 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 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Priest Let us pray.

People 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.

The Gloria

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 The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 32:1–14

The people worship an idol, but Moses' prayer saves them from the Lord's punishment. In one way or another this pattern is repeated throughout Israel's history. The people have just made a solemn covenant with God, but quickly they lose faith and want to put their trust in some more tangible and useful religion. In this case the object of their worship is a bull-calf, a divinity among the Canaanites and a symbol of strength and virility. Moses intercedes against God's wrath and reminds the Lord of past help and commitment to the people.

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 106:1–6, 19–23

An affirmation of God’s righteousness and favor toward those who love the Lord, and a confession of sins present and sins past.

1 Hallelujah!

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?

3 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect
and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;

20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.

- 21 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Philippians 4:1–9

Paul invites the new disciples to exult in joy in the Lord who is near at hand, and he thanks them for their most recent gift. They need have no anxiety because God's peace, which is beyond human understanding, will keep their hearts and thoughts in Jesus. They should fill their minds with all that is noble and loving, putting these things into practice as Paul has taught them to.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,
stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.
Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they
have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement
and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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

Matthew 22:1–14

A parable about those who declined invitations to a marriage feast and others who were then invited, followed by the story of a guest who came without wedding clothes. As the evangelist presents the parable of the feast, it is an allegory about the rejection of the Jews and the acceptance of Gentiles into the kingdom. At another level, the story suggests that God's kingdom will become known whether people are prepared for it or not. It is a divine gift. Included will be all kinds of people, many of them not considered worthy by worldly standards. The second parable, originally a separate story, makes the point that one must be ready for the kingdom at all times; the invitation comes unexpectedly.

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

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. We pray especially for _____. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

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 _____. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Priest With deep sadness, yet with the hope found in Christ, we pray today for our brothers and sisters in Israel, in Palestine, in Jerusalem. Let us pray together:

People Healer of the Nations: from the noise of war and the drumbeat of vengeance, give us undiminished determination to wage peace. Out of brokenness, violence and destruction let us plant seeds of hope. Out of chaos, confusion and hatred, build bridges of love. Out of distrust, disunity, and distance, walk together in harmony. Heal our divisions and make us whole. Amen.

-Bishop Deon K. Johnson

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 your sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and strengthen you to live in the power of the Holy spirit all your days. **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 a fragrant 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

Priest Let us pray.

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 May the peace of the tallest mountain
and the peace of the smallest stone
be your peace.

May the stillness of the stars
watch over you.

May the everlasting
music of the wave
lull you to rest.

And the blessing of God: Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer be
upon you, today and always. **Amen.**

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

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



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
And in Loving Memory of Shirley Loomis by Hersch Loomis*



*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.*

All are invited to the
St. Dunstan's Stewardship Celebration Luncheon
Sunday, November 5th
Carmel Mission Inn
12:00 noon



Each of you makes a profound difference in the life of St. Dunstan's. You give of yourselves by your presence, your participation in community life and worship, and through your financial support of our church. We couldn't do it without you, and we look forward to celebrating with you on November 5th!

There is no cost to attend, but you must confirm your participation by October 29th. You can sign up FOUR different ways:

- 1) Sign Up Online through the weekly Enews. Be sure to complete the form and to hit submit!
- 2) Email Elizabeth at stdunstanschurch@gmail.com. Give her the name(s) of those attending and their entree selection: Salmon, Chicken Cordon Bleu, or Vegetarian.
- 3) Add your name and selection to the Sign Up Sheet on the Breezeway Table after church.
- 4) Call the office and sign up with Elizabeth.

**** Please, choose only one method to sign up, so we don't get accidental duplications!**

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!



2023 Pledge Statements

January through September 2023 pledge statements are available to pick up on the welcome table this Sunday and next Sunday, October 22nd. Thank you for helping us save on postage by picking yours up! If you have any questions regarding your statement please email the office at stdunstanschurch@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

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

I-Help this Thursday, October 19th

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food for the men's dinner on the 19th. We appreciate your contributions. Thank you from the I-HELP Team!

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.

Music at St. Dunstan's Autumn Concerts

Jaia Suri
*Vocalist, guitarist
with Timo Lin*

Saturday
October 21
4 o'clock



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

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to 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 and entering your email address.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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

Monday, October 16

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 17

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

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 am Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 5

Thursday, October 19

4:00 pm I-Help Men
4:00pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, October 20

Office Closed

Saturday, October 21

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30am Haiti Team Meeting
4:00 pm Jaia Suri—St. Dunstan's
Montessori School
Benefit Concert

Sunday, October 22

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 6
10:00 am Church for All Generations
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