



THE 21ST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 22, 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 Let us pray.

People **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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever . **Amen.**

Exodus 33:12–23

Moses seeks reassurance and to see God's glory. God promises the divine presence and favor. Although no mortal may see God's face, God's name will be made known through graciousness and mercy.

Moses said to the LORD, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The LORD’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

The holy and mighty Lord reigns on high. God has spoken to Israel's leaders from a pillar of cloud and has forgiven them their misdeeds.

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down
before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who
call upon his Name,*
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave
them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for
their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him
upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

In company with Silvanus and Timothy, Paul greets the new Christians of Thessalonica, giving thanks for their faith and their conversion from idols to the worship of the true and living God. This letter was written not long after Paul's first missionary visit to this city in the country we know today as Greece. Evidently the converts were all former pagans. The apostle refers to the troubles and persecution that are also reported in the Acts of the Apostles. But the gospel, empowered by the activity of the Holy Spirit, has inspired a faith which has become widely known.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 22:15–22

Jesus answers a question about taxation by teaching that people should pay what belongs to the emperor to the emperor and the things of God to God. The question was meant as a trap. If Jesus advised the paying of taxes to the occupying Roman powers, many Jews would have considered him a collaborator. Had he counseled nonpayment, the Herodian servants of the Romans could accuse him of sedition. On one level Jesus' answer is a masterstroke of clever ambiguity, but it also causes his hearers to reflect more deeply on their responsibility to God and the state. Perhaps the saying suggests that government has its legitimate yet limited claims. It must not be given the highest allegiance.

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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.

Leader **W**ith deep sadness, yet with the hope found in Christ, we pray today for our brothers and sisters in Israel, in Palestine, in Jerusalem, that division may cease and peace be restored. God of love and mercy:

People Hear our prayer.

Priest **L**ord, hear the prayers of your people; that what we have asked may align with your will, and that we may walk in peace all the days of our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.

People **G**od of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. **Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest **A**lmighty 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 **T**he 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



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!**

Abraham's Tent

Abraham's Tent is a soup kitchen serving about 200 dinners on Thursdays evenings to people who are food insecure in Marina and beyond. We are a program of *Jews Christians Muslims United* who, as inter-faith volunteers, work together to serve God and our neighbors in need all the while getting to know people of other Abrahamic faiths (and we also have a Hindu volunteer).

Interested? We are in need of few more people who have a heart of service and who appreciate our mission. Specifically we are looking for one or two who like to shop, as in Costco, Smart and Final, or the Food Bank. We'd provide a weekly list. We are also searching for a couple of people who not only enjoy the kitchen, but like making simple meal plans, and can help help direct kitchen prep volunteers. Please email Holly Hudson-Louis 4hhlhome@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more.

2023 Pledge Statements

January through September 2023 pledge statements are available to pick up on the welcome table. 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 stdunstanchurch@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

Autumn Organ Concerts

Thank you to the Organ Concert Committee for their work in organizing our two Autumn concerts. Special thanks to Angela Kraft Cross for the "Spooky Themed" concert last Saturday!!



All Souls Day Service Wednesday, November 1 10am

Add the names of your beloved to our prayer list on the breezeway table. We will remember them by name at the service on November 1st.

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 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
12:00 pm J2A in Brock Hall

Monday, October 23

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 24

9:30 am Discipleship Group
5:30 pm The Path Bible Study Ch. 6
5:00 pm Zoom Compline
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, October 25

10:00 am Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 6

Thursday, October 26

Friday, October 27

Office Closed

Saturday, October 28

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 29

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 7
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdev.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