



THE 22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 29, 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 God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 34:1–12

The death of Moses on the very edge of the promised land. Moses has fulfilled his purpose as God's faithful servant, the one who led the people from their bondage with many signs, received the law, traversed the wilderness, and knew God intimately. From Mount Nebo, Moses surveys the promised land, and then he dies and is buried in Moab. Joshua, upon whom Moses had laid his hands, succeeds him.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17

The psalmist reflects on the passing character of human life in the face of the Lord's wrath, and asks the everlasting God for wisdom to make use of the time.

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

Paul recalls his first visit to the Thessalonians, the troubles he endured, and the straightforward and gentle way in which he presented the gospel. The opposition that Paul had earlier experienced in Philippi continued in Thessalonica, but, with God's help, Paul preached fearlessly. Unlike certain of the insincere traveling missionaries of the pagan world, Paul acted with integrity and sought in no way to take advantage of his new friends. He and his companions shared not only the gospel but their own selves.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 22:34–46

Jesus presents the double commandment of love for God and neighbor, and then asks a question concerning whose son the Christ is. The context of this passage is the effort by certain Jewish officials to test Jesus, hoping to force him to make an unwise or unpopular comment. Jesus first responds by teaching that all the law and the prophetic words depend for their understanding on commandments of love. He then asks his own question. Using an argumentative style of the time, Jesus shows how King David (considered to be the author of the Psalms) called the Christ his Lord. Thus, at the very least, the Christ must be more than the son of David. Christians believe this Christ to be Jesus and trust that through him disciples may learn to love both God and neighbor.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

Rebecca Miller
Licensed Lay Preacher

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 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.*

Prayer for a Birthday

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

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 **A**ll 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 **G**lory 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 **M**ay 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.



Thank you to the Daughters of the King for providing baked goods for coffee hour this week!

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

Our thanks to the
Rev. Shelley Denney,
today's presider,
for her presence here
among us today.

Welcome to St. Dunstan's
Shelley!

**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.

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 infor-
mation has changed, please fill out a
Pew Card and drop it in the collection
plate. Thanks!



**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.

**Remember to
set your clocks
back one hour
2:00am Sunday
November 5th!**



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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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

Monday, October 30

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

- 10:00 am All Souls Day
Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 7
- 1:30 pm DOK Meeting

Thursday, November 2

- 12:00 pm Quilters Group
- 4:00 pm Foundation Meeting

Friday, November 3

Office Closed

Saturday, November 4

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
Diocesan Convention

Sunday, November 5

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 8
- 10:00 am All Saints Day
Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 12:00 pm Stewardship Luncheon

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 1—Janel Hornbeck | 14—Pam Gallaway | 25—Corliss Kelly |
| 1—Cynthia Young | 14—Chloe Lama | 25—Hal Snellgrose |
| 6—Larry Davidson | 18—Nick Leonoff | 27—Mike Cervi |
| 6—Barbara Greenway | 21—Betty Kasson | 28—Janet Morse |
| 6—Beth Heston | 22—John Tomlin | 30—Pam Lawrence |
| 7—Holly Pease | 23—Katie Murray | |
| 9—Ramona Smith | 24—Kent Saunders | |

SERMON NOTES