



# THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## November 12, 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.*

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

Priest **B**lessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **G**lory to God for ever and ever.

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

**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 God be with you.

**People** And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

**H**oly God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. **Amen.**

**Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25**

*Joshua, like Moses before him, acts as a mediator between the people of Israel and God at Shechem. He calls them to reaffirm their covenant with the Lord. It was at Shechem that God first spoke to Abraham in Canaan, and at Shechem that Jacob abjured his family to “put away the foreign gods among you.” Joshua recalls the Lord’s faithfulness through history and his consistent benevolence toward Israel. The choice is stark, for the Lord demands entire devotion; all other deities must be shunned and put away. In language reminiscent of treaty documents of the period, the people swear their loyalty to God.*

**J**oshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 78:1–7**

*The psalm recalls Israel's trials and the Lord's sustaining grace in the wilderness after the escape from Egypt.*

- 1 **H**ear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD,\*  
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel,\*  
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn,\*  
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God,\*  
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his  
commandments;

### **1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

*Paul offers a vision of how the dead in Christ will rise and then, together with those who are alive, be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky. Apparently some members of the Thessalonian church had died, and there was this concern: would they miss the Lord's coming? First, Paul reminds them that the Christian hope is rooted in the God who raised Jesus. He then describes the day of the Lord's appearing and the raising up of the dead and the living, using highly poetic imagery conditioned by the worldview of his time. The essential meaning is clear: we shall be with the Lord.*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.  
People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Matthew 25:1–13**

*The parable of the wise and foolish maidens—those prepared and unprepared for the bridegroom's coming. In several ways the details of the story may strike us as odd and even a little unfair, but such a concern misses the main point, which has much in common with other of Jesus' parables. One must at all times be ready with repentance and decision for the kingdom's coming. In a later period this story was read with allegorical overtones. Jesus is the bridegroom whose return is delayed. Some in the church are falling asleep while others remain expectant.*

Priest     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People     **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Cooté

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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

*Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

*The people stand or kneel*

Leader Loving God, we offer our prayers this day in Gratitude and thanksgiving, for in Christ you have laid a foundation for us that we might follow you more closely.

We pray for the mission of your church and thank you for the joy and encouragement we receive from you through our church family:

Give us the grace to plant faith and build love wherever you lead us to the benefit of your reign.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for all leaders and people of this world:  
Give us a clear vision of the world as you intend  
and the will to realize that dream of justice and peace for all.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit, especially N., and those we name now either silently or aloud:

*The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

Bring refreshment to their hearts through Christ that they may know your abiding presence and power to comfort and heal.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for your creation:  
Convict us in the ways in which we break down and destroy the fabric of your world and give us the will to amend our ways as we seek to live in harmony with goodness you have created.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Leader We pray for the dying and for those who have died, especially *N.*, and those we now name, either silently or aloud:

*The people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud.*

May they rest in your eternal glory with all the saints in light.

**People Hear us, O God.**

Priest **N**ow to you be all the glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Priest If we call out in need, the Lord will answer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

*Silence may be kept.*

**People God of goodness and truth, we have failed to seek after your wisdom and have followed paths that have led away from you. Forgive our foolish ways, and lead us in your truth, that we may live in the fullness of life as you intend, through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest **B**eloved, your sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.

Therefore, be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ. **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.*

### **The Offertory**

Priest **L**et us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.



# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## 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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

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."

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

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

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a 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 Christ be with you,  
May the love of God dwell deep in your heart,  
May the Spirit enlighten your way,  
May you walk in the comfort of God's care.  
And the blessing of God Almighty, who creates, redeems and sustains,  
be upon you always. **Amen.**

Priest **L**et us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All are welcome to pick up pledge cards and gather for fellowship with one another on the breezeway.*



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God &*

*In Thanksgiving for, in memory of, and in celebration of our families by Ann and Duncan Clarke*



*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.*

**The St. Dunstan's Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the recipients of our 2023 Foundation grant program;**



The Read to Me Project  
Nancy's Project  
The Salvation Army Alumni Book Project  
Carmel Valley Angel Project  
St. Andre's School Lunch Program  
The Gathering for Women Monterey  
The Bridge Restoration Ministry  
I -Help

On behalf of the Board, please accept our heartfelt appreciation for your donations. Your contributions allow us to continue to support these important charitable endeavors in our community, and to further our calling from Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves. To learn more about the St. Dunstan's Foundation and how you can help, contact Jackie Wendland, our Vice President for Development at [foundationgiving@stdcv.org](mailto:foundationgiving@stdcv.org)

## **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com) by midnight Monday.

## ***Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?***

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## **St. Dunstan's weekly eNews**

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

## The Holiday Season is here!

This year there will be several ways to share our abundance with others near and far. Four of our St. Dunstan's ministries are offering these opportunities:

**Nancy's Project (11/12-11/19) – Thanksgiving food drive** - non-perishable items--peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken and ham, beans and rice, vegetables, pasta and cereal are good choices. Items may be dropped off in Brock Hall.

**Christmas gifts! (11/19-12/10)** Wrapped gifts tagged with age and gender may be dropped off in Brock Hall and will be distributed to needy kids. Soccer balls (highly desired!), electronic games, gift cards to Starbucks, McDonalds, Chipotle, games, hair ornaments, caps and shirts with local sports team logos are some ideas.

- **Daughters of The King (11/12 - 12/3):** collecting gifts and monetary donations for The Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program. We are sponsoring 2 families and you can find their needs on a sign-up sheet in the breezeway starting *today*.
- **Haiti – St. André's School (11/26 –12/24):** setting up a Giving Tree to feed children at St. Andre's school in Hinche. A \$50 donation feeds one child for an entire school year and adds a shiny red ornament to our tree.
- **I-HELP (12/3 – 12/17) –** collecting cash gifts again this year for the men and women in the program. I-Help supports sobriety and the homeless. Look for the info sheet and donation envelopes on 12/3.

**We invite your participation & thank you for blessing our neighbors during the holidays!**

### *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!

### **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,  
November 16th***

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food for the men's dinner on the 16th.

We appreciate your contributions.

Thank you from the I-HELP Team!

***J2A Schedule***

***(Children 6th through 12th grade)***

Sundays: November 26 and December 2  
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!

**Pastoral Care &  
Prayer Requests**

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto: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](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



**Children's schedule for  
November**



**November 12**—Children in Church with their parents

**November 19**—Sunday School in Brock Hall & Thanksgiving Coffee Hour

**November 26**—



4th Sundays Service  
Children participate in the service.

***CALLING ALL INTERESTED CHILDREN!***

We are beginning preparation for our Christmas pageant on December 17th, which will also be our Children Inclusive Service for December. If your child would like to participate please let us know!

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

## Sunday, November 12

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 9
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 pm Plan Your Own Funeral and End of Life Preparation

## Monday, November 13

Office Closed

## Tuesday, November 14

- 9:30 am Discipleship Group
- 11:00am PEO Luncheon
- 5:00 pm Zoom Compline
- 5:30 pm The Path Bible Study Ch. 9
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, November 15

- 10:00 am Conversation and Communion  
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 9

## Thursday, November 16

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

## Friday, November 17

Office Closed

## Saturday, November 18

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Haiti Team Meeting

## Sunday, November 19

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

View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://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