



THE 25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 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.

THE LITURGY 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

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Judges 4:1–7

The Israelites prove unfaithful to the Lord, going after foreign gods and doing what is evil in God's sight. In consequence, they fall under the oppression of the Canaanite King Jabin and the commander of his army, Sisera. The Lord raises up for the Hebrew people Deborah, a prophetess, to arbitrate for justice among them. Deborah, a gifted leader, is inspired to liberate the Israelites from their Canaanite overlords and summons the warrior Barak. Deborah commands Barak in the name of the Lord to gather warriors against the superior chariots and troops of Sisera, confident that God will grant the Israelites success.

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm 123

Those who are lowly and scorned place their trust in the merciful Lord.

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Paul counsels the new disciples to be alert as in the daylight, for the day of the Lord will come swiftly and unexpectedly, although at a time unknown to mortals. Many early Christians believed that the course of world history would soon come to an end. Paul urges the Thessalonians not to live like people of the night, but soberly and expectantly. Whether they first die or remain alive they may look forward, not to God's wrath, but to a salvation that has been gained through Jesus. Paul's central point remains valid for us: we do not know when the consummation of history will take place, but are to live always prepared for judgment.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for

obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:14–30

The parable of the servants who made different uses of the money entrusted to them. The evangelist intends the story to be instructive to Christian disciples. The master Jesus is now away. When he returns, he will expect his followers to have made diligent use of the faith he has left in their charge. If it has not grown, then it has been without value and will be taken away. One also recognizes how immense are the sums left with the servants. The parable warns against the false security of only guarding the traditions and not investing them in life and in others.

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

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

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,

‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Holly Hudson Lewis

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

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 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 Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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."

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 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 May 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 Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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 &
In Memory of Michael Clark by Tracy Haack and Chandler Clark*



*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.*



Join us for a
Thanksgiving
Reception during
coffee hour today!

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Getting weekly news, links to sermons,
updates, and schedules is as simple as
visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering
your email address.

Thank you to all who have filled out their 2024 Pledge Card.
If you have not yet done so, pledge cards are available to pick up
after the service.

**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.

Baptisms Offered

January 7, 2024



If you are interested in
baptism for yourself or your child, call or
email Rev. Laurel by December 17th to
prepare.

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



Preparing for our Death and Leaving a Legacy of Love — TOP 5 Takeaways!

Thanks to Sherry Farr, Michelle Wilsdon, and Rev Laurel for their informative session this past Sunday. Thanks also to all those who were able to attend, and to Peter & Laurel for the delicious lunch!

If you were **NOT** able to attend, below is a recap of the **Top Five Takeaways** from the session.

- 1) Create order. Review and update documents and plans. Communicate with your loved ones what is important to you now and at the end of your life...*before there is a crisis.*
- 2) Pre-register with a home care agency, mortuary, and if you wish to make St. Dunstan's Columbarium your final resting place, contact the church office for details and costs.
- 3) Complete an Advance Health Care Directive and POLST
- 4) Write Love Letters. Start with writing a Love Letter to yourself. Leaving a heartfelt message of love will bring much comfort to those you love.
- 5) Give those close to you permission and authority to do whatever is best for them, as well as ourselves, when we need care.

BONUS: Feel free to set up a time to meet with Rev. Laurel to ask questions, or to discuss your plans for your memorial service, burial, and other final details, and make sure that the church office has your wishes on file so we can help to fulfill them!

J2A Schedule (Children 6th -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!

Children's schedule for November

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

November 26—

4th Sundays Service Children participate in the service.



CALLING ALL INTERESTED CHILDREN!

If your child would like to participate in our Christmas pageant on December 17th please let us know!



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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

Monday, November 20

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 21

9:30 am Discipleship Group
5:00 pm Zoom Compline
5:30 pm The Path Bible Study Ch. 10
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, November 22

10:00 am Thanksgiving Service
Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 10

Thursday, November 23

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Friday, November 24

Office Closed

Saturday, November 25

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 26

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

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