



THE REIGN OF CHRIST

November 26, 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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

The Lord promises to be the shepherd of the people. God will bring them home and heal them. God will feed and protect them. The exile of Israel is coming to an end. Ezekiel has prophesied against the false shepherds, the rulers who only fed off the flock. Now God will tend the sheep who have been dispersed and preyed upon, but the overfed will be judged.

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100

A call to praise and to offer thanksgiving to the Lord.

- 1 **B**e joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 **K**now this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 **E**nter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 **F**or the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Ephesians 1:15–23

Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesians and prays that they may see with their inward eyes the power of God, who has raised and enthroned Jesus far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in the Lord! The Lord Christ now reigns as head of the church, which is his body and which experiences the fullness of his love.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:31–46

A picture of the universal judgment when the Son Of Man, acting as judge and king, will separate humankind into two groups: those who have cared for the Lord in the needy, the stranger, and prisoners—and those who have not. On one level the evangelist intends those in need to be understood as Christian disciples. But the bringing of all peoples into judgment has caused Christians to realize that the Christ is to be recognized in every individual. Beneath this awareness lies a profound theological mystery: the likeness of God, which has been decisively revealed in the human person of Jesus, may be perceived in each human being.

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

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

Jesus said, “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

Who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

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 **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.*

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.**

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 **L**et 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 **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.**

The people stand or kneel.

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 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.**

The Dismissal

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



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.

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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.

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 by midnight Monday.

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



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 - 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 signup sheet in the breezeway starting *today*.
- **Haiti – St. André's School** (11/26 –11/24): 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!

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.





How does a weary world rejoice?

Next Sunday, December 3, 2023 we commence the **Season of Advent**, a season of preparation, anticipation, and watchful waiting as we journey toward Christmas and the celebration of God's in-breaking into the world in the person of Jesus. We are pleased to make several resources available to bring the season of Advent alive for you and your family:

- **Family Packets:** with activities to engage your children each day of the season.
- A limited number of **the Illustrated Advent Calendars** (for Adults), which includes a daily prompt for reflection and action (Look for the burlap sacks and please, one per family.)
- **Advent Devotional Booklet: *How does a weary world rejoice?*** by A Sanctified Art includes art, poetry, and reflections from Luke's Gospel. You may use this for at-home devotions along with its accompanying Advent Calendar, or in participation with the Sunday Discussion Group.
- Weekly Inserts & other sources: each Sunday of Advent we'll include a weekly insert informed by The Way of Love plus you'll find a Way of Love Advent Calendar, as well as Forward Movement's Advent Word Daily Reflection on the breezeway table.
- Advent Quiet Morning: Plan to join us for a morning of rest and renewal on Saturday, December 16th, from 9am to 1pm, where we'll explore advent through the eyes of Mary.

May you find in this Advent season time to pause, reflect and prepare for Christ's coming.

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!

¹⁴Lunch will be provided at every meeting!

Children's schedule for November

November 26—

4th Sundays Service
Children participate in the service.

December 3—Sunday School
in Brock Hall.

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 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

Monday, November 27

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 28

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

Wednesday, November 29

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

Thursday, November 30

Friday, December 1

Saturday, December 2

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 3

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Advent Devotional Book Study in
Brock Hall
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 27—Mike Cervi | 14—Mack Talley | 22—Aleksander Simpson |
| 28—Janet Morse | 16—Bob Young | 24—Taylor Hawthorne |
| 30—Pam Lawrence | 17—Jack Lagier | 25—Joanie Webb |
| 1—Cindy Poole | 19—Chandler Clark | 27—Perry Rosen |
| 4—Charlie Rose Talley | 20—Charlotte Cabral | 28—Andro Vissani |
| 10—Gus Hawthorne | 22—Jennifer Lama | 30—Elin Rosen |

SERMON NOTES