



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 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.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

God of peace, during this Advent season, keep us from getting caught up in the busyness and chaos of the world around us. Help us to slow down, so that we may find rest in the Prince of Peace, your son, Jesus Christ. As we prepare for his coming, make us instruments of your peace in our homes, in our schools, in our work and in our world. **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emanuel (vss. 3 and 4)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,
free them from Satan's tyranny
that trust thy mighty power to save,
And give them victory o'er the grave.

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee O Israel!*

The Collect of the Day *The people stand or kneel.*

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Wild God of the wastes, whose gospel begins with a cry and a summons:
take us to a pathless place where we can start again to taste creation's
gifts anew and await the Spirit's touch; through Jesus Christ, the one who
is to come. **Amen.**

The People are seated

Isaiah 40:1–11

A message of comfort and new hope to God's people. The time of exile in Babylon is coming to an end. A new way is made through the desert, and the mighty Lord comes, bringing peace and pardon to Jerusalem. Though all human powers fail, the Lord's word will stand. Like a shepherd, God will care for the people.

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;

the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

A voice says, "Cry out!"
And I said, "What shall I cry?"
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand for ever.
Get you up to a high mountain,
O Zion, herald of good tidings;
lift up your voice with strength,
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,
lift it up, do not fear;
say to the cities of Judah,
"Here is your God!"
See, the Lord GOD comes with might,
and his arm rules for him;
his reward is with him,
and his recompense before him.
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;
he will gather the lambs in his arms,
and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13

The psalm both celebrates and prays for the Lord's gracious favor, for God's forgiveness, deliverance, and justice.

1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.

2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

2 Peter 3:8–15a

The divine perspective on time can be very different from that of human beings. Many wonder why the Lord seems so slow to fulfill the promises of salvation and judgment. God, however, is patient and has divine purposes. Still, the day of the Lord will come suddenly, bringing a new heaven and earth. Christians must live both in patience and with a zeal for righteousness and peace in readiness for that judgment.

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Stand

Mark 1:1–8

A summary of the ministry of John the Baptist. He is the messenger spoken of in the scriptures, the voice that cries aloud in the wilderness. He is sent to prepare the way of the Lord through his call for repentance and baptism in water for the forgiveness of sins. The people flock to him, but he tells of a mightier one still to come who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.

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

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;
the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

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

The Sermon

Rebecca Miller

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 *The people stand or kneel.*

Leader In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.
May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble
of broken lives and hearts to make our world and each of us a new
creation.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May our gracious God always console and comfort us, nourish our
deepest hungers, and guide us in ways of justice and peace.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan, a stream of blessing
that bears forgiveness, refreshment and joy.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader For the people of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's, for Lucinda our Bishop,
and all who do ministry near or far; may the God of John the Baptist raise
up holy prophets in our midst, voices to challenge us to greater integrity
and truthfulness.

With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, 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 We pray to you, O God.

Leader May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need, especially:
With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Leader May the God who is our future hold those who have died in the embrace of faithful love, especially:
Together may we see new heavens and a new earth.
With hopeful hearts,

People We pray to you, O God.

Priest O Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal the fullness of our humanity. Come: Hear our prayers, renew your creation, restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence

People Most merciful God, we confess we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Through the cross of Christ,
God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **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 2

The people stand at the procession of the offering and remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.

Priest We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**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 and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Priest Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Priest Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Dunstan, blessed Andre, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

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.

Priest Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Priest Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People Have mercy on us.

Priest Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.

People Grant us peace.

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 Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

All stand for the blessing and dismissal

The Blessing

Priest May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the Darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

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.

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
In Memory of Doug Hansen by Beth and Joe Heston*

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*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.*

Thank you to our Licensed Lay
Preacher Rebecca Miller for
bringing a good
Word today!

I-HELP

Bring some holiday cheer to our I-Help community! We are collecting cash gifts for the men and women in the program.

I-Help supports sobriety and the homeless. Look for the info sheet and donation envelopes on the welcome table.



Christmas Cookie Sale Today!

**Pick up your hand selected
assortment. \$15 per dozen**

**Proceeds to benefit the
Women's I-Help program**

Christmas Poinsettia Dedications

Dedicate a Christmas poinsettia in remembrance of a loved one, to mark an anniversary, or simply to give thanks. Recommended donation is \$20 each. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo.

Please sign up on the Welcome Table. The deadline for submissions is December 17th.



St. Andre's Giving Tree!

Please support our feeding program at St. Andre's School in Hinche, Haiti by putting an ornament on our Giving Tree. \$50 feeds a child a hot, nourishing meal every school day for a school year. For many of these children, this is their only meal of the day. The perfect Christmas gift for friends or family--and we have cards to send to tell them of your thoughtful gift. Put a smile on the face of a Haitian child as they sit down to a hot meal-- thanks to you!



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!

ADVENT QUIET DAY

Save the Date!
Next Saturday,
December 16th
9am—12pm



Come and join us as we reflect on
Mary's Song and journey!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24th - Advent IV

One Service at 9am

December 24th - Christmas Eve

Family Service 4pm

Choral Eucharist 7pm

No Service Christmas Day

December 31st

First Sunday of Christmas

Lessons and Carols

One Service at 9am



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.



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 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.

Children's schedule for November and December

December 10—Children in Church with their parents

December 17—Christmas Pageant

December 24—Children in Church with their parents

December 31—Children in Church with their parents



LAST CALL FOR THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

We are finalizing our preparation for our Friendly Beasts Christmas Pageant NEXT SUNDAY, December 17th. If your child wishes to participate, please let us know **TODAY!**

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

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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.

**Deadline for eNews,
Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to stdunstanschurch@gmail.com by midnight Monday.

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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, December 10

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

Monday, December 11

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 12

9:30 am Discipleship Group
5:00 pm Zoom Compline
7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, December 13

10:00 am Conversation Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, December 14

4:00pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, December 15

Saturday, December 16

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Advent Quiet Day
10:30 am Haiti Team Meeting in *School Building*

Sunday, December 17

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

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1—Cindy Poole
4—Charlie Rose Talley
10—Gus Hawthorne
14—Mack Talley
16—Bob Young
17—Jack Lagier

19—Chandler Clark
20—Charlotte Cabral
22—Aleksander Simpson
22—Jennifer Lama
24—Taylor Hawthorne
25—Joanie Webb

27—Perry Rosen
28—Andro Vissani
30—Elin Rosen

SERMON NOTES

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