

ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 24, 2023

9 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

The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer,
meditation, and healing.

Prelude: Eternal Purposes (from *La Nativité du Seigneur*)

Olivier Messiaen
(1908-1992)

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 72 Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes

Richmond

Lighting the Advent Wreath

God of love, you sent your Son, Jesus, to shine bright like the sun, lighting the way for all who walk in darkness. May the light of Christ's hope, peace, joy, and love shine bright in us as we approach his coming, so that we may be ready to welcome him on Christmas Day. **Amen.**

Standing alongside our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land, for whom Bethlehem is dark, we will now take a moment for silent prayer as we extinguish the second Advent Candle.

The Song of Praise

Hymn 56 O come, O come, Emmanuel (vss. 7 and 8)

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

O come, O come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

*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.

God of impossible love, you needed Mary to give consent, to bear the scandal, to carry your word within herself: may her courage give hope to women and men who yearn to sing new songs of justice and find the world a dwelling place for God; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.

Amen.

2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16

The enemies of David have been subdued and David turns his thoughts to building a temple to the Lord. Through the prophet Nathan, God declares to David that the construction of an earthly temple is not among the purposes for which God has anointed David. God has chosen David from among the lowly, a mere shepherd boy, and given him victory over his enemies. Now God will make of David a great house, securing the hopes of the people of Israel. David's throne shall be established forever, the prophet Nathan declares.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Reader The word of the Lord.

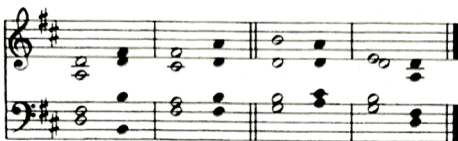
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89:1–4, 20, 24–26

The Lord is praised for faithful love and mighty justice. As a Father, God promises to the anointed servant David an everlasting kingdom.

S410

Robert Knox Kennedy



This chant is intended to be sung by choir and congregation. Each half verse of the psalm is sung on the reciting note up to the last accented syllable.

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your
faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.
- 3 “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 ‘I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
- 24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
- 25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
- 26 He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’”

Romans 16:25–27

Paul reminds the new Christians of the mystery now disclosed to all nations, bringing them to faith and obedience. Although the secret had long been kept in silence, the promise of the eternal God has been revealed and is made known through the prophetic scriptures. Glory to God who enables disciples to stand firm in the good news of Jesus!

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith-- to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 265 The angel Gabriel

Gabriel's Message

Luke 1:26–38

The story of the visit to Mary by an angel: Gabriel tells her that she is to bear Jesus, who will be called the Son of God. This happens during the sixth month of the pregnancy of Elizabeth, a kinswoman of Mary, who will soon give birth to John the Baptist. Mary is assured of God's favor and that this is the work of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the prophecy to David of an eternal kingdom. The narrative points to the transcendent origin of this child born into history.

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

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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 *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.

With hopeful hearts,

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 that 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.*

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

Offertory Organ Solo "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

*Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)*

All stand to sing and for the procession of the offering.

Offertory Hymn 81 "Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming"

Es ist ein Ros

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 sing:

Sanctus S130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Deutsche Messe

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 the 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."

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.

Fraction Anthem

Frederick Burgomaster

Cantor; then choir and congregation



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.

Communion Hymn 60 Creator of the stars of night

Conditor alme siderum

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.**

The Blessing

Priest May God who was, and is, and is to come meet you in your waiting, shine upon your path, comfort and sustain you until the time when the weary world rejoices. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn (Green Hymnal 724) People, look East

Besançon Carol

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Swiss Noel

*Louis Claude-Daquin
(1694-1772)*

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 Dorothy Manchester by Tom and Sue Masters
In Memory of Ralph Hickcox by John and Julie Tomlin*

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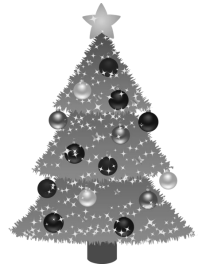
*St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation
and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age,
gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.*

*All are invited to join us Sunday, December 31st at 9am for a
Service of Lessons and Carols.*



St. Andre's Giving Tree—Continued donations are welcomed

The Giving Tree: In 2005 our lunch program began at St. Andre's school, with each student receiving a hot, nutritious meal each school day. Soon after, Pere Walin DeCamps, the priest and Headmaster reported that one of the teachers had quietly come to him and said, "You know, we are hungry too". Our teachers frequently didn't have enough food for both their families and themselves, so they also came to school hungry. From that time, our teachers shared in the rice, peas, onions and dried fish that our students received each day.



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!

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24th - Christmas Eve

4pm Family Service

7pm Choral Eucharist

No Service Christmas Day

December 31st First Sunday of Christmas

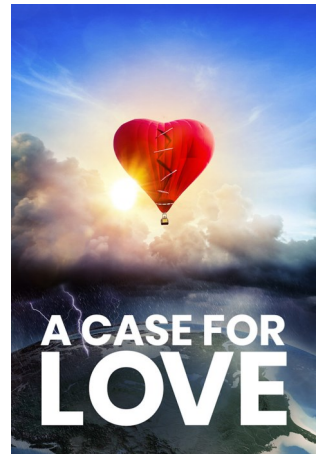
Lessons and Carols

One Service at 9am



A Case for Love” is a heartfelt yet personally challenging movie inspired by the teachings and writings of Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. This documentary examines whether or not love—specifically unselfish love—is the solution to the extreme societal and political divide facing the U.S. The movie will be shown at the Century Cinemas at Del Monte Center, Monterey on Tuesday, January 23rd.

If you would like to join the St. Dunstan's group contact Jackie Wendland, jawendland@hotmail.com for more information.



Children's schedule for December and January

December 24—Children in Church with their parents

December 31—Children in Church with their parents

January 7—Sunday School in Brock Hall

January 14— Children in Church with their parents—Baptisms!

January 21— Sunday School in Brock Hall

January 28— 4th Sunday Family Service. Children participate in the service.



Welcome this week's guest organist

Fred Burgomaster

Welcome back to St. Dunstan's Fred!
Thank you for helping lead us as we
worship and celebrate the season
in song.

Here Come The Whiffenpoofs!

The Whiffenpoofs, Yale University's renowned collegiate a cappella group – the nation's oldest – will perform in concert Saturday, January 13, at St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church in Carmel Valley. The 7 pm performance will be preceded by a reception with light refreshments at 6 pm.

Founded in 1909, the "Whiffs" began as a senior quartet that met for weekly concerts at Mory's Temple Bar, the famous Yale tavern in New Haven, CT. Today, the group of 14 singers has become one of Yale's most celebrated traditions, with more than a century of musical excellence. Long a group of male voices, the Whiffs became coed in 2018. Singing a mixture of old Yale tunes, jazz standards, and other hits from across the decades, the Whiffenpoofs perform more than 200 concerts each year. The Whiffenpoofs have sung for multiple sitting presidents of the United States and have toured more than twenty countries on six continents almost every year for the last several years. They've performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center and have been featured on television shows such as "The Sing Off," "The West Wing," and "Glee."

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for students and children 5-12, free for children 5 and under. They may be purchased online at <https://whiffs.ticketbud.com/carmel-2024> and at the door on the day of the performance.

The Yale Club of Monterey County is a co-sponsor of the Whiffenpoofs' performance with St. Dunstan's.





If you would like to host coffee hour on a Sunday please 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](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.

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.

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!

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**Deadline for eNews,
Bulletin**

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

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, December 24

9:00 am Holy Eucharist

10:00 am Coffee Hour

4:00 pm Christmas Eve Family Service

7:00pm Christmas Eve Choral Eucharist

Monday, December 25

Office Closed

Tuesday, December 26

Office Closed

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, December 27

Office Closed

Thursday, December 28

Office Closed

Friday, December 29

Office Closed

Saturday, December 30

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 31

9:00 am Lessons and Carols with
Holy Eucharist

10:00 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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