

LESSONS AND CAROLS December 31, 2023 9 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S

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: In dulci jubilo

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Irbv

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

This morning we light the center candle of our Advent Wreath, the Christ candle, to welcome the light of the world into our midst. We will also extinguish the second blue candle, the Bethlehem candle, as we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, who suffer and mourn the violence in the region.

Processional Carol 102 Once in royal David's city

Vss. 1, 2, 5&6

Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, we gather this first Sunday of Christmas in our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels; in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child; and let us make this Sanctuary, dedicated to St. Dunstan, glad with our carols of praise.

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.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The congregation is seated for the Lessons, and stands to sing the carols.

First Lesson: Genesis 3: 3:8-15, 17-19

Adam and Eve rebel against God and are cast out of the Garden of Eden.

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten of the tree about which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: - Isaiah 7:10-15

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as "God with us."

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good."

Thanks be to God.

Carol: Hymn 115 What child is this?

Greensleeves

Third Lesson: - Luke 1: 5-25

An angel announces to Zechariah that his wife Elizabeth will bear a son.

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was a descendant of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God and his section was on duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side

of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified; and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." Zechariah said to the angel, "How will I know that this is so? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years." The angel replied, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur."

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah, and wondered at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he could not speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, "This is what the Lord has done for me when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people."

Thanks be to God.

Carol: Hymn 105 God rest you merry, Gentlemen

God Rest You Merry

Fourth Lesson: - Luke 2:1-20

Jesus is born at Bethlehem and is worshiped by angels and shepherds.

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,

and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Thanks be to God.

Fifth Lesson: John 1:1-14

St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 82 Of the Father's love begotten *Vss. 1-3*

Divinum mysterium

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The people stand or kneel.

Leader Brothers and sisters, on this most holy night of our Lord's birth, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

- Leader For your servants in this congregation, that, nourished by your word and holy sacraments, we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another. Lord, in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.
- Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of war and injustice may be replaced by the light of peace and love. Lord, in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.
- Leader For those who travel during this holiday season, that their reunions and celebrations may be occasions for joy, and that they return safely to their homes and loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

- Leader For those who labor this night on behalf of others: doctors and nurses, police officers and firefighters, gas station attendants, bus and taxi drivers, those in the armed forces, and all those whose work prevents them from sharing this evening with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
- People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized or sick at home; those who are imprisoned in body and soul; and those for whom this season is one not of joy but of difficulty and sadness. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light, especially St. Dunstan and St. Andre. Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Let us offer our prayers, thanksgivings, and names on our hearts tonight.

The people may add their own prayers.

Priest All these things we ask in the name of him who came as the light in darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

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.

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 Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. God will dwell with them, and they shall be God's people, and God will be with them, and be their God.

Good people all, this Christmas-time, Consider well and bear in mind What our good God for us has done, In sending his beloved Son. With Mary holy we should pray To God with love this Christmas Day: In Bethlehem upon that morn There was a blessed Messiah born.

The night before that happy tide, The noble Virgin and her guide Were long time seeking up and down To find a lodging in the town. But mark how all things came to pass: From ev'ry door repell'd, alas! As long foretold, their refuge all Was but an humble ox's stall.

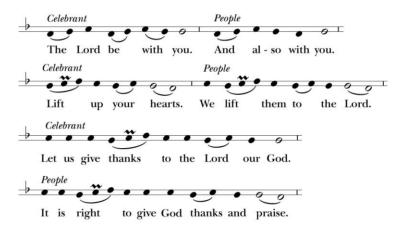
There were there wise men from afar Directed by a glorious star, And on they wandered night and day Until they came where Jesus lay. And when they came unto that place Where our beloved Messiah was, They humbly cast them at his feet, With gifts of gold and incense sweet.

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

Offertory Carol: Hymn 98 Unto us a boy is born!

Puer nobis nascitur

The Great Thanksgiving



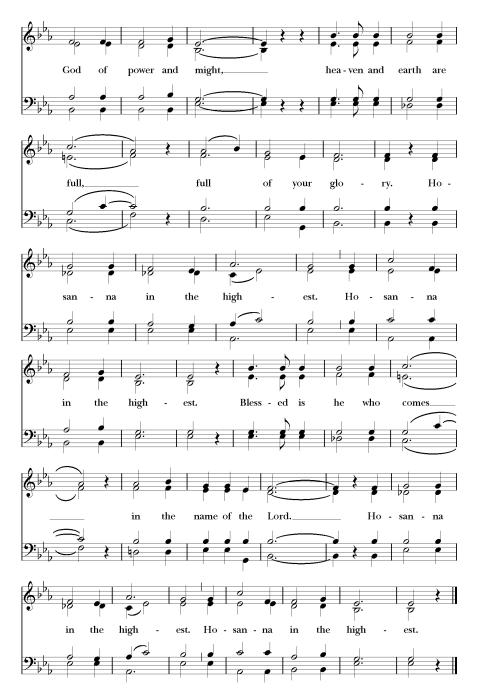
Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S130 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Schubert





The people stand or kneel.

Priest We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

> On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

> After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

- People We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
- Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People

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.

Fraction Anthem S164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Schubert



Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

INVITATION TO HOLY 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 of 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.

For those with wheat sensitivities, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer. To have communion brought to your seat, please notify an usher.

Communion Carol: Hymn 112 In the bleak mid-winter

Cranham

The Prayer After Communion the people stand or kneel

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

The Blessing

Priest May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Carol 107 Good Christian friends, rejoice

In dulci jubilo

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude The Holly and the Ivy

Richard Shephard

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 and In Memory of Dede White and in Celebration of what would have been Dede and Ollie's 66th Wedding Aniversary

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.

St. Andre's Giving Tree—Last Sunday!

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.

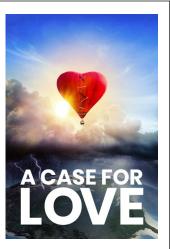
Please support our feeding program at St. Andre's School in Hinche, Haiti by putting an ornament on our Giving Tree. \$50 feeds a child a hot, nourishing meal every school day for a school year. For many of these children, this is their only meal of the day. The perfect Christmas gift for friends or 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!

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. 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 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 participation

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

Calling All Ministry Team Leaders!

The Annual Meeting is just around the corner! Please submit your annual report to the church office, stdunstanschurch@gmail.com, by January 22nd. Thank you!

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 <u>https://whiffs.ticketbud.com/carmel-</u> 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 <u>revlaurel@stdcv.org</u> or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church <u>831-624-6646</u> ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to <u>dok@stdcv.org</u>. 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 31 9:00 am Lessons and Carols with Holy Eucharist	Thursday, January 49:30amDiscipleship Group12:00pmQuilters Group
10:00 am Coffee Hour Monday, January 1	Friday, January
HAPPY NEW YEAR! Office Closed	<u>Saturday, January 6</u> 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, January 25:30pmZoom Compline7:30 pmAAWednesday, January 310:00amConversation & Communion Holy Eucharist11:00amPrayer Shawl Ministry1:30pmDOK Meeting	 Sunday, January 7 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal 9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 12 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed) 11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 9—Dug Stewart
- 11—Remy Ryan
- 15—John Greenway
- 17—Joe Heston
- 22—Duncan Clarke

- 22—Ollie Collins
- 22—Cathy Solms
- 26—Norman Parris
- 27—Jack Enbom
- 29—Helena Miller

30—Lincoln Talley

Sermon Notes

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