



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 19, 2023

8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.

Thank you for silencing your cell phones.

THE MINISTRY 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 Cantilena

Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

The ministers process in silence.

Priest **B**lessed be the God of our salvation:

People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

Priest Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

The people stand or kneel. A moment of silence is kept.

People **God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbors,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest **M**ay the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us
from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing or kneeling.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People **Christ, have mercy.**

Priest Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Creator and Healer, root of all goodness, working your Sabbath will in the chaos of our life: teach us the insight that gives true judgement and praises you wherever you are found, making miracles from spit and mud; through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. **Amen.**

God made known in the strength and vulnerability of birth, the joy and pain of motherhood, in nights of sleepless love, and inner ocean's flow, in demands without number and questions without answer: give us gratitude for the women who carried us, for the carers who nurture us and for the chance to pass on life to others; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child. **Amen**

1 Samuel 16:1–13

The Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel. God has rejected Saul as king but he remains in power and Samuel must go secretly on his mission. As so often happens in the Bible, one who seems least likely in the eyes of others is chosen by God to carry out the divine will.

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him

pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A brief silence is kept.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Ephesians 5:8–14

Disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness. Their present life is to be in sharp contrast with their actions before they became Christians. All that is done is to be exposed to the light. The passage closes with what was probably part of an ancient hymn used at baptisms.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

John 9:1–41

Jesus heals a man born blind. Jesus brings light into a dark world. Many people of the time regarded the man’s blindness to be a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the Son of Man and his Lord.

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

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

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered,

“The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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 worshipped 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 *Standing or kneeling.*

Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishop, Lucinda; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Leader You are invited to add your names and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Silence

Priest O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **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 Offertory

Priest But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15-16*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Priest 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:

People **H**oly, 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 **H**oly and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Priest 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 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 We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **AMEN.**

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

People **O**ur 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.

Priest Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction

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

People **Have mercy upon us.**

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

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Priest 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.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the 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.

10 If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in the holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Priest **G**rant, Almighty God, that we your people may recognize our weakness and put our whole trust in your strength, so that we may rejoice forever in the protection of your loving care for us, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Priest **L**et us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

"All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.



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.



The altar greens are given to the Glory of God

Welcome to this week's guest organist

Fred Burgomaster

Welcome back to St. Dunstan's Fred!
Thank you for helping lead us as we worship in song this week.

St. Dunstan's Staff

The Rev. Laurel Coote, Rector
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Palm Sunday

8am and 10am

Monday and Tuesday

Stations of the Cross and Compline—indoors

5pm

Maundy Thursday

7pm

Good Friday

12pm

Stations of the Cross—outdoors

4:30pm

Easter Vigil

7pm

Easter Sunday

8am and 10am

*Easter egg hunt and brunch
following the 10am service*

**The Easter Bunny needs
your help!**

We are collecting filled plastic eggs for the egg hunt on Easter Sunday. You can drop your eggs off in the church office Monday-Thursday between 9am and 1pm

The Easter Bunny and the Children thank you very much!



**Discussion Group
Living Well Through Lent
2023**

*Practicing Compassion
with All Your*

Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

Join us as we walk together on this journey through Lent toward Easter as we discover what it truly means to practice Compassion with our whole being.

*Sunday mornings 9am in the
Guild Room. See Jean Scholefield
for more information*

**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

PAJARO FLOOD RELIEF

FOR OUR FARM WORKER FAMILIES

Nancy's Project will be taking our van to the Watsonville shelter next Thursday with relief supplies for the farm worker families displaced by the floods in Pajaro.

Here are some ways you can help:

- *Bring relief supplies (diapers, diaper wipes, women's products, new socks and underwear, hoodies and jackets, blankets, bath towels, bottled water, non-perishable packaged snacks) to the church between now and next Thursday
- *Tell your friends and neighbors this is how they can directly help the victims of the floods and bring their donations to the church for them
- *Make a donation to Nancy's Project for "Pajaro relief" and we will turn it into the items above.

On behalf of our farm worker families,
THANK YOU!

Episcopal 101 — Everything you wanted to know about the Episcopal Church, and more!

Beginning *TOMORROW*, March 20th, 6:30-8:00pm

If you have wanted to learn more about the Episcopal Church, our traditions and rituals — this is the course for you! We will explore together Episcopal beliefs and practices, the what and why's of what we do.

Email Rev. Laurel at revlaurec@gmail.com for more information.

Lenten Offerings at St. Dunstan's

Gather for Community and Prayer:

Mondays: Zoom Compline at 5:30pm (find link on the church calendar at stdcv.org)

Wednesdays: Conversation, Reflection and Holy Communion at 10am in the Sanctuary

Wednesdays: Lenten Soup Supper Program 6-8pm. "Exploring our Baptismal Covenant through the Lens of Lent". Sign up to attend, help in the kitchen and/or bring food. (Begins March 1st)

Thursdays: Morning Prayer at 7:30am, followed by fellowship and breakfast at Jeffrey's (Begins March 2)

Sundays: Worship at 8am or 10am.



It is Lent, and that means it is time once again for . . .

Lent Madness!

Produced by the Forward Press, Lent Madness is a light-hearted way to learn about Saints large and small, old and new, during Lent and have fun doing it. The Saints are arranged in a bracket, and each day you read about two and vote on line for your favorite to win The Golden Halo. lentmadness.org. Or, you can pick up one of the booklets on the table in Brock Hall and just read about the two Saints every day...a great Lenten discipline. Learn about the Saints of God this Lent!



PIZZA WITH A PURPOSE

**THIS Tuesday, March 21st
Fundraiser in support of
I-Help Outreach**

Plan to enjoy lunch or dinner at California Pizza Kitchen in Del Monte Shopping Center on March 21st. Mention the I-Help Organization and CPK will donate 20% of your ticket back to I-Help! Or take a flyer with you (available on the Welcome Table)



Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurelc@gmail.com 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 5.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

Sunday, March 19

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 pm J2A at St. Mary's Pacific Grove

Monday, March 20

- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline
- 6:30 pm Episcopal 101

Tuesday, March 21

- 9:00 am Discipleship Group
- 4:00 pm Foundation Meeting
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, March 22

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper

Thursday, March 23

- 7:30 am Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, March 26

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Holy Land Forum

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Rob Feller | 10 Abigail Davis | 22 Sally Dietrich |
| 1 Chase Melich | 10 Hannah Davis | 28 Tracy Jones |
| 2 Flo von Platen | 12 Lisa Olsheskie | 28 Liz Rondelle |
| 8 Graham Simpson | 16 Kurt Buche | 30 Art Pasquinelli |
| 9 Jeff Jones | 16 Mike Hendrickson | |

Sermon Notes