

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## March 26, 2023

### 8 am

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

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

*Thank you for silencing your cell phones.*

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## 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** Praeludium ante Missam

*Oreste Ravanello (1871-1938)*

*The ministers process in silence.*

Priest Blessed 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 May 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.

God of compassion, you call us out of the bindings of death on this, our resurrection day: make us ready to surrender the fear in which we hide to step into your future alive and unashamed; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. **Amen.**

## Ezekiel 37:1-14

*The prophet has a vision of the bones of a dead and hopeless people being restored to new life in their homeland. The Lord calls upon Ezekiel as son of man to prophecy that the people who have experienced exile and many hardships will live again. The Spirit of the Lord restores their spirit and breath, and they rise from death. Although this passage can be understood to anticipate the hope of individual resurrection, Israel did not yet have this belief.*

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act,’” says the LORD.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*A brief silence is kept.*

### **Psalm 130 *De profundis***

*The psalmist calls to the merciful Lord and waits upon God for forgiveness and redemption.*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## Romans 8:6–11

*Paul draws a contrast between minds dominated by fleshly and worldly things and those in whom Christ lives and are set on the Spirit. The person at enmity with God is incapable of fulfilling the intention of the law, but one in whom Christ dwells is animated by the Spirit of God, and that Spirit, through which God raised Jesus from the dead, also gives to believers true life in our mortal bodies.*

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## John 11:1–45

*Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. This is the last and greatest of Jesus' signs, and it points beyond itself to the hope of a new life after death for all. Only slowly do Jesus' friends begin to understand what he is saying to them and the deeper meaning of their own words. Soon the one who has raised Lazarus will himself be put to death, and then become the way of resurrection to eternal life.*

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

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

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So, the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick." When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." "But Rabbi", they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.” His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.” Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” Then Thomas (also known as Didymus), said to the rest of the disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now, God will give you whatever you ask.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha answered, “I know he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?” “Yes, Lord,” she replied, “I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

After she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. “The Teacher is here”, she said, “and is asking for you.” When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet entered the village but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there. When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?”, he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?” Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man said, by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore, many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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.*

## **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 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**    **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**    **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** 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.*

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.

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 Grant, 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 Let 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  
In memory of James Cordoni by Tom and Sue Masters*

## **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!



## **Parish Beautification Day Saturday, April 1 11am - 1pm**

Our annual Parish Beautification Day will take place from 11 am - 1pm, Saturday, April 1st; the day before Palm Sunday. The greater the numbers the greater the joy and fellowship! We are sure we can find a task for all volunteers.

We need help in gardening, church cleaning (including window washing), and kitchen cleaning. Snacks will be served.

We look forward to seeing you there!



**Palm Sunday**  
*8am and 10am*

**Monday and Tuesday**  
*Stations of the Cross and Compline—indoors*  
*5pm*

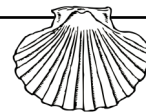
**Maundy Thursday**  
*7pm*

**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*

## **Baptisms Offered January 8th**



If you are interested in baptism for yourself or your child, contact Rev. Laurel to explore being baptized Saturday, April 8th at the Great Easter Vigil, 7pm



## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurelc@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

## 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*

## 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](http://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](http://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!

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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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## **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

## **Monday, March 27**

**5:30 pm** Zoom Compline  
**6:00 pm** Episcopal 101

## **Tuesday, March 28**

**7:00 pm** Contemplative Prayer Service  
**7:30 pm** AA

## **Wednesday, March 29**

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

## **Thursday, March 30**

**7:30 am** Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary

## **Friday, March 31**

## **Saturday, April 1**

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal  
**11am-1pm** Parish Clean Up

## **Sunday, April 2 Palm Sunday**

**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** J2A at St. Dunstan's

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View the entire parish calendar [stdev.org/calendar](http://stdev.org/calendar)

## **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

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