

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY February 11, 2024 10 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 Communion

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 137 O wondrous type! O vision fair

Wareham

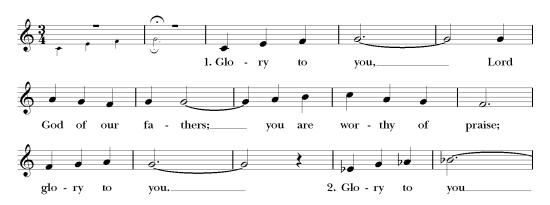
Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria S236 Benedictus es, Domine (Canticle 13)

John Rutter (b. 1945)







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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

2 Kings 2:1–12

From the Hebrew Bible we hear the story of the taking up of the prophet Elijah into heaven and the passing on of his power to Elisha. The narrative illustrates the great favor Elijah found in the eyes of the Lord as he is carried away in a chariot of fire. Elisha is first in despair and rends his clothing in mourning, yet realizes he himself has been chosen to offer continued prophetic vision to the people.

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and

horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 50:1-6

The psalm tells of the majestic and righteous God who requires true sacrifice and thanksgiving of the people.

- 1 The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *
 he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; * before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
 those who have made a covenant with me
 and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Paul proclaims that Christ is the very image of God, though not all can perceive this truth. This proclamation focuses on Jesus Christ as Lord, and Paul is captive to this message. As light shone forth from darkness in creation, so God has shone forth in the hearts of those to whom the light of the knowledge of God in Christ has been given.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 129 Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

Mark 9:2-9

The story of Jesus' transfiguration. The narrative draws upon themes and symbols from Israel's past and its hopes for the future. Moses and Elijah represent the law and the prophets, whose promises Jesus fulfills. The chosen disciples see divine glory reflected in Jesus' human person. A voice from the cloud declares that he is God's beloved Son.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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 Standing or kneeling.

Leader God's glory has been veiled in flesh. Our flesh has become a glorious epiphany. Let us then present before the Lord of glory our gift of prayer for those who are in need, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who walk in the darkness of violence and oppression, and for all who by their life and preaching cast into that darkness the light of God's peace and justice, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who carry on the teaching of prophets and apostles, and for the full communion in life and worship of those who receive God's word, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who have at their disposal this world's riches, and for all who call out to them, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who raise their eyes to the heavens looking for healing and deliverance [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For the rulers of the earth, and for every child that stands in need of their protection, let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader For all who through death have passed into the full epiphany of God's glory [especially N.], let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest O God of stars and journeys, you lead us day by day to the joyful vision of your light. Move us by the power of your word that we too might share our gifts with others and so receive in our hearts the child of Bethlehem. So may you be praised and adored through the same Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us turn to the most holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

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 Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements All are seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Offertory Sentence

During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at www.stdcv.org

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

Offertory Anthem Jesu, the very Thought of Thee

Simon Lole

Jesu, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the memory find, A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind thou art, How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show; The love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know.

Jesu, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be thou our glory now, And through eternity.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

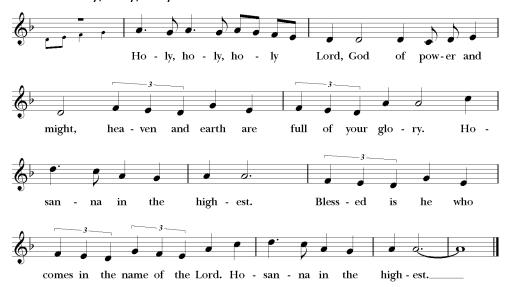
Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:



The people stand or kneel.

Priest And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy

Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

serve the world in his name.

Priest Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.



Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So come and receive. It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him, should meet him here. $_{15}$

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 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

The Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All stand for the blessing and dismissal

The Blessing

Priest May the Spirit's love,

flowing like water across the face of the earth, fill you with every gift for the good of the world.

And the blessing of God, Eternal Source,
Fountain of Life, and Giver of Gifts, be with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude Sonata II (Allegro maestoso)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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 Jean Andrews by Steve Andrews

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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.

SAVE THE DATE!

Mardi Gras Party AND Pancake Supper!

THIS Tuesday, February 13th 5 pm



Happy Hour with activities for the children begins at 5 pm, followed by dinner complete with choices! Gumbo, rice, salads, bread, pancakes and sausage will all be served. And of course, King cake for dessert! Help us make this a great event by signing up to help in some way: Set up, clean up, decorate, bring food, donate wine.

Sign up on the Welcome Table!

Ash Wednesday Services February 14th

12 noon—Regular Service 6pm—Meditative Service



2023 Giving Statements are available to pick up on the Welcome Table.

Thank you for your support of St. Dunstan's and it's wonderful ministries!

If you would like assistance setting up your 2024 Pledge payments online through Realm, please contact the church office at stdunstanschurch@gmail.com.

I-Help next Thursday, February 15th

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food for the men's dinner on the 15th. We appreciate your contributions!

Thank you from the I-HELP Team

Welcome 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.

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!



Thank you to Ann Clarke for providing baked goods for coffee hour today!

If you are able to host coffee hour on a Sunday please sign up on the Welcome table.

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.

Father, forgive them for they know not what they do. A Lenten Exploration of Forgiveness

Mondays at 5pm — Soup Supper and Program
Beginning February 19th

Jesus is always speaking into our human condition, giving us words of wisdom on how to follow him, and how to best tend to and care for ourselves and one another. Life can be hard, people disagree, and harm is done. We all know what it is to hurt, and each of us has at some time hurt others.

Along with his call to Listen, Trust, Serve and Love, Jesus calls us to Forgive. And we all know — to forgive is not always simple nor is it easy. And while we may long to be forgiven, seeking it, or even accepting it can be equally challenging. Each one of us, at some time, will need to forgive and will be in need of forgiveness. But sometimes we don't know where to begin. Sometimes we hurt so much, we don't even want to try. Yet, forgiveness is central to our Christian Faith and has the power to transform our lives, if we are courageous enough to try.

Each week of Lent we will explore an aspect of forgiveness. We'll hear from a variety of voices, writers and theologians as we look at what forgiveness is and isn't, how to forgive, and explore the challenges, barriers that get in our way — and also the difference forgiving can make. For us.

Please plan to join us for a delicious meal and rich conversation. And if you want to help with the preparation of the Soup Supper, send Peter Coote an email at pacoote57@gmail.com.

St. Dunstan's Vestry

Susan Pitts, Senior Warden

Jr. Warden—TBD

Duncan Clarke

Jack Enbom

Sheila Hiebert

Tracy Jones

Carol Langland

George Lockwood

Jackie Wendland



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 dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

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Children's schedule for February

- February 11 Children in church with their families
- February 13 5 pm, Shrove Tuesday pancake supper/Mardi Gras party
- February 14 Ash Wednesday 12 noon service, and Ashes to Go at School Pick-up (St. Dunstan's Montessori School)
- February 18 Sunday School in Brock Hall and Bury the Alleluias during announcements
- February 25 No 4th Sunday Family service as Rev. Laurel will be away for a Vestry Retreat. Children in church with their families.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, February 11

8:00 am Holy Eucharist **8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 17 **10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, February 12

Office Closed

Tuesday, February 13

2:00 pm Investment Committee Meeting5:00pm Mardi Gras/Pancake Supper

7:30 pm AA

Ash Wednesday, February 14

10:30am Special Time The Path Bible

Study Ch. 17

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry **12:00 pm** Ash Wednesday Service

6:00pm Meditative Service

Thursday, February 15

9:30am Discipleship Group3:00 pm Finance Meeting4:00pm I-Help Men

Friday, February 16

Saturday, February 17

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal10:30 am Haiti Team Meeting

Sunday, February 18

8:00 am Holy Eucharist **8:30 am** Choir Rehearsal

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View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	
27—Jack Enbom	7—Beverly Klinger	14—Tom Logan
29—Helena Miller	10—Tammy Hawkins	26—Sarah Hawthorne
30—Lincoln Talley	11—Kim Murray	27—Joseph Talley
	12—Sue Masters	28—Crosby Hawthorne

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