

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER April 21, 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 Holy, Holy, Holy

John Purifoy

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 525 The Church's one foundation

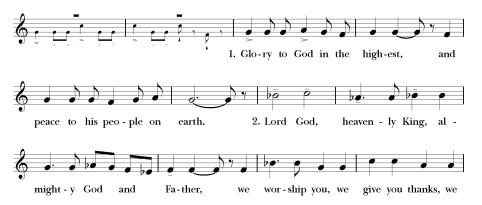
Aurelia

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest 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 S278 William Mathias (b. 1934)





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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John, having cured a crippled man, are called to account before the high Jewish council. Peter testifies that the source of their healing power is the same Jesus whom the leaders rejected. Referring to scripture, Peter speaks of the stone rejected by the builders, which is nevertheless meant to be the cornerstone of the new faith. Evidently there were a number of encounters like this in the life of the early church, but the disciples continued to heal and to preach in Jesus' name.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high -priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

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.

1 John 3:16-24

Followers of Jesus are to emulate his love by laying down their lives for one another. Such love is demanding and practical, requiring believers to share what they have with those who lack. By acting in ways consistent with the kindness of God, disciples will know that they do indeed believe in Jesus the Son of God. They will know that he abides within them and they in him, and that the Spirit has been given them.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 664 My Shepherd will supply my need

Resignation

John 10:11-18

Jesus is the good shepherd who is willing to die for his sheep. He is not like one who has been hired to tend the sheep, and who runs away in time of danger. Rather, he knows the sheep with the same intimacy that he has with the Father. Jesus has shared fully in their circumstances. Together with those who are yet to be called, there will be one flock under the one true shepherd.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human.

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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

Form 3

The people stand or kneel

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for peace in the world; We pray for all who govern and hold

authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially

People And, that they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; especially

People May, light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

Priest Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 on 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 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 Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the still waters,

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil:
For You are with me,
You will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

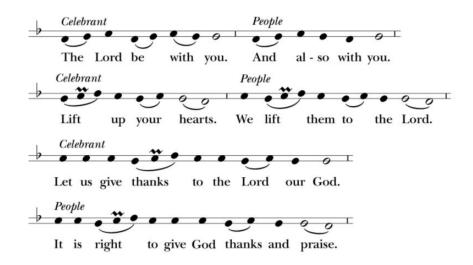
Offertory Hymn 318 Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face

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The Great Thanksgiving

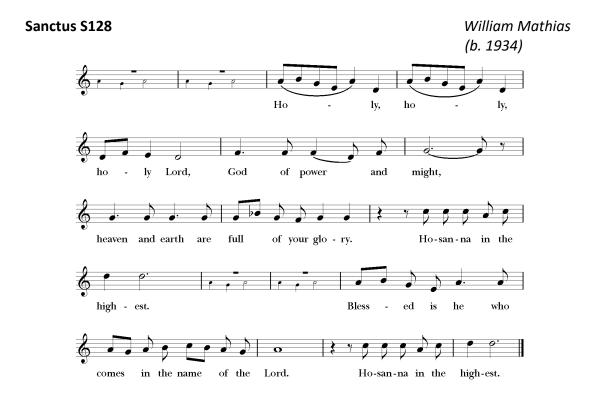
Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand at the procession of the offering and remain standing.



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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:



The people stand or kneel.

Priest Holy 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."

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.

Priest

By him and with him and in him, in the u-ni-ty of the Ho-ly Spi-rit all
ho-nor and glo-ry is yours, Al-migh-ty Fa-ther, now and for ev-er.

People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,

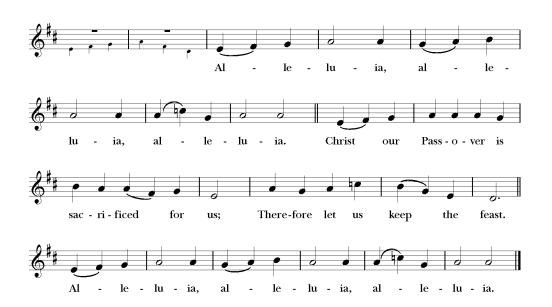
The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem S155 Christ our Passover

now and for ever. Amen.

Gerald R.Near (b. 1942)



Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ Priest in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts, by faith with thanksgiving.

Invitation to Communion

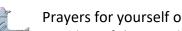
All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your open palm.

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.



Prayers for yourself or another are available during Communion by a member of the Daughters of the King in the back of the church near the Sacristy door.

Communion Hymn 339 Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Schmücke dich

The Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,

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

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

The Blessing

Priest In the name of the true and living Holy One, who made us for love,

who saved us by love, and who loves us still. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 557 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Vineyard Haven

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 Sunflower

Taro Hakase Arr. Kaoru Ishikawa 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 Celebration of Andrew Nelms and Charollett Nelms by Steve Adams

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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.

Welcome this week's quest organist

Teruyo Petrocelli

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



Thank you to Tracy Jones 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.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

St. Dunstan's Feast Day Sunday, May 19th

Following a spirit-filled Pentacost Sunday service, there will be a sit-down luncheon and a special presentation by the Vestry!

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!

Daughters of the King

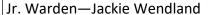
This Spring, our St. Dunstan's chapter of The
Order of the Daughters of the King, the
St. Elizabeth Chapter, will hold an informational reception
and then Discernment classes for those women desiring a
greater familiarity with the Order, with the installation this Summer of
those women who complete the classes and wish to become Daughters.
The informational reception will be during Coffee Hour *TODAY* in Brock
Hall, with study sessions beginning late this week.

2024 Pledge Statements January 1—March 31

Pledge Statements are available to pick up on the Welcome Table for the next 2 Sundays. Thank you for helping us save on postage and Thank you for your support of St. Dunstan's!

St. Dunstan's Vestry

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Sheila Hiebert

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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.

Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?

Sign up today to receive

St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering your email address.

Children's schedule for April and May

April 21— Sunday School in Brock Hall

April 28—4th Sunday Service—children help with the service

May 5—Sunday School in Brock Hall

Mary 12—Children in church with their parents

May 19— Sunday School in Brock Hall. St. Dunstan's Feast
Day! One service at 10am followed by lunch. Last Sunday School
before summer break.

May 26—4th Sunday Service. Children help with the service.

J2A (Journey To Adulthood) Spring Schedule

Journey to Adulthood is a youth ministry program of spiritual formation for 6th-12th grades. J2A is centered on inclusive, relational ministry and uses Bible study, prayer, rites of passage, and service projects.

We welcome new and returning youth! If you didn't make it last year you are still welcome to join us now!

We will meet at St. Dunstan's on:

May 5th, 4-5:30pm

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, April 21

8:00 am Holy Eucharist **9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am The Path Bible Study, Ch. 24 **10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am DOK informational reception

1:00 pm Fore The Kids St Dunstan's

Montessori School Fundraiser.

Carmel Valley Ranch

Monday, April 22

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 23

5:00 pm Zoom Compline

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 am Conversation and Communion

Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, April 25

Friday, April 26

Saturday, April 27

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

3:00 pm Marian Mizelle Memorial Service

Sunday, April 28

8:00 am Holy Eucharist **9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am The Path Bible Study, Ch. 24 **10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

4th Sunday Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

2 George Lockwood	7 Rachel Mueller	17 Hannah Priestley
4 Karen Deaton	9 Laurel Coote	17 Liliana Rosen
5 Sue Peccianti	11 Mel Britton	22 Bobby Clampett
6 McKenzie Moss	14 Susie Carr	23 Todd Lueders
6 June Parris	15 Mark Olsheskie	26 Lauren Leonoff
		28 Melanie Cervi

