



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 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 Meditation on Rockingham (Hymn 321)

*Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)*

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

Abbot's Leigh

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 S280

*Robert Powell
(b. 1932)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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.

God of deep soil and luxuriant growth; you call us from our shallow selves to find our depth in you: may we abide in him alone who can teach us who we are; through Jesus Christ, the true vine. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Acts 8:26–40

Philip brings an Ethiopian eunuch to faith in Jesus. Early Christians doubtless loved to tell and retell this narrative. It shows how a significant foreign personage, who was apparently an inquirer into Judaism, learned about Jesus and was baptized. It also illustrates the way an important passage from the Old Testament, which tells of the Lord's servant who suffered for others, was interpreted as prophecy about Jesus.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24–30

A song of praise to the Lord, who rules over all and cares for the downtrodden.

S411

Robert Knox Kennedy



This chant is intended to be sung by choir and congregation. Each half verse of the psalm is sung on the reciting note up to the last accented syllable.

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who
worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

1 John 4:7–21

God's love is made known to us through Jesus. In response we are to love one another. No one has ever seen God, but to experience God's love and to recognize Jesus as God's Son is to know God. Only by not loving other humans made in God's image would we show that we do not know and love God. When we do love one another, then we live in union with God and fear is driven away.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their

brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 439 What wondrous love is this

Wondrous Love

John 15:1–8

Jesus is the true vine to which each branch must be united if it is to bear fruit. The vine and the vineyard were well-known symbols for God's people. A living relationship with Jesus in the following of his teaching is the source of fruitful discipleship. God will cut away the dead branches and prune the healthy ones so that they will bear more abundantly.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

A Time with the Children

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed

New Zealand Prayer Book

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*
And we pray

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially*
and we pray

People Let 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.*

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 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*

Offertory Anthem Thy Perfect Love

John Rutter

Jesu, my love, my joy, my rest,
Thy perfect love close in my breast
That I thee love and never rest:
And make me love thee of all things best.
And wounde my heart in thy love free,
That I may reign in joy evermore with thee.

Offertory Hymn 529 In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

The children and their parents are invited to come forward to gather around the altar at this time.

Our Prayers of Thanks

from St. Francis Church, Palos Verdes, CA

Priest God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer.
They will become for us spiritual food.

People **We bless God forever.**

Priest God, receive our gifts for the work of your Church.

People **We bless God forever.**

Priest God, you have blessed us with the joy of families and members of all ages.
We thank you that they are with us to gather at your table.

People We bless God forever.

Priest God is here.

People We praise God together.

Priest Let us say thank you to God

People God has done so much for us.

Priest O God, you made all things, and you blessed them.

**People You gave us the earth to feed us, the sky to open our hearts,
the water for us to drink. You blessed all those who came before us,
and you bless us, also.**

Priest When it was time, you sent angels to Mary and Joseph to tell them about
having a child, whom they would call Jesus. Jesus would be the Savior of
the world. And so we praise you with all the angels as we sing:

Sanctus S129

*Robert Powell
(b. 1932)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Priest God, you made us, and the world and everything in it. All the good we see comes from you. You have always loved us but people have not always loved you. You sent Jesus to show us how to live and to bring us back to you again.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Priest He died for us on the cross so that through your Spirit we can all be your people. And so, with thanks we praise you.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Priest We are here because on the night before he died Jesus shared a meal with his friends. There he took some bread and gave thanks to you, God. He broke it into pieces, and gave it to them. "This is my body," he said.

People Do this, and know that I am with you.

Priest Later, he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to you. He shared it with them, and said "This is my blood, which brings new life.

People Do this, and know that I am with you."

Priest We remember what Jesus has done for us:

**People Jesus died, then was raised to new life by you, and is alive for ever.
We are glad to share that life and live in him. Amen. We are alive in Jesus.**

Priest Send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and wine can be for us the body and blood of Jesus, and through this food give us strength to live as your people.

People Amen. We are alive in Jesus.

Priest Help us care for your world and for each other in the way that Jesus showed us.

**People Help us to love God, love others, serve the world,
Until he comes again, with all your people in every time and every land.**

Priest We worship you and say:

**People We praise you.
We thank you.
We bless you. Amen.**

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,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Fraction Anthem S155 Christ our Passover

*Gerald R. Near
(b. 1942)*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Priest Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ
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.

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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 304 I come with joy to meet my Lord

Land of Rest

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 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 610 Lord, whose love through humble service

Blaenhafren

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 Paeon

Kenneth Leighton

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

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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 guest organist

Fred Burgomaster

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



Thank you to Susie Carr 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 Pentecost Sunday service, there will be a catered luncheon and a special presentation by the Vestry!

Please note there is only ONE service at 10am!

Please sign up on the Welcome Table to let us know you will be attending.

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!

**2024 Pledge Statements
January 1—March 31**

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

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

Classes begin June 25th, 6-8pm. To participate, please sign up on the Welcome Table or call the church office, 831-624-6646.

For those seeking to be baptized, confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church, or if you desire to re-affirm your faith, this will prepare you for Bishop Lucinda's visit in August.

St. Dunstan's Vestry

Susan Pitts, Senior Warden
Jr. Warden—Jackie Wendland
Duncan Clarke
Jack Enbom
Sheila Hiebert
Tracy Jones
Carol Langland
George Lockwood



**Sunday May 5th
11:30am**

The Path Bible Study Celebration!
All are invited to join us for cake, coffee and conversation to celebrate the completion of our Bible Study, and to talk about what's next for adult formation.

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

May 5—Sunday School in Brock Hall

May 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 28

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
4th Sunday Family Service
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, April 29

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 30

- 5:00 pm Zoom Compline
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, May 1

- 10:00 am Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 1:30 pm DOK Meeting

Thursday, May 2

- 12:00 pm Quilters Group

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Path Bible Study Celebration
- 4:00 pm J2A Meeting

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

APRIL/MAY BIRTHDAYS

22 Bobby Clampett
23 Todd Lueders
26 Lauren Leonoff
28 Melanie Cervi

May

2 Alex Dickerman
4 Savana Martinez

7 Robin Harness
8 Richard Chastain
11 Kathy Lueders
12 Carol Habermann

13 Theo Lagier
15 Sheila Hiebert
15 Melissa Pavloff

19 Julie Tomlin
23 Star Reierson
23 Bill Solms
24 Bill Harness
31 Dottie Little

Sermon Notes