



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 21, 2024  
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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

**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.**

### The Gloria

**People** **Glory to God in the highest,  
And peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Jonah 3:1–5, 10**

*The prophet Jonah, following his ordeal in the belly of a great fish, receives a second summons to prophesy to the heathen city of Ninevah. Jonah preaches as he passed into the city, proclaiming repentance and predicting forty days before the city's overthrow. The people of Ninevah believe God and respond to the prophet's message, proclaiming a fast and putting on the sackcloth and ashes that signify mourning and repentance. In response to Ninevah's turn of heart, God determines not to destroy the city.*

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 62:6–14**

*God is a rock and shelter. The people are to trust in God alone.*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

## **1 Corinthians 7:29–31**

*Paul encourages the Corinthians to manage their temporal affairs in light of eternal realities. It was thought by Paul and the early Christian communities that the time of the Lord's return was near. The urgency was all the greater, therefore, to keep priorities in order and to be cautious about attachments to this present world which may distract. The time to labor for God's kingdom is now.*

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

## **Mark 1:14–20**

*The beginning of Jesus' ministry: his proclamation of the coming kingdom and the calling of his first disciples. After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus returns to Galilee preaching the nearness of God's rule and the need for a change of heart. Two sets of brothers are bidden to leave their nets and become fishers for people.*

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

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus

said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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 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](http://www.stdcv.org)*

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

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

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:

**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 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 serve the world in his name.

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

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,

**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. A period of silence is kept.*

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

**People Have mercy on us.**

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.

## 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.

## 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.

## The Dismissal

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

**People Thanks be to God.**

*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.*

## **Call for Vestry and Convention Delegates**

As we head into 2024, it is time to herald the call for Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations. Now is the time to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to serve in a leadership role at St. Dunstan's. You can pick up the official **Vestry and Convention Delegate Nomination Form on the welcome table**, which should be submitted for anyone wishing to be nominated and considered for one of these leadership positions. We will be seeking to fill two (2) Vestry positions, and Five (5) Convention Delegate positions. The form contains all information required and is due by **TOMORROW, January 22, 2024**. The nominating committee confirms eligibility of each proposed nominee and willingness to serve if elected, then prayerfully discerns, and proposes the recommended slate of nominees for the open positions.

If you want to know more about possibly serving on the Vestry or as a Delegate, please don't hesitate to reach out to any Vestry Member, or to Rev. Laurel.

## Calling All Ministry Team Leaders!

The Annual Meeting is just around the corner! Please submit your annual report to the church office, [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com), by January 22nd. Thank you!

## SAVE THE DATE!

### 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

Sunday, February 4th 11:30 am

Please make a note that there is only **ONE** service, 10am on February 4th!

## 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.

## Children's schedule for January and February

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| <b>January 21</b>  | Sunday School in Brock Hall                                     |
| <b>January 28</b>  | 4th Sunday Family Service. Children participate in the service. |
| <b>February 4</b>  | Sunday School in Brock Hall                                     |
| <b>February 11</b> | Children in church with their parents                           |



### **Looking Ahead!**

February 13—5pm Shrove Tuesday  
Gumbo & Pancake Supper  
February 14—Ash Wednesday  
12 noon—Regular Service  
6pm—Meditative Service

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### **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!

### **St. Dunstan's Vestry**



Jack Enbom, Senior Warden  
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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, January 21

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 14
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

## Monday, January 22

Office Closed

## Tuesday, January 23

- 4:00 pm A Case For Love Movie  
Del Monte Center Cinema
- 5:30pm The Path Bible Study Ch. 14
- 7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, January 24

- 10:00am Conversation & Communion  
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00am The Path Bible Study Ch. 14
- 11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

## Thursday, January 25

- 9:30am Discipleship Group

## Friday, January 26

## Saturday, January 27

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, January 28

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am The Path Bible Study Ch. 15
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)  
4th Sunday's @ St. Dunstan's
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

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

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

9—Dug Stewart  
11—Remy Ryan  
15—John Greenway  
17—Joe Heston  
22—Duncan Clarke

22—Ollie Collins  
22—Cathy Solms  
26—Norman Parris  
27—Jack Enbom  
29—Helena Miller

30—Lincoln Talley

**Sermon Notes**