



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 8, 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.*

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 his 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.**

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.

Lord of the changing, you help us find our voice that we might find our faith: we praise you for the Gentile woman who answered back the Son of God; release us from the crowds which command our silence and free our tongues to demand from you the healing of the earth; through Jesus Christ, the opener of the gate. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 35:4–7

The prophet envisions a time of abundance and healing for Israel. As when the people were led out of Egypt into the promised land, so this new return will be in the power of God. Retribution will fall upon the Lord's enemies, but there will be water in the wilderness for the redeemed. In words that are later used by Jesus to describe what is taking place in his ministry, the prophet foretells an age when the blind and deaf, the lame and dumb will be healed.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

‘Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.’

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

A hymn of praise to the Lord, who forms the world and rules in justice, who heals and cares for the needy.

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *

for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *

and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *

who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *

and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;

the LORD cares for the stranger; *

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.

Hallelujah!

James 2:1–10

Practical matters of ethical behavior among Christians are inextricable from any expression of genuine faith. Believers are counseled against showing special treatment to the rich. God has chosen to honor the poor. The rich often trespass through oppressive conduct and, in any case, this way of treating people differently violates the royal commandment to love one's neighbor as one's self.

My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

Mark 7:24–37

Jesus, traveling in Gentile territory, heals the daughter of a Gentile woman and then a deaf man with a speech impediment. The back-and-forth between Jesus and the Syrophenician woman may seem playful or even harsh. It may be that through such a conversation Jesus saw how his mission was to include all peoples, as his followers came later to understand. The healing of the deaf man can be recognized as a fulfillment of prophecy as the new age of the kingdom draws near.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated.

The Sermon

Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

**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 VI

The people stand or kneel

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God
silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Lucinda; and for all other ministers. We pray especially today for our Presiding Bishop-Elect, The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, that he may be blessed with the gifts of your Holy Spirit and grow in strength, wisdom and courage as he prepares to lead us forward in love and unity.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray today especially for;
Hear us Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The people may add their own thanksgivings

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, *especially*, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us pray to God for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 Christ 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 Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer 1

All 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 It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks,
all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.
You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your
constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one
body. Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed are they who come in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All stand or kneel.

Priest Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You
formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite
love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful
stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your
image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in

the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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 Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Dunstan, Andre and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

Priest We share this bread to share in the body of Christ;

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

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.

All stand or kneel.

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 *All stand*

Priest Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those with whom we travel the way, so be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And may the Blessing of God, who made us, loves us, and travels with us, be with you now and forever more. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

come. explore. serve. be.

Come walk with us in faith and friendship.
Share our desire to **explore** our relationship with God
and support one another.

Join us to make a difference in our world and **serve**
those who need compassion and help.

Be yourself among us.



PLEASE HELP US BY FILLING OUT THE SURVEY

**Re-furbishing and Upgrading St. Dunstan's -
A Capital Campaign Readiness Survey**

To discern if now is the time to embark upon a Capital Campaign and Refurbishment Project, and if the congregation is willing and able to support it financially, **WE NEED YOUR VOICE. Please complete the short survey** available on the welcome table. We thank you for taking time in prayer to consider how you might support the project, and at what level. As they say, it takes a village, and every contribution - no matter how great or small, matters! Once you complete your survey please place it in the survey box on the welcome table.

Once results have been tallied, we'll report back to you!



Music at St. Dunstan's

We are delighted to present a recital by our new Director of Music, Dr. Frederick Burgomaster, on Sunday, September 22 at 4 pm with a reception following.

Dr. Burgomaster's program will feature organ music from across five centuries, representing composers from Germany, France, England and the United States, ending with the scintillating Toccata by Leo Sowerby. Composers will include Dietrich Buxtehude, J. S. Bach, Johannes Brahms, Kenneth Leighton, and French virtuoso organist and improviser Jean Guillou.

"I chose these particular composers and pieces to display the tonal variety of the St. Dunstan's organ, as well as its ability to handle repertoire from five centuries of organ building and composition," Dr. Burgomaster says. "Each piece will explore the different sounds and styles of a particular country and composer. The St. Dunstan's organ represents not only individual beauty in its various stops but is also wonderfully eclectic in its overall combination of sounds."

Tickets are \$25, available at the door. Students and patrons under 18 are free.

JOIN US!

TODAY, Sunday, September 8th
Fall Kick Off Sunday

Luke Bible Study begins
J2A and Sunday School begin

Ice Cream Social following the
10am service!



Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

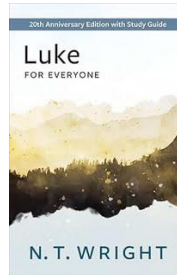
For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

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.



Adult Faith Formation

“Come share our desire to explore our relationship with God and support one another.”



Beginning today Sunday, September 8th, all are invited to join a small group and take a deep dive into the Gospel of Luke. Our texts will be the NRSV Bible alongside “Luke for Everyone” by N.T. Wright. Dr. Wright, a renowned New Testament scholar and Anglican bishop has the mind of a scholar and the heart of a pastor. His book will guide us through the world of the New Testament, explaining the ideas and events that shaped the gospel writer’s account of the life of Jesus. Breaking down the gospel of Luke into brief, easy to study segments (one chapter per week), Wright will show us how Luke’s message speaks powerfully to our contemporary faith journeys.

“Luke for Everyone” can be ordered from Amazon or your local bookstore. Book scholarships are available.

St. Dunstan's Foundation



The mission of the St. Dunstan's Foundation is to ensure the long-term health of St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and our greater community by encouraging legacy giving and growing our endowment funds. St. Dunstan's Foundation is committed to supporting organizations and projects that will positively contribute to the well-being of our community and the world.

We stand in solidarity with our neighbors, and are stewards of the gifts we have been given, so that we may share them generously in ways that encourage, empower and transform lives. In keeping with our commitment to serving others as instruments of God's grace and peace, the Foundation supports community projects aligned with our calling by Jesus to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Annual distributions from our endowments may also support the Church in a variety of ways.

You may be wondering what is the benefit of giving to our Foundation rather than giving directly to the charity of your choice. Your donation to the St. Dunstan's Foundation allows us to be recognized in the community as an active and giving church.

To learn more about the St. Dunstan's Foundation, and how you can help us grow and serve our neighbors, contact Jackie Wendland, our V.P. of Development at foundation@stdcv.org



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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.

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 suggested donation is \$30. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table.



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!

Children's schedule

September 8—Sunday School in Brock Hall, Ice Cream Social!

September 15—Children in church

September 22—Sunday School in Brock Hall

September 29—4th Sunday Service, children participate in the service

Activity clipboards and children's books can be found in a basket at the back of the church.



J2A Fall 2024 Schedule

Middle School through High School Youth

September 8th—Ice Cream Social:
After 10am Service at St. Dunstan's

September 28th Offsite: 10am-1:30pm,
Beach Cleanup, Escape Room & Lunch

Sunday October 27th Meeting:
4pm-5:30pm,
J2A Curriculum at St. Dunstan's

Saturday November 9th
10am-1pm,
Introductory Blacksmithing & Lunch
at Hacienda Carmel

December 7th Christmas Cookie Baking:
4pm-5:30pm,
J2A Curriculum & Baking Cookies,
at St. Dunstan's

December 8th Cookie Sale:
After 10am Service at St. Dunstan's

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Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday
Bulletin should be submitted
to stdunstanschurch@gmail.com
by midnight Monday.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, September 8

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Luke Bible Study
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:30 am Ice Cream Social

Monday, September 9

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 10

- 6:00 pm Luke Bible Study
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, September 11

- 10:00 am Conversation & Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am Luke Bible Study
- 4:30 pm Zoom Compline

Thursday, September 12

- 3:00 pm Finance Meeting

Friday, September 13

Saturday, September 14

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 15

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Luke Bible Study
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| September 3 Duncan Murray | September 14 Marcia Lockwood |
| September 4 Georgia Byrne | September 14 Susan Pitts |
| September 8 Ross Quattlebaum | September 18 Wren Merrifield |
| September 11 Cynthia Tiberend | September 20 Broden Murray |
| September 12 Sarah Pease | September 27 Margo Vermilyer |
| September 14 Mike Carter | September 28 Carolyn Perkins |

Sermon Notes