



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 25, 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

1 Kings 8:22–30, 41–43

Solomon offers praise to the Lord and prays that the newly built temple may be a house for the Lord's gracious presence. King Solomon and the elders have just given the ark of the covenant a home, placing it in the temple they are now dedicating. Solomon recognizes that God transcends all human buildings, but asks the Lord to be present to those who call upon God in this temple—not only the people of Israel, but also foreigners who come to worship in Jerusalem.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you

said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name —for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

A song of the pilgrims’ happiness as they come to worship in the temple of the Lord.

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own
room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Ephesians 6:10–20

Christians are instructed to put on the whole armor of God in order to defend themselves from the powers of evil, which are beyond any human control. The passage recognizes that it is God who will take the active role against these superhuman forces. In this battle it is the Christian's primary task to stand and resist. The language and imagery may once have been used in an address to newly baptized disciples. Finally, they are urged to be constant in prayer, remembering Paul who is now in prison.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take⁴

the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

John 6:56–69

Different responses to Jesus' claim that he is the heavenly bread that gives the life of the eternal age to those who eat it. His are words of spirit and life, but many can understand them only in a materialistic sense and are like the Israelites who did not trust God in the wilderness. Yet, if this saying is hard for them to believe, more difficult still will be Jesus' ascent into heaven as the Son of Man. As Jesus knew would happen, many disciples now turn away, but Peter confesses him to be God's holy one who has the words of eternal life.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are

some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

All are seated.

The Sermon

The Rev. Shelley Denney

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

The New Zealand Prayer Book

**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.*

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 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*

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.

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



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**

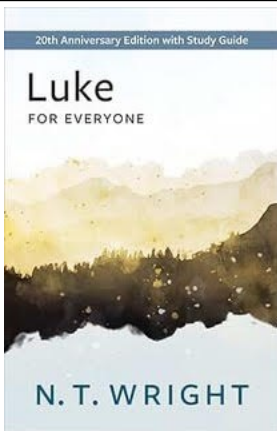
If you are visiting us, are new to St. Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Children's schedule for Summer

Sunday School will resume September 8th. Happy Summer!

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





Adult Faith Formation

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

Beginning 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.

Sign up sheets will be available and sample books will be on display during coffee hour through August, and group facilitators will be available to answer any questions. Meeting times will be the same as they were for our previous Bible Study.

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

St. Dunstan’s Vestry



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

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, September 8th
Fall Kick Off Sunday

Luke Bible Study begins
J2A and Sunday School begin

Ice Cream Social following the 10am service!



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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.

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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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, August 25

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Book Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Monday, August 26

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 27

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, August 28

- 10:00 am Conversation & Communion
Morning Prayer
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am Book Group

Thursday, August 29

Friday, August 30

Saturday, August 31

Sunday, September 1

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Book Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| August 2 Bette Nybakken | August 17 Carol Langland |
| August 3 June Saunders | August 19 Hazel Lama |
| August 4 Ann Quattlebaum | August 25 Jocelyn Lagier |
| August 6 Pam Austin | August 28 Sienna Anderson |
| August 10 Sandy Hendrickson | August 31 Nathan Lagier |
| August 12 Mary Poland | |

Sermon Notes