



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 29, 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.

God of welcome, your people are called to be distinct not by width of separation but depth of hospitality and peace within our lives: root out our resentment and free us to welcome all who work for life and liberation, whatever path they tread; through Jesus Christ, the companion of many ways. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22

Queen Esther, by wisdom and providence, turns the tables and saves her people. Israel is in exile in Persia, where a Jewish woman is taken into the king's harem and is eventually made his queen. One of the king's advisors, Haman, makes a personal vendetta into a persecution of the entire Jewish people. This story of sorrow turned into gladness, set during the reign of Xerxes I (King Ahasuerus 486–465 bce), is celebrated in the Jewish festival of Purim.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai,

whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

A hymn of thanksgiving for deliverance.

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

James 5:13–20

An affirmation of prayer and the power of forgiveness in all circumstances. Prayer should characterize the lives of the suffering and joyous alike, and those who are sick should seek the intercession of the church leaders. The community of believers is to strive for the restoration to faith of any who have strayed.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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Mark 9:38–50

Jesus bids his disciples to accept all who seek to do good in his name and to deal ruthlessly with whatever part of themselves causes sin. Early Christians were doubtless faced with people outside their communities who said they were acting in Christ's name. The tolerant answer given here suggests that Jesus' followers must avoid arrogance and be open to God's divine actions. On the other hand, it is a serious matter to lead a believer astray. The counsel to destroy offending parts of the body is exaggerated to make clear the importance of avoiding various sins. The description of hell is drawn from the garbage dump outside Jerusalem.

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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.

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. We pray especially for the innocent lives lost in war-torn regions of the world;

People For those who minister to the sorrowful, 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 blessed with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, he may grow in strength, wisdom and courage.

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. Today we give thanks for the ministry of *our Choir*, who lead us in song and raise their voices in praise to God.

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—EOW

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 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you, this day and evermore. **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
and in The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in Memory of Doug Hansen by Joe and Beth Heston*



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.

Service of Committal - Beverly Dekker Davidson



TODAY at 12noon, we will hold a short Service of Committal for Beverly Dekker Davidson, who died in 2022. Beverly was the beloved wife of parishioner, Larry Davidson. All are welcome to gather in the Columbarium Garden at 12:00pm as we bid her to her final resting place.

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!

Adult Faith Formation

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



Luke Bible Study continues this week with Chapter 3

Sunday September 29th—9:00am

Tuesday, October 1st—6:00pm

Wednesday, October 2nd—11:00am

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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.

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George Lockwood



J2A Fall 2024 Schedule

Middle School through High School Youth

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

Questions? Contact Cody Voorhees -
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Children's schedule

September 29— Baptism! Children in church with their families

October 6—Blessing of the Animals, Outdoor Service

October 13—Children in church with their families

October 20—Sunday School in Brock Hall

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



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, September 29

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Luke Bible Study, Ch 3
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, September 23

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 1

- 5:30 pm Luke Bible Study, Ch. 3
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, October 2

- 10:00 am Conversation & Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am Luke Bible Study, Ch. 3
- 1:30 pm DOK Meeting
- 4:30 pm Zoom Compline

Thursday, October 3

- 9:30 am Bible Study Facilitators Meeting
- 12:00 pm Quilters Group

Friday, October 4

Saturday, October 5

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 6

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Luke Bible Study, Ch 4
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
Blessing of the Animals
Outdoor Service
- 11:30 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1	Jessica Pavloff	October 19	Chuck Vout
October 3	Barbara Simmons	October 22	Joshua Pavloff
October 5	Sawyer Borlik	October 26	Rio Merrifield
October 16	Ollie White		

Sermon Notes