



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 19, 2019

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.
And please join us for coffee and fellowship immediately following the service.*

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude,
out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

Prelude Partita "Wer nur den lieben Gott"

J.S. Bach

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Acts 11:1-18

Followers of Jesus living in Judea and Jerusalem are astonished to learn of the conversion of Gentiles as Peter tells them of his heavenly vision and how the Holy Spirit fell upon the new believers. The vision helped Peter understand that the observance of food laws and the like was not essential for discipleship.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum*

The whole of creation and all peoples join together in praise of the Lord.

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.
- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Revelation 21:1-6

John the Seer has a vision of the renewal of all creation and of the new Jerusalem as the city in which God will abide with redeemed humanity. The old order has passed away and death is no more, neither pain nor the causes of distress and sadness. Christ in victory, the Alpha and Omega, promises living water to any who thirst.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

John 13:31-35

Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night that he is to be betrayed and handed over to death. Yet his dying as the Son of Man will also be the way that God is glorified—both because of Jesus’ sacrifice on behalf of others and because of his resurrection and victory over the power of death. Jesus’ disciples will now be known by their following of his new commandment—that they love one another with the same sacrificial love he has shown them.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Serenity prayer

**God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
The courage to change the things I can,
And the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.**

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Rob Fisher

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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.

Standing or kneeling.

The Prayers of the People *The people stand or kneel*

Leader **F**ather, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **T**hat we all may be one.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People **T**hat your **N**ame may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **T**hat they may be faithful ministers of your **W**ord and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader We pray for the search for the 4th Bishop of the Diocese of El Camino Real.
We pray especially for the members of the Transition Team, Bishop Mary,
and the person God is calling to be our next Bishop.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

Priest Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast
may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest **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 the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements *All are seated.*

Prayer for a Birthday

○ 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 Offertory

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest *All things come of thee, O Lord.*

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

People **H**oly, 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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; 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 shed 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 We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

People **O**ur 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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **T**herefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia!**

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.

All are welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

The bread is received in the open palm. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the cup by drinking (guide the chalice gently to your lips by the base) or by dipping the bread.

Those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing, indicated by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People **E**ternal 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

Priest **L**ife is short.

And we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts
of those who travel the way with us.

So be swift to love.

Make haste to be kind.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Priest **A**lleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Rob Fisher

Lay Server: Mac Moss

Lector: Mac Moss



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.*

Coming, June 9!

All-Parish & School Picnic, and Bidding Farewell to Rob, Sarah, and Zoe

We hope to have everyone join in the festivities on June 9th, 11:30 am, as we gather to celebrate the end of our school year and say goodbye to Rob, Sarah & Zoe.

The Taco Truck will be serving delicious food. There will be games and activities for kids. And this will be Fr. Rob's last Sunday at St. Dunstan's.

Please sign up on the Welcome Table to let us know you are coming.

You may also sign up to bring a salad or dessert.

Stewardship Forums Coming

May 19 & June 2, 11:15 am

May 26, 9 am

Please join us as we collectively discern where and how God is calling our church.

These annual forums help us plan our future. We ask that you share thoughts on how we can best serve God by improving what we are now doing, and by starting new work.

These forum are an informal way to share ideas is always stimulating. All suggestions are carefully considered by parish leaders at an all day leaders retreat. Even if you have participated in the past and feel that you have already contributed, please join us again for our discussions even if for 20 minutes or so. Some past forums have lasted longer since people often get very engaged when discussing our future. You are free to leave whenever you need to.

Our forums this year are particularly important since much of the information gathered will be available to our yet-to-be-formed rector search committee in preparing our parish profile. Your input will help shape our future in discerning and calling our next rector.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [office\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:office(at)stdcv.org) by midnight Monday.

Volunteers invited for Convention to Elect Bishop

*St. Andrew's, Saratoga
Saturday, June 1st*

Please consider volunteering at the Special Convention which will be held at St. Andrews, Saratoga on Saturday, June 1st. We need help with registration, ushering and hospitality.

If you are interested in helping, email Mary Ann Gee, and you will be contacted. magee.realepiscopal@gmail.com

In our prayers this week. . . .

Sam, Andrew, J.J., Richard, John, Cora, Ross, Victoria, Ida, David, Jan, Cecily, Brad, Jeanne, Donna, Yolette, Sarah & Joe, Fran, Gigi, Nancy, George, Deborah, Nate, Chuck, Josh, Bill, Lawrence, Bob

For the repose of the souls

Jan Barker, Betsy Shea, Jeanne Oss, Virginia Dillon

Children & Youth Ministries

*To get involved or learn more,
contact the church office.*

Light and Love (Ages infant–4 years)

10 am Sundays in the nursery

A safe, sunny space where the youngest children can learn and play while parents experience the service. All children are also heartily welcome in church!

Godly Play (Ages 4 and up)

10 am Sundays in Carlyle Hall

Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

Re:form (Tweens and Teens)

11:30–12:45 Alternate Sundays

Using games, videos and discussion, participating youth develop their tools for critical thinking, faithful reflection and discovery. And they have fun!

Youth in Action (Tweens and Teens)

At least once per month; sites vary

A kid-driven volunteer service program through which our youth address social and environmental issues, help others in the community and have fun! Open to any local kids who want to make their community a better place.

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common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Now the Second Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

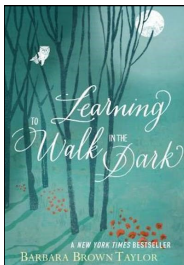
**Friday,
May 10**



Sunday Morning Class

9 am in the Outer Office

During the Season of Easter the Sunday Morning Class is discussing Barbara Brown Taylor's book, Learning to Walk in the Dark.



Taylor writes that most of us fear the dark places of our lives and want to avoid them. But in her provocative book, Taylor shows how much we need the dark in order to find the light. This week we are discussing chapter three, "Hampered by Brilliance." Even if you have not the book, please join us.

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Nancy's Project

Diapers for Easter

Three quarters of the people Nancy's Project feeds each week are children—many still in diapers. And diapers are expensive! What better donation for Easter than a box of diapers for needy families? Size 3 are especially needed.

Donations can be dropped off at the church during office hours or on Sundays through the season of Easter. Thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!

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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, May 19

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 Children's Ministries
 11:30 am Stewardship Forum
 7:00 pm AA

Monday, May 20

Tuesday, May 21

5:00 pm St. Dunstan's Foundation Mtg
 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, May 22

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
 2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

Friday, May 24

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 Stewardship Forum
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 Children's Ministries
 11:15 am LEM Training
 7:00 pm AA

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Alma Swiers	12 Carol Habermann	21 Ray Hiebert
4 Cameron Talley	14 Kelsey Davis	23 Zealyn Roth
5 Ruth Louis	15 Sheila Hiebert	23 Bill Solms
7 Robin Harness	15 Melissa Pavloff	23 Star Reiersen
8 Richard Chastain	18 Carlos Pina	24 Bill Harness
9 Aga Simpson	18 Quinn Torrice	30 Marge Taylor
11 Kathy Lueders	19 Julie Tomlin	31 Dottie Little



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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