

THE 7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 28, 2019 8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

ST. DUNSTAN'S

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 Variations on *Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit* (Opus 14)

Robin Dinda

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargains with the Lord over the fate of Sodom. He learns how ready the Lord is to turn away divine anger for the sake of the few who are good. Abraham dares just a little further each time in testing the Lord's patience. In this period the presence of a few wicked persons was thought to make an entire community liable to judgment. This story, which applies the principle in reverse, represents a significant advance in Israel's understanding of God: mercy directs God's actions.

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138 Confitebor tibi

A hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord on high, who has saved God's servant and cares for the lowly.

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; * before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, * because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name * and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; * you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, * when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, * that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; * he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; * you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; * O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Colossians 2:6-15

The new disciples at Colossae are urged to remain rooted in Christ, letting nothing detract from his uniqueness and preeminence. The Colossians were apparently tempted to worship the pagan star-gods along with Jesus, and also to accept basic Jewish practices such as circumcision as necessary to salvation. But God has revealed the fullness of divinity in Christ, who has triumphed over all such gods. The record of our sin and debt to law have been nailed to the cross. Ours is a far better spiritual circumcision found through dying to our sinful self and being made alive with Christ.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him

in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

- Reader The Word of the Lord.
- People Thanks be to God.

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus teaches his disciples about prayer and the character of God as Father. This shorter version of the Lord's Prayer is the earliest known to us. Its concern is both with present life and with readiness for the coming of the reign of God. Jesus' two little stories encourage his followers continually to ask in prayer and to expect the good gifts of God, especially the Holy Spirit.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children; are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

- 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

The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed All Stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. 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.

The Prayers of the People The people stand or kneel			
Leader	Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;		
People	That 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	That your Name may be glorified by all people.		
Leader	We pray for Mary, our Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop-Elect; all bishops, priests, and deacons;		
People	That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.		
Leader People	We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.		
Leader People	Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.		
Leader People	Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.		
Leader People	Give to the departed eternal rest; Let light perpetual shine upon them.		
Leader People	We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.		
Leader	r Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.		
	The people may add their own petitions.		
Priest	Priest Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and eq for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
	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

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 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; for you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Priest 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."

Priest 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 Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept. Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore 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 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

Priest Life is short.

Henri-Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881)

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 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood

Lay Server: Janel Hornbeck Lector: Ollie White

The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Liz Rondelle in memory of her father

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.

Agape Hike + Potluck

with Bishop Mary Toro Park

August 10, 1-4 pm

All are welcome! This community event is hosted by Agape Meals.



Young Adults are encouraged to attend. RSVP to Kelsey(at)realepiscopal.org



Next week's Guest Organist

Ethan Haman Sunday, August 4

Ethan is a gifted young organist who has been studying composition and improvisation in Paris and is widely believed to be on a fast track to being



one of the world's top ten organists.

Join us for worship at 10 am on August 4 to hear this talented young man play.

Help us know you by Filling out a Pew Card

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

Shadowing the Altar Guild

"Shadowing" is a useful way to learn about a particular job. During the month of August you get a chance to "shadow" Altar Guild members as they go about their ministry at 10 am every Saturday. No commitment necessary, but you will be fascinated to learn what they do to prepare us for worship every week.

Summer Sunday Children's Ministries

Light and Love: 8 weeks—preschool

Located inside the church hall our Light and Love program is a space where infants and younger children can participate in songs and



stories and engage in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service. (Infants and children of any age are also welcomed to join their parents in the service if their families prefer it.)

Godly Play: (Preschool age and up)



Based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with

stories from the bible. Following the story children are invited to explore their thoughts and ideas through expressive art. A light snack is offered. Following clean up the children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall

For more information, contact our Family Ministry Coordinator at <u>elizabeth(at)stdcv.org</u>

Rector Search Committee forums Your Ideas, Hopes, & Dreams for St. Dunstan's needed!

July 14th & 21st we held forums on the topics of "Worship and Pastoral Care" and "Education, Family Ministry, and St. Dunstan's School". You had great thoughts and ideas—thank you!

Two forums are still coming up. These forums are so your ideas can be included in our parish profile. Please tell us what is going well at St. Dunstan's, what needs to be improved, and what new directions you would like to see. The parish profile will be the first contact rector candidates have with St. Dunstan's, so this is an important opportunity.

Each 45-minute forum will have a theme (see below), but you can discuss any and all aspects of Church life. The schedule for the meetings is as follows:

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- July 28th 9 am and 11:30 am (TWO FORUMS) ~ Outreach and Hospitality
- August 4th 9 am and 11:30 am (TWO FORUMS) ~ ANY TOPIC

9 am forums will be held in Carlyle Hall 11:30 forums will be in the Church

Please attend any and all of these forum, if you like!

Rector Search Committee (RSC) Initiates Parishioner Survey

Knowing how parishioners feel about St. Dunstan's is an important part of the RSC's work. In addition to the ongoing forums, we are inviting everyone to take an online survey developed by Hartford Episcopal Seminary.

The survey website is:

surveymonkey.com/r/saintdunstanschurch

The multiple-choice questions take about an hour to complete. And you may also add a narrative response at the end. Both members of couples can take the survey.

We strongly encourage you to take the survey online, but hard copies (25 pages) are available in the Parish Office Tuesday through Friday, 9 am—1 pm.

The survey ends midnight Friday, Aug 9. Hard copies must be received in the Church Office by Tues, Aug 6 to allow time for us to input your responses.

Have questions? Need help? Contact: Don Kirk Evanddc9336(at)comcast.net 831-620-0820

Sign up today to receive St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting <u>stdcv.org/subscribe</u> and entering your email address.

Calling Bakers, Servers, and Cashiers The Heavenly Pie Fest August 11; 9 am & 11 am

The Heavenly Pie Fest is a delicious fundraiser planned for the St. Dunstan's Kitchen Renovation project. And it will be as much fun as it will be tasty!

If you would like to be involved in baking, serving, or collecting money, please sign up on the Welcome Table.

And it is perfectly acceptable to begin dreaming now of the sweet and the savory and the buttery and all kinds of drool inspiring pie.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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, Jack, Natalie, Aaron, Joanie, Sarah, Steve, Ann, Lauren, Aaron, Michael, Flo

For the repose of the souls Tom Denmark, Warren Hansen, Mary Sadler, Carmen Courtney

This Week at St Dunstan's

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

Sunday, July 28		Thursday, August 1	
8:00 am	Holy Eucharist	12:00 pm	Quilters
8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal	3:30 pm	Summit HOA Meeting (Carlyle)
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	4:00 pm	I-Help (meal provided by others)
	Children's Ministries	-	
11:30 am	Rector Search Forum:	Friday, A	ugust 2
	Outreach and Hospitality		5
7:00 pm	AA	Saturday, August 3	
-		9:00 am	Rector Search Cmte Meeting
Monday,	<u>July 29</u>		_
11:00	Music at St. Dunstan's Cmte Mtg	Sunday, August 4	
		8:00 am	Holy Eucharist
Tuesday, July 30		8:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm		9:00 am	Bagging Beans
		10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
			Children's Ministries
Wednesday, July 31		11:00 am	Bagging Beans
10:00 am	Holy Eucharist with Healing		re:form meeting (Carlyle Hall)
11:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	11:30 am	Rector Search Forum:
1:00 pm	Staff Meeting		Open discussion
2:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm	AA

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 27 Elizabeth Buche28 Zephyr Miller
- 29 Phil Clarkson29 Katy Linforth
- 29 Elizabeth Stewart
- 30 Susan Schueler

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Bette Nybakken
- 3 June Saunders
- 4 Ann Quattlebaum
- 4 Dede White
- 4 Elise Simonsen
- 6 Pam Austin

- 9 Margi Stephenson
- 10 Sandy Hendrickson
- 10 Patricia Stewart
- 13 Jan Langland
- 17 Heather Davis
- 19 Noemy Garcia

- 23 Flora Beiderwell
- 23 Clare Riggs
- 23 Jacey Talley
- 24 Otto Neely
- 30 John Vera



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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