



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE 9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 11, 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 Pastorale in F

J.S. Bach

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.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 15:1–6

The Lord visits Abraham and promises that he will have a son and descendants in number like the stars. Because he had no son, Abraham (whose name at one time was Abram) had chosen one of his slaves to be his heir. But now he believes the Lord, and through his son Isaac becomes the father of Israel. Christians will later understand Abraham to be the father of all who put their trust in the Lord and find that God has accepted them into a right relationship.

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” But the word of the LORD came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:12–22 *Exultate, justi*

Joyful are the people who trust in the Lord. From heaven God sees all who dwell on the earth.

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.

- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

Faith is described as a holding fast to things hoped for and learning to trust in their reality. Abraham is among those who had such a faith. Noah is another of the great figures of the Old Testament who found a right relationship with God through faith. But Abraham, who trusted God's word that he would have many descendants, is our chief example. As he left his own country for the promised land, so we now look forward in faith to the promise of a heavenly country.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 12:32–40

Jesus teaches his disciples to trust entirely in the reign of God, their Father, and to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. The kingdom is God's gift. Disciples are to respond by letting go of their hold on worldly possessions and giving their heart to a treasure that is heavenly. They are to remember the householder who would have kept his house safe if he knew when the thief was coming. They are to be like servants alert for the return of their master whenever he comes. Like the Lord of the Eucharist, he will then wait on them.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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. Marcia M. Lockwood

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 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 Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Mary our Bishop; Lucinda, our Bishop-elect;
and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

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.

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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Priest **A**lmighty 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 equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

People **H**ave 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 **A**lmighty 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 God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, And this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Priest From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Priest Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

Priest And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 **A**nd so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Priest Lord God of our Ancestors; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Priest Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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: Steve Andrews



*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
in celebration of Jim & Betty Kasson's wedding anniversary by Betty Kasson*

*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.*



**“The Joy of
Modern & Traditional Music”**

Cortez Montalbo, Trumpet
Steve Denmark, Organ

Sunday, August 18
3 o'clock
4 pm reception with the artists



\$20 donation
Students & children under 18 free of charge

saintdunstanschurch.org/events

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.

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!

Rector Search Committee Extends Survey Deadline

As of Monday, August 5th we had received 65 completed surveys. We really want to have inputs from more parishioners to inform our self-study. The online survey should take you about 30 – 45 minutes.

SO,

PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

**AND COMPLETE THE ONLINE SURVEY BY
MIDNIGHT, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14th!!**

surveymonkey.com/r/saintdunstanschurch

Or fill out the paper version today and hand it in before you leave church.

Sign up today to receive

St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

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

Women of St. Dunstan's Book Discussion

Save **Saturday, Sept 7th** from **10 AM until noon** in **Carlyle Hall** for the book review on **"An Altar in the World"**. Written by best-selling author, teacher, and Episcopal Priest Barbara Brown Taylor, the author "shares how she learned to encounter God far beyond the walls of the Church." And reveals meaningful ways to discover the sacred in the small things we do and see — through simple practices like walking, working, prayer.

Through Taylor's expert guidance and delicate, thought-provoking prose, we learn to live with purpose, pay attention, slow down, and revere the world we live in." Books are \$7.50. Contact Pam Austin if you want one!

This special time of reflection will be led by **Kelsey Davis**, our Diocese Curator for Emerging Communities. It will be wonderful to have this time with her!

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

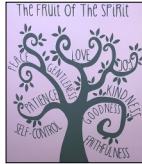
Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF online at stdcv.org/bulletins



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
[elizabeth\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:elizabeth(at)stdcv.org)

End—of—Summer Ice Cream Social

**Sunday, August 25th
after the 10 am service**

All you can eat ice cream!
Bring a friend!
See you there!



Hosted by
St. Dunstan's Sunday School Teachers

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.

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

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

**Friday,
Sept 13**



Sign up today

I-Help Dinner this Thursday

Whether it is by setting up tables, serving the meal, visiting with the men, or even simply dropping a food item by the church during the day, being involved in our hospitality to the people of I-Help can be a transformative experience.

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

For the repose of the souls

Weston Call, Martha Schwabacher, Mary Sadler, Carmen Courtney, Ginger Brock

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

2	Bette Nybakken	9	Margi Stephenson	23	Flora Beiderwell
3	June Saunders	10	Sandy Hendrickson	23	Clare Riggs
4	Ann Quattlebaum	10	Patricia Stewart	23	Jacey Talley
4	Dede White	13	Jan Langland	24	Otto Neely
4	Elise Simonsen	17	Heather Davis	30	John Vera
6	Pam Austin	19	Noemy Garcia		

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S
PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9 AM—1 PM

Sunday, August 11

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Heavenly Pie Fest
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Children's Ministries
11:00 am Heavenly Pie Fest
Finance Committee meeting
3:00 pm Youth in Action meeting
7:00 pm AA

Monday, August 12

7:00 am Rector Search Committee

Tuesday, August 13

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, August 14

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:15 pm Holy Eucharist at the Manor
1:00 pm Staff Meeting
2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 15

4:00 pm Vestry Meeting
I-Help (meal by St. Dunstan's)

Friday, August 16

Saturday, August 17

4:00 pm I-Help Women

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Children's Ministries
11:00 am Discussion with Guest Preacher:
Brian Bajari
3:00 pm *Music at St. Dunstan's presents*
**The Joy of Modern &
Traditional Music**
Cortez Montalbo, Trumpet
Steve Denmark, Organ
7:00 pm AA



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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