COMMON THREAD

February 7, 2020

Gathering Music

Welcome

Breathing + Heartbeat drum

Prayer

from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let us be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your name we pray. Amen.

Come gather 'round people
Wherever you roam
And admit that the waters
Around you have grown
And accept it that soon
You'll be drenched to the bone
If your time to you is worth savin'
Then you better start swimmin'
or you'll sink like a stone
For the times they are a-changin'

Come writers and critics
Who prophesize with your pen
And keep your eyes wide
The chance won't come again
And don't speak too soon
For the wheel's still in spin
And there's no tellin' who that it's namin'
For the loser now will be later to win
For the times they are a-changin'

Come senators, congressmen
Please heed the call
Don't stand in the doorway
Don't block up the hall
For he that gets hurt
Will be he who has stalled
There's a battle outside and it is ragin'
It'll soon shake your windows
and rattle your walls
For the times they are a-changin'

Come mothers and fathers
Throughout the land
And don't criticize
What you can't understand
Your sons and your daughters
Are beyond your command
Your old road is rapidly agin'
Please get out of the new one if you can't
lend your hand
For the times they are a-changin'

The line it is drawn
The curse it is cast
The slow one now
Will later be fast
As the present now
Will later be past
The order is rapidly fadin'
And the first one now will later be last
For the times they are a-changin'

Reflection

Instead of cursing the darkness, Light a candle for where we're going, There's something ahead, worth fighting for.

When the light of time is on us, You will see our moment come, And the living soul inside will carry on.

It's a chance to give new meaning to every move we make, In the cavern, in the cave, where we come from.

When the light of dawn is on us, We will see what we can be, And the ancient ones can sleep an easy sleep

In the hallways of the ages, on the road to history, What we do now will always be with us.

Chorus

Instead of cursing the darkness, Light a candle for where we're going, There's something ahead, worth looking for.

When the light of time is on us, We will see our moment come, And the living soul inside will carry on.

Light a candle in the darkness, So others might see ahead, Light a candle in the darkness, when you go.

Prayers Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Song: What Light Wilco

If you feel like singing a song
And you want other people to sing along
Just sing what you feel
Don't let anyone say it's wrong

And if you're trying to paint a picture But you're not sure which colors belong Just paint what you see Don't let anyone say it's wrong

And if you're strung out like a kite Or stung awake in the night It's alright to be frightened

> When there's a light (what light) There's a light (one light) There's a light (white light) Inside of you

If you think you might need somebody To pick you up when you drag Don't lose sight of yourself Don't let anyone change your bag And if the whole world's singing your songs And all of your paintings have been hung Just remember what was yours Is everyone's from now on

And that's not wrong or right But you can struggle with it all you like You'll only get uptight

Because there's a light (what light) There's a light (one light) There's a light (white light) Inside of you

Final prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

The Final Blessing, The Peace, and Dinner

Community announcements will be shared during dinner

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.

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





Lent Madness is Coming!

It is once again time for the saints of the church to go head to head to see who wins the Golden Halo. And YOU get to be the judge.

Pick up a copy of the Saintly Scorecard on the Welcome Table to read about the saints in this year's bracket, then vote online for your choice of the week.

Visit <u>lentmadness.org</u> for more information or to sign up to get Lent Madness via email.

Let the Good Times Roll!

Mardi Gras Celebration!

Tuesday, February 25th 5 - 6 pm Happy Hour; 6 pm Dinner

> Gumbo, Veggie Jambalaya, and Mac & Cheese along with Music, Arts & Crafts

- **Sign up on the welcome table** so we know you're coming.
- Sign up to **contribute** to the menu.
- Bring masks & beads, if you like.
 - Bring old palm crosses to burn.
 - Let us know if you need a ride!

Consider a Lenten Study Group

By popular demand, we are offering the Neighborhood Groups for Lenten study again this year. Many of you told us how much you enjoyed the group discussions last year, and even more, how much you loved getting to know people you did not know at St. Dunstan's!

This year for the discussions we will read, A Time to Weep by Joan Chittister. This short booklet offers reflections for Ash Wednesday and each Sunday during Lent. Again, this year you will receive discussion questions prior to your weekly meeting date, as a guide for your group discussion.

Sign up for a group this Sunday on the Welcome Table. Please remember to copy the address of your host so you will know where to meet. The group discussions will begin on Monday, February 24, at 7 pm.

Questions? email The Rev. Marcia, revmlockwood(at)gmail.com

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, February 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Sunday Morning Class

10:00 am Holy Eucharist11:30 am Finance Committee

3:00 pm Youth in Action (Brock Hall)

Monday, February 10

11:00 am Music at St. Dunstan's Cmte Mtg

Tuesday, February 11

11:00 am Staff Meeting **7:30 pm** AA

Wednesday, February 12

10:00 am Holy Eucharist with Healing

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

11:15 am Holy Eucharist at the Manor

2:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 13

Friday, February 14 ~ St. Valentines Day

4:00 pm I-Help (meal provided by others)

Saturday, February 15

9:00 am Rector Search Committee

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

Sunday, February 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal

9:00 am Sunday Morning Class

10:00 am Holy Eucharist5:00 pm Youth Group

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

Usually the first Friday each month, 6 pm in Carlyle Hall

Friday, March 6





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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