



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2020
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 Setting of the Irish melody *Slane*

Franklin W. Ashdown

The ministers process in silence.

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Priest Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

The people stand or kneel. A moment of silence is kept.

**People God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbors,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest **M**ay the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us
from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain standing or kneeling.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Genesis 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham (who was then known as Abram) to leave his own country and become the father of a great nation. Trusting in the Lord, Abram and his family forsake all that is familiar to them to set out for an unknown land. This story is a primary illustration of the way God acts in history by calling individuals to venture forth in faith.

The LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A brief silence is kept.

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

A song of trust in the Lord, the unsleeping guardian of Israel.

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

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- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Paul describes Abraham as an individual who through faith found a right relationship with God.

He is the father of all who trust in the Lord. Paul uses the example of Abraham as a centerpiece for his argument that righteousness with God comes through faith and not by works of the law. The promise given to Abraham and his descendants was not made because of good works or legal obedience, but by grace alone.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

A brief silence is kept.

John 3:1-17

Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees, comes during the night to talk with Jesus. He is someone who wants to believe but has difficulty understanding spiritual realities. Jesus tells him that individuals cannot enter the kingdom of God unless they are born anew through water and the Spirit. The inner meaning of the passage partly turns on the fact that “born anew” can also be understood as “born from on high” and the same Greek word means both wind and spirit.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. John Saville

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 *Standing or kneeling.*

Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;
for our Bishop, Lucinda; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry,
the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Leader We continue to pray for the Search Committee as they enter a new phase
of the process, and for all those who they will be considering for the position
of rector of St. Dunstan's.

Silence

Leader You are invited to add your names and thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Silence

Priest **O** Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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 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

Watch over thy child, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if he fall; and in their heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide 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

Eucharistic Prayer A

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Priest 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.

Priest Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Have mercy upon us.

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People Grant us peace.

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.

Priest **I**n the name of God and this congregation, I send you forth bearing these Holy Gifts, and pray that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many, are one because we share one Bread and one Cup. In Christ's name. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Priest **K**eep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Priest **L**et us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. John Saville
Officiant: The Rev. Marcia M. Lockwood
Lay Server: Steve Andrews *Lector:* Lauren Proulx



The altar greens 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.



A Prayer for our Rector Search

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 St. Dunstan's, 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.**

Parish Beautification Day

Saturday, April 4

9 am—noon

Help prepare the church & grounds for Holy Week & Easter Day. And please join us for a barbecue at noon.

Work projects include:

Church

- Dusting, cobwebs (inside & outside)
- Window washing
- Making palm crosses
- Polishing silver

Kitchen

- Deep cleaning

Gardens

- Weeding
- Mulching
- Tidying up the Columbarium



We want to know!

Pastoral Care

If you are having a procedure, going into hospital, or have any pastoral concerns, our clergy would like to know. . . . even if it is not a 'big deal'.

Whether it is to come visit you, pray with you on the phone, or simply being able to celebrate a good outcome, please let us know.

You may contact Fr. John directly at 951-818-1421 or jsaville333@yahoo.com, Or you can leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church, 831-624-6646 ext 5.

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.

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



You're Welcome on Wednesdays

Come join fellow members for this weekly opportunity to nourish your soul with scripture and prayer, bread and wine. At the very end of the service, for those who wish to stay, there is a brief time for sharing prayer requests and healing prayers.

All are welcome. Healing prayers at the end for those who would like to stay.

Lenten Neighborhood Groups

Lenten neighborhood study groups are currently underway. These groups meet weekly in host homes around the peninsula and here at St. Dunstan's. If you are interested in more information or just never got around to signing up, talk with Rev. Marcia for more info.

In our prayers this week. . . .

Andrew, J.J., Richard, Cora, Ida, Jeanne, Victoria, David, Jan, Brad, Fran, Chuck, Jack, Lawrence, Joanie, Lauren, Michael, Clare, Tom, Sharon, Cecily

For the repose of the souls

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!

common thread

spirit, music, food, drink, community

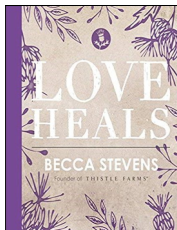
Usually the first Friday each month,
6 pm in Carlyle Hall

**Friday,
April 3**



Women of St. Dunstan's Retreat & Book Study, May 9

We are going to have a marvelous morning retreat with Kelsey Davis Saturday, May 9, 10-noon in Carlyle Hall. Get your "Love Heals" book by Becca Stevens now.



Rev. Becca Stevens is an Episcopal priest, chaplain at Vanderbilt University, and founder Thistle Farms, and its residential program.

"In Love Heals, you'll find principles that have transformed lives. Each chapter brings encouragement and practical steps for anyone going through a difficult season or searching for a deeper faith.

- *Love heals by the mercy of God.*
- *Love heals with compassion.*
- *Love heals during the act of forgiving.*
- *Love heals past our fears.*
- *Love heals across the world."*

We have over 30 women who have bought this book and are excited to read and share. Please ask Pam Austin if you have any questions.

Youth & Family Programs

Nursery: (infant—early preschool)

Located inside the church hall, our Light and Love program is a space where infants and younger children can participate in creative activities while their parents experience the 10 am service.



Sunday School: (Preschool—5th Grade)



Using the Godly Play curriculum which is based on Montessori principles, Godly Play allows children to explore their own innate spirituality through engagement with stories from the bible.

The children rejoin their parents in church to participate in communion together. Sundays 10 am in Carlyle Hall.

Youth Group: (6th—12th Grade)

Next Meeting: Sunday, March 15

Youth Group & Snack
11:30 am (Brock Hall)

For more information, contact our Family Ministry Coordinator at [elizabeth\(at\)stdcv.org](mailto:elizabeth(at)stdcv.org)

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

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, March 9

Tuesday, March 10

10:00 am PEO
 11:00 am Staff Meeting
 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, March 11

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

Thursday, March 12

Friday, March 13

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

Saturday, March 14

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 9:00 am Sunday Morning Class
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Youth Group

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Rob Feller	9 Jeff Jones	16 Mike Hendrickson
1 Chase Melich	10 Abigail Davis	22 Sally Dietrich
2 Flo von Platen	10 Hannah Davis	28 Tracy Jones
6 Alma Rose Lewis	10 James Miller	28 Liz Rondelle
7 Ari Roohbakhsh	12 Grace Merrill	30 Art Pasquinelli
7 Sue Spangler	13 Roger Fulton	30 Niki Tugwell
8 Graham Simpson	16 Kurt Buche	31 Avery Kasdan



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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