



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 20, 2022

10 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.

Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.

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 Kyrie, God Father in Eternity
Christe, Hope of the World

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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.

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 May 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.

Processional Hymn 152 Kind Maker of the World

À la venue de Noël

Priest **B**lessed be the God of our salvation:
People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.
 Priest When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,
People he will deliver us from our distress.
 Priest God will bring us out of our darkness,
People and out of the shadow of death.

Remain standing or kneeling.

Kyrie S88

McNeil Robinson II (b. 1943)

The cantor introduces each bidding, the people respond

The musical score consists of four staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor' and 'All repeat'. The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor' and 'All repeat'. The third staff is labeled 'Cantor' and 'All'. The fourth staff is a continuation of the lyrics from the third staff.

Cantor *All repeat*
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____

Cantor *All repeat*
 Chri - ste e - le - i - son. _____

Cantor *All*
 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. _____ Ky - ri -

e e - le - i - son. _____

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.

Living Mystery, whose way is not ours, whose name cannot be bought or sold:
 lead us from justice without compassion and sacrifice without mercy to a love
 which nurtures and a grace without price; through Jesus Christ, the true Bread.
Amen

Exodus 3:1–15

Moses is encountered by the Lord in the burning bush. He is called to his mission to lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, and he asks to know the name of this God of his ancestors. God's answer to Moses is intriguing and mysterious. The response may indicate a proper name which traditionally has been known as Yahweh. God's answer may, however, suggest a meaning like "The One who causes to be," or "I am who I am," or "I will be what I will be."

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

Psalm 63:1–8 Deus, Deus meus

St. Martin's Psalter

The psalmist seeks the Lord in whose presence there is sufficiency and contentment.

Cantor then the people sing the antiphon



- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.

The people sing the antiphon

- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The people sing the antiphon

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Paul looks back to the great events of the exodus story and sees lessons for contemporary Christians. Some disciples apparently believed that participation in baptism and the Eucharist would automatically prevent sin and excuse them from judgment. Paul suggests that the passing of the Israelites through the sea and the food and water they received in the wilderness can be understood as types of the Christian sacraments. Yet the Israelites still committed sin and fell into condemnation.

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 648 When Israel Was in Egypt's Land

Go Down, Moses

Luke 13:1–9

Jesus uses two contemporary disasters and a parable of his own to stress the need for repentance. Some might think that those who died in these tragedies were more sinful than others. Not necessarily so. Unless people use the time allotted for a change of heart and turning to God, they too will come to a tragic end.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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

from Brian McLaren's, *We Make the Way by Walking*

Standing or kneeling.

Leader Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, "We thank you, living God."

Leader For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and of St. Andre's in Haiti, and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for those in special need today including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for those who have died, including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People We thank you, living God.

Priest Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Assistant 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.*

The Offertory

Priest **B**ut do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

— *Hebrews 13:15-16*

Offertory Anthem Wondrous Love

Carson Cooman (b. 1982)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul! O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse, for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down, sinking down;
when I was sinking down, beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul.
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing.

While millions join the theme, I will sing!

Offertory Hymn 149 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Old 124th

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer IIb; Episcopal Church of Scotland

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 You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus S127 Holy, holy, holy Lord

Calvin Hampton (1938–1984)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

The people stand or kneel.

Priest **B**lessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and
show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would
not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us
in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in
Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your
glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when
he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."
As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out 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 Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your
creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the
Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these
gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with
Dunstan, Andre, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may
praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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.

Fraction Anthem S169

Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Cantor or Choir

My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -

1 *All* 2 *Cantor or Choir*

deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my

All

flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My

flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

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

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station.
Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host.
The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister,
you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing may indicate this by
crossing their arms over their chest.

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

Communion Green Hymnal 753 When from Bondage We Are Summoned

Grid

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen

The Blessing

Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 344 Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Sicilian Mariners

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Kyrie, God the Holy Spirit

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

*The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude.
All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.*

The altar greens are given to the Glory of God



*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.*

Dedicate Easter Flowers

Help fill the church with Easter flowers. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an event, or simply and as always, to the Glory of God.

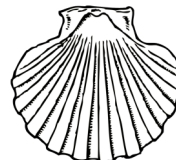
Sign up on the Welcome Table.
Minimum recommended donation is \$20.



Baptisms offered at Easter Vigil

Our next date for Baptisms will be at the Easter Vigil, **Saturday, April 16th.**

If you or someone you know may be interested in being baptized, [contact Rev. Laurel](#) for more information and details on preparation.



Helping Ukraine

One way you can help the people of Ukraine is through our own Episcopal Relief & Development office. The ERD does good work all around the world, all the time. And you can rest assured that the money will be used as intended. Give today at episcopalrelief.org

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



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Help us get to 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!

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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.

Parish Beautification Day

Saturday, April 9

9 – noon

Our annual Parish Beautification Day will take place from 9 am - noon, Saturday, April 9; the day before Palm Sunday. The greater the numbers the greater the joy and fellowship! We are sure we can find a task for all volunteers.

We need help in gardening, church cleaning (including window washing), and kitchen cleaning. We'll have lunch together at noon including hamburgers and other donated dishes.

Signup sheets to work or to help provide food are available on the Welcome Table.

Please join us!



HOLY WEEK

Stations of the Cross booklets will be available in the church Tues–Thurs, 9 - 12.

Palm Sunday, April 10

8 am Holy Eucharist

10 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Monday & Tuesday, April 11 & 12

5 pm Stations of the Cross & Compline

Wednesday, April 13

10 am Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7 pm Holy Eucharist with foot washing with & Stripping the Altar (live-streamed)

8 pm Watch at Gethsemane begins

Good Friday, April 15

Noon Good Friday Liturgy (live-streamed)

Holy Saturday, April 16

7 pm The Easter Vigil (live-streamed)

Easter Day, Sunday, April 17

8 am Holy Eucharist

10 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:30 Pot luck & Easter Egg Hunt

Music at St. Dunstan's returns with

Trumpet and Organ Magic!

Sunday, March 27; 3 pm Reception, 4 pm Concert

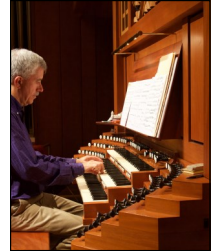
Greg Smith, trumpet, joined by St. Dunstan's Music Director Rodney Gehrke, organ, for an ethereal afternoon of duets and solos.

Mr. Smith performs at this event as part of his candidacy for the Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Washington.

The first half of the program features baroque music for trumpet from Corelli to Viviani and Biber. The second half moves to the 20th and 21st centuries with a virtuoso showpiece by French composer Henri Tomasi and an opera aria adapted from John Adams' Doctor Atomic.

Mr. Gehrke will play three organ-only pieces from Buxtehude and Alain.

Tickets will be available at the door for \$25; students and under 18 free.



It is Lent, and that means it is time once again for . . .

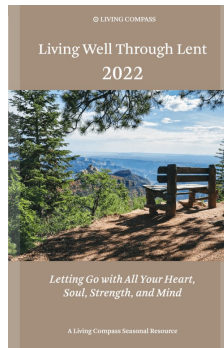
Lent Madness!

Produced by the Forward Press, Lent Madness is a light-hearted way to learn about Saints large and small, old and new, during Lent and have fun doing it. The Saints are arranged in a bracket, and each day you read about two and vote on line for your favorite to win The Golden Halo. lentmadness.org. Or, you can pick up one of the booklets on the table in Brock Hall and just read about the two Saints every day...a great Lenten discipline. Learn about the Saints of God this Lent!



Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

We will be reading “Living Well Through Lent”. There are daily readings, and you are invited to join the conversation in-person or via zoom.



We are now meeting in the Guild Room with masks.

Or you can join us via Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9109922704>
Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

More info? Speak with Janel Hornbeck.

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to office@stdcv.org by midnight Sunday.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 110.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan’s with “Altar Flowers” in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table

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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

Sunday, March 20

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Discussion Group
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, March 21

- 5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, March 22

- 3:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm Lenten Healing Service
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, March 23

- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper & Program

Thursday, March 24

Friday, March 25

Saturday, March 26

- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- 11:00 am Outside group meeting (Brock)

Sunday, March 27

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 - 8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
 - 9:00 am Discussion Group
 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
 - 11:00 am Coffee Hour
 - 3:00 pm Concert Reception
 - 4:00 pm Trumpet & Organ Concert
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View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Rob Feller | 8 Graham Simpson | 16 Mike Hendrickson |
| 1 Chase Melich | 9 Jeff Jones | 22 Sally Dietrich |
| 1 Claire Stephens | 10 Abigail Davis | 28 Tracy Jones |
| 1 Harper Stephens | 10 Hannah Davis | 28 Liz Rondelle |
| 2 Flo von Platen | 10 James Miller | 30 Art Pasquinelli |
| 6 Alma Rose Lewis | 12 Lisa Olsheskie | 30 Niki Tugwell |
| 7 Ari Roohbakhsh | 16 Kurt Buche | |



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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