



**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

January 12, 2025  
8 am

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

*St. Dunstan's acknowledges that the land on which we gather, and which we steward, is the historic territory of the Rumsen and Esselen peoples, who cared for this land throughout the generations. We give thanks for their strength and resilience in protecting this land, and aspire to uphold our responsibilities according to their example.*

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## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The congregation is invited to observe silence before the service begins, as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.*

*All stand at the ringing of the bell.*

Priest Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

**People Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

There is one Body and one Spirit;

**People There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Priest One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

**People One God and Father of all.**

**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.

Lord of the desert river, you search our depths and call us by name: may your flame-born Spirit open the heavens that we might recognize you in the one born of earth, Jesus Christ, the Gift of Peace. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

**Isaiah 43:1–7**

*The Lord assures Israel that they are God's chosen people. They are not to fear; God will save them. It is the time of the end of the exile, and God, who created the servant Israel, now promises to deliver the Lord's own out of all their troubles. Sons and daughters will be summoned from the ends of the earth—everyone called by God's name and formed for God's glory.*

Thus says the LORD,

he who created you, O Jacob,

he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,

and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,

the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,

Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,

and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,

nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;

I will bring your offspring from the east,

and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 29: 1-4, 7-8, 10-11**

*The majesty of God is described in the likeness of a thunderstorm: the Lord is mighty over land and sea.*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## **Acts 8:14–17**

*The spread of the early church as converts are received from among the Samaritans. Many Jews would have felt ethnic tension and even animosity toward Samaritans. Peter and John travel to Samaria and lay their hands upon the converts, that they might receive the Holy Spirit and know the fullness of God's presence and power. The Lord's Spirit continues to work in surprising ways, surmounting cultural barriers and traditional enmities as the gospel continues its progress.*

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**Reader** The Word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

## **Luke 3:15–17, 21–22**

*The story of Jesus' baptism. Some people expected that John the Baptist might be the Christ, but he points to a yet mightier one to come whose baptism will be decisive. The Holy Spirit is then manifest and shows this one to be Jesus. A voice from heaven speaks to him in words that echo ancient oracles concerning the king and the calling of the Lord's chosen servant.*

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit

descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

**People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*All are seated.*

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Laurel Coote

*After the sermon a brief silence is kept.*

### **The Baptismal Covenant**

Priest Let us stand and renew our baptismal covenant.

Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**People I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,  
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

**People I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People I will, with God's help.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Leader Brothers and sisters, with awe and wonder for our Lord's holy birth, let us pray for ourselves and all those in need of our prayers, saying:  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For your servants in this congregation, that, nourished by your word and holy sacraments, we may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of despair may be replaced by the light of peace and love. We pray today especially for the people of Southern California ravaged by wind and fire, for those suffering loss, and for those serving on the front line.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; those who are hospitalized or sick at home; those who are imprisoned in body and soul; we pray today *especially for*,  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Leader In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light, *especially*, Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Priest All these things we ask in the name of the One who came as the light into the darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Confession**

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.  
*Silence may be kept.*

**People Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy upon us and forgive us  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.*

## **THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE**

### **Offertory Sentence**

*During the setting of the table a collection is taken to support the life and ministry at St. Dunstan's. The people's offerings of bread, wine and money or other gifts will be brought to the priest. The people stand while the offerings are presented. Offerings may also be made online at [www.stdcv.org](http://www.stdcv.org)*

**Priest** Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*All stand*

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharistic Prayer B*

**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 our 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; because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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 We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

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, according to his command, O Father,

**People We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory.**

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever.

**People Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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 God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

**People Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lord.**

Priest These are the Gifts of God, given for you, God's beloved. So, wherever you are on your spiritual journey, come and receive. It is the Lord who invites you and His will that those who desire him, should meet him here.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who come in faith seeking a deeper knowledge and love of Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Come forward to receive the bread in your open palm.

If you choose to receive the cup, gently guide the chalice to your lips by touching the base.

**At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.**

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup, 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. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Prayers for yourself or another are available during Communion by a member of the Daughters of the King in the back of the church near the Sacristy door.

*All stand or kneel.*

### The Prayer After Communion

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

*All Stand*

### Dismissal

Priest Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church  
during coffee hour.*

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God*



**come. explore. serve. be.**

**Come** walk with us in faith and friendship.

Share our desire to **explore** our relationship with God  
and support one another.

Join us to make a difference in our world and **serve**  
those who need compassion and help.

**Be** yourself among us.



**Speaking of the Annual Meeting...**

**Calling All Ministry Team Leaders!**

Please submit your annual report to the church office, [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com), by January 20th.

Tell us which part of our Mission - come. explore. serve. or be, or maybe all of them - aligns with your ministry!

Also, please include a short summary of any highlights from this past year.

Thank you!

## Adult Faith Formation

### ***Luke Bible Study resumes this week with Chapter 12***

Sunday January 12th—9:00am

Tuesday, January 14th—6:00pm

Wednesday, January 15th—11:00am



### **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 suggested donation is \$30. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.



Sign up on the Welcome Table.

### **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com) by midnight Monday.

### ***Help us get to know you by Filling out a Pew Card***

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

## The Yale Whiffenpoofs Save the Date!

Yale Whiffenpoofs are returning to perform at St. Dunstan's the evening of  
January 15, 2025.

More information to follow.

If you are able to provide lodging for the singers the night of January 15  
and a light breakfast on the 16th or for more information please  
contact Ann Clarke at annclarke1000 (at) [gmail.com](mailto:annclarke1000@gmail.com)

*Tickets will be available at the door and at  
<https://whiffs.ticketbud.com/whiffenpoofs-in-monterey>*



## Children's schedule

**January 12th**—Children in Church with their families.

**January 19th**—Sunday School in Brock Hall.

**January 26th**—4th Sunday service



Activity clipboards and children's books can be found in a basket at the back of the church.

## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests



For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto: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](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

## Call for Convention Delegates

We are still seeking Convention Delegate Nominations. You can pick up an official Vestry and Convention Delegate Nomination Form on the welcome table, which should be submitted for anyone wishing to be nominated and considered for one of these leadership positions. In 2025 we will elect (5) Delegates to Diocesan Convention. The form contains all information required and is due this week.

If you want to know more about possibly serving as a Delegate, please don't hesitate to reach out to any Vestry Member, or to Rev. Laurel

### ***Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?***

*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](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

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## **St. Dunstan's Vestry**

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# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM -1PM

## Sunday, January 12

- 8:00 am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am** Adult Formation  
Luke Bible Study Ch. 12
- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am** Coffee Hour

## Monday, January 13

Office Closed

## Tuesday, January 14

- 4:30 pm** Zoom Compline
- 6:00 pm** Luke Bible Study Ch. 12
- 7:30 pm** AA

## Wednesday, January 15

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion  
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am** Luke Bible Study Ch. 12
- 11:00am** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 7:00 pm** Whiffenpoofs Concert

## Thursday, January 16

- 9:30am** Bible Study Leaders Meeting
- 3:00 pm** Finance Meeting
- 4:00 pm** Men's I-Help

## Friday, January 17

## Saturday, January 18

- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, January 19

- 8:00 am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am** Adult Formation  
Luke Bible Study Ch. 14
- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:00 am** Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar)

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

December 30—Elin Rosen  
January 9—Dug Stewart  
January 10—David Whaley  
January 15—John Greenway  
January 17—Joe Hestson  
January 22—Duncan Clarke

January 22—Ollie Collins  
January 22—Cathy Solms  
January 26—Norman Parris  
January 27—Jack Enbom  
January 29—Helena Miller

**Sermon Notes**