



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 11, 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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

All 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.

Jubilate

People Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God;
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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.

Eternal God, from whose gentle hands none can snatch us away: give us faith to believe that we are known and loved with a passion strong enough to bring the whole world back to you; through Jesus Christ, who is one with the source of life. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Acts 9:36–43

Peter is summoned to Joppa and raises up a disciple named Tabitha. Tabitha was known for her many good works and her restoration to life led to numerous new converts. Peter then stays for a time in Joppa with Simon, a tanner whose occupation would have rendered him a near outcast.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall
fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Revelation 7:9–17

This lesson presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is a figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!

Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

John 10:22–30

Jesus speaks to those who are unable to come to belief in him and then tells of his sheep who belong to him forever. Some of the Jewish people gather around Jesus in one of the areas alongside the main temple. They ask if he is the Christ, but Jesus sees that they do not believe. Yet the sheep that the Father has given can never be taken from the Father's protection, and Jesus is one with the Father.

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

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

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon 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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

Form 3

The people stand or kneel

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Leader We pray for peace in the world; We pray for all who govern and hold
authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest;
People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

Priest Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Pries Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 on 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 Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.
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

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

Hebrews 13:15-16

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people stand at the procession of the offering and remain standing.

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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 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.

Priest By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is our, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 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.

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.

The Prayer After Communion

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 the 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 *All Stand.*

The Dismissal

Priest Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

All are welcome at coffee hour.

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and
in memory of Patricia Tyndall by Ray and Terri Brown*

IMPORTANT COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

Recently, we have made some system updates to our website and email address, moving us into a shared Google Workspace. What does this mean?

- You can still access our website at either www.saintdunstanschurch.org or by typing in www.stdcv.org

BUT

- **Our email addresses have changed**, so we ask that you update your contact lists with these NEW addresses immediately, so that we do not miss any of your messages.

Reverend Laurel

Was: revlaurel@stdcv.org

NEW ADDRESS: rector@saintdunstanschurch.org

** Note: If you have used one of Rev. Laurel's other personal addresses, they will still work, but please begin using this one for all church communications.

Elizabeth Buche / Parish Administrator

Was: office@stdcv.org OR saintdunstanschurch@gmail.com

NEW ADDRESS: office@saintdunstanschurch.org

Treasurer

Was: Carol Stang's personal email

NEW ADDRESS: treasurer@saintdunstanschurch.org

Thank you and if you have any questions or concerns, please let us know!

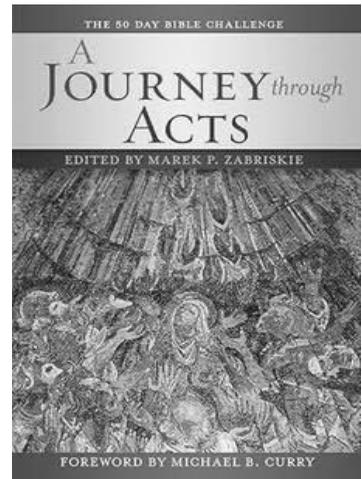


We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Liz Rondelle. Liz has served as an office volunteer on Wednesdays for the last 9 years! She has decided that it is time to focus on other ways to volunteer her time. Thank you Liz for your dedication and help with office duties and keeping the ROTA up to date!

New Bible Study begins *TODAY!*

Congratulations to all who completed our recent Luke Bible study!

Our Bible adventure continues the week of May 11th with “A Journey through Acts.” Together we will travel with the earliest disciples who dared to follow the way of Jesus and spread His message, actually living by what He taught. Guided by the Holy Spirit, they dared to walk His way day by day. In his foreword to our text, former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry challenges us to “...like those who were the Jesus Movement in the first century, dare anew to live the Jesus way, day by day.” Although the starring roles in Acts belong to Peter and Paul, we will learn of many other brave souls who risked their lives to answer the call to spread the Gospel. Our guidebook, “A Journey through Acts,” edited by Marek P. Zabriskie, can be ordered online or purchased for \$20 at the sign up table after worship starting Sunday, April 27th. Our journey through Acts will run for 8 weeks, concluding the week of June 29th. Meeting times will be the same as before: 2 groups on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.; Tuesday evenings at 5:30; and Wednesday mornings at 11:00. We hope you will join us on this inspiring journey with the earliest disciples of Jesus!



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 \$30, 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.

I-Help next Thursday, May 15th

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food for the men's dinner on the 15th. We appreciate your contributions!

Thank you from the I-HELP Team

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Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact
Rev.

Laurel rector@saintdunstanschurch.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 ext 110.

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

Children's schedule

May 11th— Children in church with
their families

May 18th— Sunday School in Brock Hall
– last gathering until next Fall!

May 25th— 4th Sunday Service.
Children help with the service.



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

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!

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, May 11

- 8:00 am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am** Adult Faith Formation
Acts Bible Study
- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:15 am** Coffee Hour

Monday, May 12

Office Closed

Tuesday, May 13

- 4:30 pm** Zoom Compline
- 5:30 pm** Adult Faith Formation
Acts Bible Study
- 7:30 pm** AA

Wednesday, May 14

- 10:00 am** Conversation & Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am** Adult Faith Formation
Acts Bible Study

Thursday, May 15

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

Friday, May 16

- 6:00 pm** Spring Renewal Banquet
All Saints Day School

Saturday, May 17

- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 18

- 8:00 am** Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am** Adult Faith Formation
Acts Bible Study
- 10:00 am** Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:15 am** Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 4—Savana Martinez	May 12—Carol Habermann	May 23—Star Reierson
May 7—Robin Harness	May 13—Theo Lagier	May 23—Bill Solms
May 7—Tina Palmer	May 15—Sheila Hiebert	May 24—Bill Harness
May 8—Richard Chastain	May 15—Melissa Pavloff	May 31—Dottie Little
May 11—Kathy Lueders	May 19—Julie Tomlin	

Sermon Notes

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