



ST. DUNSTAN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 18, 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

*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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### **Acts 11:1–18**

*Followers of Jesus living in Judea and Jerusalem are astonished to learn of the conversion of Gentiles as Peter tells them of his heavenly vision and how the Holy Spirit fell upon the new believers. The vision helped Peter understand that the observance of food laws and the like was not essential for discipleship.*

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel

standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 148**

*The whole of creation and all peoples join together in praise of the Lord.*

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; \*  
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; \*  
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; \*  
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, \*  
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; \*  
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; \*  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, \*  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, \*  
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, \*  
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, \*  
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, \*  
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, \*  
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, \*  
for his Name only is exalted,  
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants, \*  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.  
Hallelujah!

### **Revelation 21:1–6**

*John the Seer has a vision of the renewal of all creation and of the new Jerusalem as the city in which God will abide with redeemed humanity. The old order has passed away and death is no more, neither pain nor the causes of distress and sadness. Christ in victory, the Alpha and Omega, promises living water to any who thirst.*

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.  
He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from  
their eyes. Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*All Stand.*

### **John 13:31–35**

*Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night that he is to be betrayed and handed over to death. Yet his dying as the Son of Man will also be the way that God is glorified—both because of Jesus' sacrifice on behalf of others and because of his resurrection and victory over the power of death. Jesus' disciples will now be known by their following of his new commandment—that they love one another with the same sacrificial love he has shown them.*

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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.**

**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

Priest 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](http://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 Ray Hiebert by Shelia Hiebert*

## 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.



## ***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.

## 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](http://www.saintdunstanschurch.org) or by typing in [www.stdcv.org](http://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](mailto:revlaurel@stdcv.org)

**NEW ADDRESS: [rector@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@stdcv.org) OR [saintdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintdunstanschurch@gmail.com)

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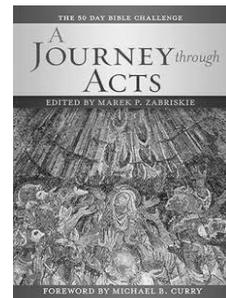
Was: Carol Stang's personal email

**NEW ADDRESS: [treasurer@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto:treasurer@saintdunstanschurch.org)**

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

### **A Journey through Acts Bible Study continues this week**

Our Bible adventure continues this week 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.



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## **Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests**

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev.

Laurel [rector@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto: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](mailto:stdcvdok@gmail.com). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

## **Children's schedule**

**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 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

## Monday, May 19

Office Closed

## Tuesday, May 20

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

## Wednesday, May 21

**10:00 am** Conversation & Communion  
Holy Eucharist  
**11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry  
**11:00 am** Adult Faith Formation  
Acts Bible Study  
**2:30 pm** Haiti Team Meeting

## Thursday, May 22

**9:30 am** Bible Study Leaders Meeting  
**3:00 pm** Nancy's Project Celebration

## Friday, May 23

## Saturday, May 24

**9:00 am** Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, May 25

**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](http://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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