



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 17, 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 Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

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.

God of restless fire, and urgent river's flow: unsettle the false peace which hides our divisions; unfold our hearts to sense your presence; unloose your kingdom and make us one in Jesus Christ, the first of many brothers and sisters. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 5:1–7

The prophet sings a sad parable about God's vineyard, Israel, and the destruction which must now come upon it. Despite all God's loving care, this vineyard brought forth only sour grapes. The Lord looked for right judgment and found wrong. God hoped for justice and instead heard cries of distress.

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;

he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,

judge between me
and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
 why did it yield wild grapes?
And now I will tell you
 what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
 and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
 and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
 it shall not be pruned or hoed,
 and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
 that they rain no rain upon it.
For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1–2, 8–18

A lament and a plea to the Lord, the shepherd of Israel, that the Lord will restore God's ravaged vineyard.

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the
 cherubim.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
 stir up your strength and come to help us.

- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; *
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; *
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow *
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea *
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, *
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, *
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;
behold and tend this vine; *
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; *
at the rebuke of your countenance let them
perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *
the son of man you have made so strong for
yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; *
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

Jesus the promised one has opened access to the Father in ways previous generations longed to see. The righteous men and women of former days performed all their deeds in faith, true to God and to such revelation as they had received. Now disciples are to set aside distractions and surmount every obstacle, encouraged by the witness of the faithful ancestors and walking confidently in the way forged by Jesus through the sacrifice of the cross.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All Stand.

Luke 12:49–56

Jesus foresees difficult times ahead: his own ordeal and the necessity of division even within families. He has come to bring the purifying fire of judgment, and must himself first undergo the baptism of suffering and death. Before there is any peace on earth, hard decisions leading to ruptures have to be made. The people should be like good weather-watchers in reading the signs of the times.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Gary Commins

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 IV

The people stand or kneel

Leader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Leader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Most Holy God, mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will with joyful and compassionate hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

**People God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

Priest Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

**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.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. 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 This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

People Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

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 God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing *All Stand.*

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

All are welcome at coffee hour.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

**The Bishop is coming, The Bishop is coming!! AND
The Blessing of the Animals!**

Sunday, September 28, 2025 - in the sanctuary!

Mark your calendars now for Bishop Lucinda's Annual Visitation. It is sure to be a full and joyous Sunday on which we will offer **baptisms, confirmations, reaffirmations of faith or receptions** into the Episcopal church.

We will also celebrate St. Francis Day with the blessing of our beloved animals (living or in memory).

Those desiring to be baptized (or to have their children baptized), or to profess one's faith through the rites of Confirmation, Reaffirmation or Reception, should reach out to Rev. Laurel for more information.

**I-Help next Thursday,
August 21st**

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food for the men's dinner on the 21st.

We appreciate your contributions!

Thank you from the I-HELP Team

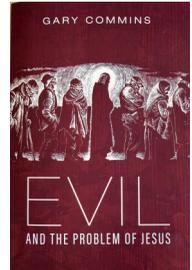
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St. Dunstan's?***

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Special forum **TODAY** after the 10am service:
Evil and the Problem of Jesus.



As Christians, we're supposed to ask questions about the things we don't understand. One of our most frequently raised questions is about God and evil. Often, it's phrased as "if God is so powerful and completely loving, why do we have evil in the world?" Unfortunately, neither the question nor its answers have proven to be very helpful.

If we want to understand God's relationship with evil, it's more productive to ask, "what was Jesus' relationship with evil?"

TODAY following the 10am service, the Rev. Gary Commins will summarize 2000 years of Christian thinking, and his own thinking and recent book, in a 20-minute presentation followed by a few minutes of Q&A



Children's Corner

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

Our Sunday School program will resume September 7th!

Happy Summer!

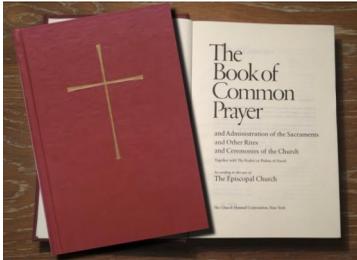
Help us get to know you by

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!

**Episcopal 101 classes begin
Saturday, September 6, 2025 -- 9:00-11:00am**

All you ever wanted to know about the
Episcopal Church, and more!



Beginning Saturday, September 6, and continuing for four weeks thru Saturday, September 26, all are invited to participate in Episcopal 101
All you ever wanted to know about the Episcopal Church, and more!

This class is offered for those preparing for baptism, confirmation, reaffirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church; but any who are curious are welcome to attend.

Calling upon our *Book of Common Prayer* and other resources, together we will explore the roots of our ministry as members of the Anglican Communion including:

- our liturgy,
- sacraments,
- rites and prayers,
- beliefs, practices and polities.
- structures

and how God is calling us to engage our faith

(Yes, a lot of "churchy" words here, so come find out what they mean and why they matter!)

TO SIGN UP: Email Rev. Laurel at rector@saintdunstanschurch.org or sign up on the Breezeway Table (and if you can't make them all, it's ok!)

SAVE THE DATE -- SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS ON LABOR DAY

Located right in the heart of the Carmel Valley Village is Rippling River Center, which provides low-income housing for seniors or older individuals with disabilities. Over 20 years ago one of our own members, **Joe Hertlein**, created an organization, **Friends of Rippling River**, to advocate for the residents and in the process to help to create a strong sense of community among the residents through organized events.

Summer Bar-B-Ques are a favorite for residents and we have been invited to sponsor the BBQ Luncheon on this upcoming **Labor Day, Monday, September 1**. This is a great opportunity to get to know our local neighbors and to extend ourselves in gracious hospitality, and we hope you'll join us!

Please watch for more information to come that will detail tasks and timelines. All are welcome (young and old alike)! Sign up on the Breezeway Table to help with set-up and clean-up, to donate food, or to assist with grilling and serving.



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.

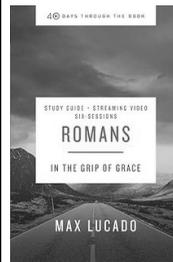
Sign up on the Welcome Table.



St. Dunstan's Vestry



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Jack Enbom
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In the Grip of Grace:
a 6-week study on the Book of
Romans.

Sundays at 9:00am
Tuesdays at 5:30pm
Wednesdays at 11:00am.

“Come walk with us in faith and friendship”
as we explore Romans together.

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Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel at rector@saintdunstanschurch.org or on her cell 310-562-5746. Or you can 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 stdcvdok@gmail.com. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, August 17

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
Romans Book Study
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:15 am Coffee Hour
- 11:30 am Evil and the Problem of Jesus
Forum with Gary Commins

Monday, August 18

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 19

- 9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
Romans Book Study
- 7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, August 20

- 10:00am Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am Adult Faith Formation
Romans Book Study

Thursday, August 21

- 4:00 pm Men's I-Help

Friday, August 22

Saturday, August 23

Sunday, August 24

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 - 9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
 - 9:00 am Adult Faith Formation
Romans Book Study
 - 10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
 - 11:15 am Coffee Hour
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View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

July 29—Beth Stewart	August 6— Pam Austin	August 25—Jocelyn Lagier
July 30—Susan Schueler	August 10—Sandy Hendrickson	August 28—Sienna Anderson
August 2—Bette Nybakken	August 12—Mary Poland	August 31—Nathan Lagier
August 3—June Saunders	August 17—Carol Langland	
August 4—Ann Quattlebaum		

Sermon Notes

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