



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 31, 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.

Inviting God, laying open your table to the deviant and deranged, setting a place for the foreign and unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the One given for all. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 2:4–13

The prophet gives voice to the Lord's bafflement with the families of Israel, who have strayed far and no longer seek for God. The people seem to have forgotten their deliverance from Egypt and God's providential care in giving them the promised land. All have forgotten the Lord: priests, rulers, prophets, and people alike, pursuing gods which are no gods, and worthless ways. The very heavens are appalled that the people have turned from God, the fountain of living water.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless
themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,
who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.
The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.
Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.
Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.
Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?
But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.
Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,
for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,
the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10–16

A psalm of festival praise and an exhortation to worship the Lord alone.

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

Christians are urged to live moral, hospitable, and charitable lives, recalling the faith and examples of their leaders, but especially the unchanging Jesus. The leaders referred to are the founders of this church who have now died. Jesus Christ, however, remains with his people, in the past, present, and future. Scripture says that God will never forsake us, and, with the Lord as our helper, there is no need to be afraid. Therefore one should be swift to worship, both in the praise of one's lips and by sharing and striving to do good to others.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Stand.

Luke 14:1, 7–14

Jesus tells a parable about humility and teaches his host that he should invite the poor and infirm to his feasts. Both the parable and the teaching have a still deeper significance. The reign of God is the Lord's gift, which comes to those who do not presume their place in it. By his actions as well as his words Jesus' ministry shows that the kingdom is open to those who are considered by others to be outcasts. People who share in God's ruling love and justice are to have a transformed attitude toward the poor and needy.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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 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.*

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing 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.¹¹

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 and
In Memory of GERALYN ROSE KOLAKOWSKI by CAM McARA*



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!

The Bishop is coming, The Bishop is coming!!

AND

The Blessing of the Animals!

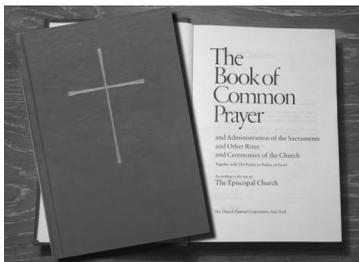
Sunday, September 28, 2025 - in the sanctuary!

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.

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!)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION NEWS!!

Come “share our desire to explore our relationship with God and support one another.” Our Bible study groups will be studying the **Gospel of Matthew** beginning the week of September 14th, through the week of November 16th.

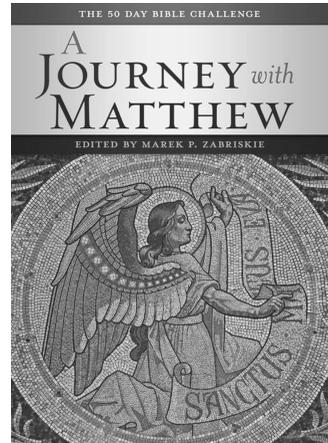
Rev. Laurel will be presenting an introduction to the gospel of Matthew on Sunday, September 7th at 9:00 a.m. in Brock Hall. This is intended for all participants regardless of your regular meeting time.

Our guidebook will be ***A Journey with Matthew*** edited by Marek P. Zabriskie. His approach includes daily scripture readings, meditations by dynamic spiritual leaders and authors, questions to consider and prayers.

The groups will meet at 9:00 a.m. on Sundays, 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, and 11:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. We encourage you to order your books as soon as possible.

If you want to get a head start, the readings for the first group meetings are pages 2-21. A syllabus with each week’s assignments will be available on September 7th.

“Come walk with us in faith and friendship”
as we journey together with Matthew.



The grant cycle for the St. Dunstan's Foundation will open on September 1st and organizations can find the grant application forms at our church website: saintdunstanschurch.org/foundation. You will also find a list of last years grant recipients on the website. Please feel free to contact us with any questions about our mission!



Georgia Byrne, President

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.

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.



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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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, August 31

- 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

Monday, September 1

Office Closed

- 12:00 pm** Rippling River BBQ

Tuesday, September 2

- 9:00 am** Adult Faith Formation
Romans Book Study
- 4:30 pm** Zoom Compline
- 7:30 pm** AA

Wednesday, September 3

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
- 11:00 am** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00 am** Adult Faith Formation
Romans Book Study
- 1:30pm** DOK Meeting

Thursday, September 4

- 12:00 pm** Quilters Group

Friday, September 5

Saturday, September 6

- 9:00am** Episcopal 101

Sunday, September 7

- 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

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

August 31-Nathan Lagier

September 4—Georgia Byrne

September 11—Cynthia Tiberend

September 12—Sarah Pease

September 14—Mike Carter

September 14—Marcia Lockwood

September 14—Susan Pitts

September 15—Dick Habermann

September 25—Joan Franz

September 27—Maro Vermilyer

September 28—Carolyn Perkins

Sermon Notes

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