



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 23, 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.

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 23:1–6

The Lord denounces the rulers who have so poorly shepherded the people Israel. God will gather the flock together and give them new shepherds, especially a just ruler in the line of David. Jeremiah prophesied during the year that Babylon was conquering his country, and while Judah's last king Zedekiah (part of whose name means righteousness) was ruling in Jerusalem. God would now have to act as shepherd to this people, and will finally fulfill Israel's dream by raising up a wise and truly righteous ruler.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

The earth may be moved and kingdoms shaken, but God is our refuge.

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, *
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of
the sea;
- 3 Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.
- 4 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 5 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, *
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 6 God is in the midst of her;
she shall not be overthrown; *
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 7 The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; *
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.
- 8 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 9 Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, *
what awesome things he has done on earth.
- 10 It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; *
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.
- 11 "Be still, then, and know that I am God; *
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth."
- 12 The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Colossians 1:11–20

Paul prays that the Colossians may be strengthened to meet whatever is to come, and he praises the Son as the visible likeness of the invisible God, through whom all things were created. He is the head of his body, the church, and the source of its life. There were some new disciples at Colossae who wished to worship Jesus as one of several lords. Paul insists that there can be no other divinities. God's full nature is in him. He is before all things and is the unifying principle for all created life. Through him we have been brought out of darkness into his kingdom, and by his sacrifice alone God reconciles all things.

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All Stand.

Luke 23:33–43

Jesus, as he hangs upon the cross, is mocked as the Christ and the King of the Jews. To a thief crucified with him he promises Paradise. The story forces us also to ask, "What kind of ruler is this? What royal power does he have? What sort of God would allow God's chosen one to die like this?" Clearly the strength of God revealed in Christ is very different from the human understanding of kingship. Jesus' words to the thief are words of hope to all who die in every manner of circumstance.

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

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

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. The people stood by, watching Jesus on the cross; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

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 worshipped 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 VI

The people stand or kneel

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God
silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishop, Lucinda; and for all other ministers.

People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray today especially for;

Hear us Lord;

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We give thanks today for our Nancy's Project volunteers who honor the dignity of our neighbors from the Salinas Valley Farmworker community as they gather and distribute food, clothing, and much needed household items; for our Finance Committee, with thanks for their shared wisdom, counsel and dedication to keeping St. Dunstan's financially healthy; and for our Office Volunteers, whose faithful service helps our church office run smoothly. You are now invited to add your own thanksgivings either silently or aloud.

Silence

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;

People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Today we remember and pray for;

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People Who put their trust in you.

Priest Lord God, we pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence

**All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest Almighty God, have mercy upon you, forgive all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, and strengthen you to live in the power of the Holy Spirit all your days. **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 Let us offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good our vows to the Most High.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Priest The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

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

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we 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 We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we share in the one bread.

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.

We are not able to allow the wafer to be dipped in 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 Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing *All Stand.*

The Dismissal

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

People Thanks be to God!

Join us for a Thanksgiving Reception following the service.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God



come. explore. serve. be.

Come walk with us in faith and friendship.
Share our desire to **explore** our relationship with God
and support one another.
Join us to make a difference in our world;
serve all with compassion.
Be yourself among us.

A SEASON OF GIVING HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

At St. Dunstan's we are blessed to be able to share our abundance to enhance the holiday season for our neighbors, locally and across the globe.

Beginning THIS SUNDAY, and every week in Advent, ministry leaders will share each week about those they serve and how you can play a part in making their Holidays Brighter!!

Our ministries are:
Friends of Rippling River
Salvation Army
St. Andre's School in Haiti
I-Help Men & Women
Nancy's Project

Today's Featured Ministry

Salvation Army Adopt-A-Family

You can bring happiness and joy to a family in need this holiday season. The Daughters of the King are collecting gifts and gift card donations for The Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program. We are sponsoring a local 2 parent family of 6, and you can find their needs on a signup sheet in the breezeway. Your contribution will ensure that the children in this family will receive a toy and warm clothing for Christmas.

Your contributions will also ensure that the family will have a warm meal and household essentials during the holidays!

Donations can be dropped off in the church office.

Look for the bin marked *Salvation Army*.

Please bring in your UNWRAPPED item/items no later than Sunday, December 7th.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND GENEROSITY!



***Let us Give Thanks
Thanksgiving Coffee Hour
Following the service Today!***

**Join us after the service
for an array of delicious food
and fellowship!**

Thanks to all who have submitted their pledges for our 2026 Stewardship Campaign. Pledges help the Vestry to prepare an accurate budget for the coming year, and are appreciated! Our Stewardship Season comes to a close on Sunday, November 30th!

*To make your pledge online, you can call the office for assistance or click "give" on our website, ***stdcv.org****



**Family Advent Wreath Making
Next Sunday, November 30th
following the 10am service**

Grab your coffee and a snack and then join us in Brock Hall
create your own Family Advent Candle Holder.

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.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**Wednesday
November 26, 2025
10:00 AM**

All are welcome to come!

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 and entering your email address.

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!



SAVE THE DATE!!

ONE LOVE, ONE HEART
Hurricane Relief for Jamaica

Saturday, December 6th
5pm-8pm

Fundraiser & Jamaican dinner to benefit Jamaican Hurricane Relief Efforts

\$30 per meal, Eat-in or Take-Away

Please plan to join us for an authentic Jamaican Dinner / Hurricane Melissa Fundraiser to benefit the people of Jamaica.

Our very own Peter Coote -- Chef and Member of St. Dunstan's is a native of Jamaica. While his own family weathered the storm with little damage, so many others have not, and the need for supplies, food, medical support and more is great. To join with Peter in helping the people of Jamaica, we invite you to partake of an authentic and delicious multi-course traditional Jamaican meal, for dine in or take-away.

In the words of Bob Marley:

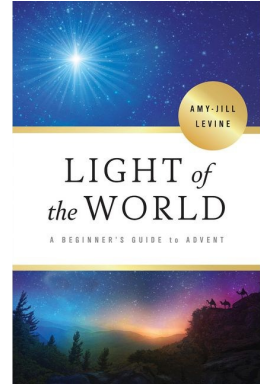
One Love, One Heart
Let's Get together and Feel Alright!

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!

Adult Faith Formation Advent Discussion Groups

Adult formation groups will begin a new four week study starting on Sunday, November 30. Our text will be “Light of the World: A Beginner’s Guide to Advent” by seminary professor and New Testament scholar, Amy-Jill Levine.

Copies of “Light of the World” have been ordered and will be distributed by the group facilitators. Participants are invited to read the introduction and Chapter 1 of the book by the first meeting.



“Come join with us in faith and friendship.”
“Share our desire to explore our relationship with
God and support one another” during Advent.



Join us in Brock Hall at 10am

December Schedule

December 7th

December 21st—Christmas Pageant

*Children's books and activity
clipboards are
available in the back of the church.*

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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 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.



St. Dunstan's Vestry

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Jackie Wendland, Jr. Warden
Mike Cervi
Jack Enbom
Sheila Hiebert
Carol Langland
George Lockwood
Perry Rosen



THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, November 23

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Thanksgiving Coffee Hour
Reception

Monday, November 24

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 25

4:30pm Zoom Compline
5:30pm Adult Faith Formation
Gospel of Matthew
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, November 26

10:00am Thanksgiving Service
Holy Eucharist

Thursday, November 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, November 28

Saturday, November 29

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 30

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Advent Book Study—
The Light of the world.
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour and Advent candle
holder making.

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov 1—Janel Hornbeck	Nov 14—Pam Gallaway	Nov 24—Kent Saunders
Nov 1—Cynthia Young	Nov 14—Chloe Lama	Nov 27—Mike Cervi
Nov 6—Larry Davidson	Nov 18—Nick Leonoff	Nov 28—Janet Morse
Nov 6—Beth Heston	Nov 18—Jackie Wendland	Nov 30—Pam Lawrence
Nov 6—Barbara Greenway	Nov 21—Betty Kasson	
Nov 9 - Ramona Smith	Nov 22—John Tomlin	

Sermon Notes