



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

January 4, 2026
10 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

The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude, out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.

Prelude How brightly shines the Morning Star

*Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)*

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 117 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning *Morning Star*

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And Blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Gloria S 280

*Robert Powell
(b. 1932)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly

King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

The people stand or kneel

Priest God be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Shepherd of Israel and Light of all Nations, made known in the gifts of those who call to other names and walk on different ways: may unjust powers and the hatred within us be dismayed by your friendship and dethroned by your love; through Jesus Christ, the open arms of grace. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 31:7–14

A vision of hope, full of joy, for the restoration of the northern tribes of Israel. The Lord will bring them all back from exile, including the weak and the infirm. As a father and a shepherd, he will comfort them and give them cause for great gladness.

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."
For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 84: 1-8

A song of the pilgrims' happiness as they come to worship in the temple of the Lord.

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*Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)*



- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of
the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

Ephesians 1:3–6, 15–19a

Praise to God for God's blessings, together with thanksgiving and prayers that these spiritual graces may continue. In the beloved Son Christians have, since the beginning of the world, been given a destiny of holiness as God's children. Paul prays for a spirit of wisdom and revelation so that the disciples' hearts may be enlightened to perceive the glorious hope of the saints.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 480 When Jesus left his Father's throne

Kingsfold

Matthew 2:1–12

The wise men from the east, who, guided by a star, come to worship the child born to be king. Despite the wicked plotting of Herod, the Magi are able to bring their gifts to Jesus without betraying his exact location. Early Christians found in the rich symbolism and motifs of the story the fulfillment of both Hebrew scripture prophecy and the dreams of many peoples. The meaning of this birth, amid terrifyingly human circumstances, enlightens and transcends human history.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;

for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 III

The people stand or kneel.

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

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

The people may add their own prayers.

Priest All these things we ask in the name of him who came as the light in darkness of our world, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand.*

Priest The peace of Christ 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 Behold, the dwelling of God is with humankind. God will dwell with them, and they shall be God's people, and God will be with them, and be their God.

Offertory Anthem A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water
from the well so clear
For to worship God with,
this happy New Year.

*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew,
The water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires
and the bugles that do shine.*

Sanctus S 129 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Robert Powell
(b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

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 many 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 for ever.



People **A-MEN.**

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.

Fraction Anthem S 164 Jesus, Lamb of God

Franz Peter Schubert

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

The first system of music features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

The second system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us."

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

The third system of music continues the melody and bass line. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:"

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The fourth system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "give us your peace, give us your peace."

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.

Communion Hymn 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise

Salzburg

The Prayer After Communion *the people stand or kneel*

Priest Let us pray.

**People Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the body of Christ,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior.
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing *All Stand*

Closing Hymn 497 (vss. 1,3) How bright appears the Morning Star *Wie schön leuchtet*

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude How brightly shines the Morning Star

Dietrich Buxtehude

Join us for coffee hour following the service.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

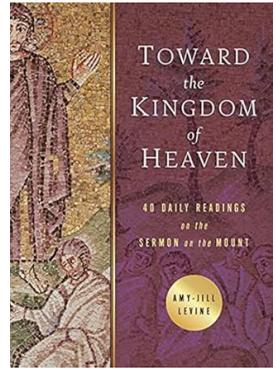
STARTING JANUARY 11, 2026

EPIPHANY ADULT FAITH FORMATION

A SIX WEEK DEEP DIVE INTO THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT.

How is the follower of Jesus to understand the words of the Old Testament? How are those words relevant to the New Covenant He is establishing? What might the words Lord's Prayer have conveyed to his initial followers, and why is that historical information essential to the prayer two millennia later?

The book invites us to read and digest a daily reflection, and then to gather in small groups each week to share what God is saying to us through Jesus' words. This will be a meaningful and deep dive into one of Jesus' most famous teachings. Books are available to pick up in the office.



May the Season of Epiphany illuminate your path and open your heart.

Call for Vestry and Convention Delegates

As we head into 2026, it is time to herald the call for Vestry and Convention Delegate Nominations.

Vestry and Convention Delegate Nomination Forms are available on the Welcome table.

*In 2026 we will elect 2 new Vestry members, each serving 3-year terms (Class of 2029). We will also elect (5) five Delegates to Diocesan Convention. The form contains all information required and is due by **January 9 2026.***

If you want to learn more about serving on the Vestry or as a Delegate, please reach out to any Vestry Member, or to Rev. Laurel

On Sunday, January 11, 2026, the Daughters of the King will have an Information Meeting & Reception after the



11AM service. Any woman of the parish who is interested in learning more about the Daughters of the King is welcomed to attend to find out more about Chapter membership. In the weeks following the get-together, Discerners for membership will participate in a series of classes over three months. Please speak to Beth Heston or any Daughter of our Chapter if you are interested in attending. You can contact Beth our Chapter President at 831-262-2371 or email her at ehheston@aol.com

**On Sunday
January 11, 2026**
we will celebrate
The Baptism of our Lord Sunday
with baptisms!

If you or a family member is interested
in being baptized,
reach out to Rev. Laurel by January 4th for
more information



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!

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updates, and schedules is as simple as
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Join us in Brock Hall at 10am

January Schedule

January 18th

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

Coffee Hour Hosts



If you are able to
host coffee hour on
a Sunday please
sign up on the
breezeway table.

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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.



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

Susan Pitts, Senior Warden
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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, January 4

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

Monday, January 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 6

- 4:30pm Zoom Compline
- 7:30pm AA

Wednesday, January 7

- 10:00am Epiphany Celebration—
Conversation and Communion

Thursday, January 8

Friday, January 9

Saturday, January 10

- 9:00am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 11

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist
- 9:00am Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00am Epiphany Study-Toward the
Kingdom of Heaven
- 10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
- 11:30am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

January 9—Dug Stewart

January 10—David Whaley

January 11—Remy Ryan

January 12—Caroline Duckham

January 15—John Greenway

January 17—Joe Heston

January 22—Ollie Collins

January 22—Cathy Solms

January 22—Duncan Clarke

January 26—Norman Parris

January 27—Jack Enbom

January 29—Helena Miller

Sermon Notes

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