



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 1, 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 Andantino; Flutes

*Jean Langlais
(1907-1991)*

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Processional Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Engelberg

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

People **And Blessed be God's 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.**

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 The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Foolish God, shaming the strong through the weakness of love; turning upside down the wisdom of the world: may your blessing dwell with the poor and hungry, the grieving and abused; may your peaceful revolution be our joy and our reward through Jesus Christ, the power of God. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Micah 6:1–8

God contends with the people of God, reminding them of the saving acts done for them and instructing them in the good that God expects. The very mountains and hills are called as witnesses. God led the people out of Egypt and through the wilderness in safety. Yet they sin. It is not animal or human sacrifices the Lord wishes, but that the people act in justice, with loving-kindness and humility.

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
 with calves a year old?
 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
 with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
 the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
 and what does the LORD require of you
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,
 and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

The psalm describes the virtues of one who is worthy to worship the Lord.

S 410

Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)



- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the LORD.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

1 Corinthians 1:18–31

Paul directs the Corinthians' attention to God's way of using what is weak and lowly—even what the world regards as foolish—to accomplish the divine purposes. Paul emphasizes this understanding because a number of these new Christians had come to think of themselves as especially gifted, powerful, and wise. As the cross has shown, however, God's ideas about what is wise and noble are often quite different from ours. Our only boast can be in the Lord.

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of

your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College

Matthew 5:1–12

The Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge. The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards. Those who are to find blessing will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must experience persecution.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rebecca Miller
Licensed Lay Preacher

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

Affirmation of Faith

from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

All As children of God, we affirm:
That God, who is Love, created all and called it good,
that God is present with all of creation, and that,
in darkness and in light, God is faithful;
therefore we, too, seek to be faithful.

That Jesus came to show us Love with a human face,
that he taught justice and reconciliation and suffered on our behalf,
and that through his faithful example, he embodies hope;
therefore we, too, seek to be people of justice, reconciliation, and hope.

That the Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us,
that this same Spirit offers wisdom and discernment,
and that, when we are open, the Spirit can always find a way;
therefore, we seek to be people filled with God's Spirit:
discerning, loving and transforming our world. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

The people stand or kneel.

Leader Brothers and sisters, in this season of light and illumination, let us pray for ourselves and those in need of our prayers, saying:
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader Eternal God, bless your holy church, that it may boldly proclaim the good tidings of salvation to all the ends of the earth.
Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For your servants in this congregation, that, nourished by your word and holy sacraments, they may minister in faithfulness to you and in love to one another. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For peace in our troubled world, that the darkness of despair may be replaced by the light of peace and love. We pray today for our elected officials, that they may lead with integrity and compassion, and be guided by your wisdom for the good of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those in need of our prayers: the homeless; the unemployed; the hungry; the captive; those who are hospitalized or sick at home; those who are struggling in body, mind, or in spirit; we pray today *especially for*, Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Leader In thanksgiving we remember before you, O Lord, those saints who bore witness to the light, *especially*, Grant that we may persevere in the faith to which we have been called and at the end behold your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

**All 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

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.

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 with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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 with joy:

Sanctus WLP 858 Holy, holy, holy Lord

American Folk Melody

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes

The musical score is written in 6/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics. The second system covers the next two lines. The third system covers the final line of lyrics. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in the bass.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of chords and moving lines, with some notes tied across measures.

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.

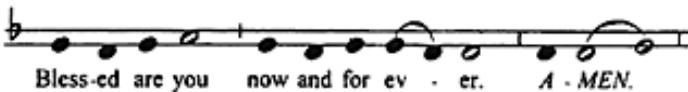
Rising, you restored our life.

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.

People A musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes. The lyrics are: "Bless-ed are you now and for ev - er. A - MEN." The word "A - MEN." is written in all caps and italicized.

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 WLP 875 Be known to us

Gary James
(b. 1957)

Cantor or Choir

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. Congregation 2. Cantor or Choir

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The
The dis -

1. 2.

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three systems. The first system is for the Cantor or Choir, with lyrics: 'Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the / The disciples knew the Lord Jesus'. The second system is for the Congregation (first ending) and Cantor or Choir (second ending), with lyrics: 'break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The / The dis -'. The third system continues the lyrics: 'bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -'. The piano accompaniment is in the left hand, and the vocal line is in the right hand.

Congregation

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be
The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

Cantor or Choir

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

Congregation

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.
 Je - sus

Priest This is the table of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and those who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you to be known and fed here.

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 554 Tis the gift to be simple

Simple Gifts

The Prayer After Communion *the people stand or kneel*

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*

Closing Hymn 438 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

Woodlands

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God!

Postlude Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

*Following the service help yourself to coffee and breakfast
and then come back inside the church and join us for the Annual Meeting!*

~

*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
And in Celebration of Rev. Laurel and Peter's 31st Wedding Anniversary
by Rev. Laurel*



ANNUAL MEETING

TODAY!

ST. DUNSTAN'S ANNUAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD Today
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026
IN THE CHURCH

St. Dunstan's is now home to an international Peace Pole. Gifted to the school, and placed strategically near our labyrinth, the Peace Pole invites all to draw near, to pause and say a prayer for peace.

We will gather to bless our Peace Pole after both the 8 and 10am services on Sunday, February 8. We hope you will join us.



2025 Giving Statements

Statements can be found in a basket on the welcome table. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

Thank you!



Coffee Hour Hosts

Thank you to Jackie Wendland and Mystery Chastain for providing baked goods for coffee hour today!

If you are able to host coffee hour on a Sunday

Continuing this week.....

EPIPHANY ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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

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.

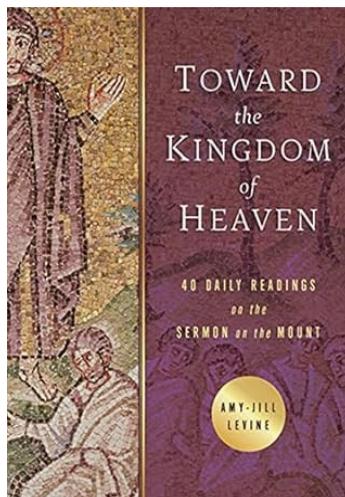
Meeting times

Sundays at 9:00am

Tuesdays at 4:30pm

Wednesdays (women's group) 11:00am

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



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.

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!

Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?

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Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering your email address.



February Schedule

February 1st—Sunday School in Brock Hall.

February 15th —Sunday School in Brock Hall.

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

Our choir will be presenting our second

**Choral Evensong
followed by Afternoon Tea
Sunday afternoon, February 15 at 4:00 pm,
the Last Sunday of Epiphany**

One last chance for all of us to say “Alleluia,” before the season of Lent! The service will include music by American composers, both active today as well as representative of Anglican/Episcopal music of the 20th century.



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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, February 1

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Epiphany Study-Toward the Kingdom of Heaven
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Annual Meeting

Monday, February 2

Office Closed

Tuesday, February 3

- 4:30pm** Epiphany Study-Toward the Kingdom of Heaven
4:30pm Zoom Compline
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, February 4

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion
Holy Communion
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00am Epiphany Study-Toward the Kingdom of Heaven
1:30pm DOK Meeting

Thursday, February 5

- Vestry Retreat
12:00pm Quilters Group

Friday, February 6

Vestry Retreat

Saturday, February 7

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 8

- 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

FEbruary BIRTHDAYS

February 6—Erin Dunn
February 7—Beverly Klinger
February 10—Tammy Hawkins
February 12—Sue Masters

February 14—Tom Logan
February 26—Sarah Hawthorne
February 28—Crosby Hawthorne

Sermon Notes

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