



ST. DUNSTAN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 25, 2026  
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 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.**

**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.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

## Isaiah 9:1–4

*A hymn of thanksgiving and hope offered at the birth of a new king in Jerusalem. The prophet hails the one born to be the ruler of his people. His reign will end oppression and bring justice, righteousness, and a lasting peace. Christians see these words coming to fulfillment in Jesus.*

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness--  
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Reader The word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 27:1, 5-13**

*The psalmist expresses great trust and confidence in the Lord and asks always to be in God's presence.*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;**

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.

**7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high  
upon a rock.**

8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.

**9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.

**11 You speak in my heart and say,  
"Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.**

12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

**13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

## **1 Corinthians 1:10–18**

*Paul is disturbed by news of factions in the young Corinthian church. Apparently the new converts were dividing into groups based on who it was who baptized them and whose teaching they were following. They must instead be unified in Jesus, in whose name alone they are baptized. Paul is grateful on this account that he himself has baptized very few of them, and that he does not preach with such eloquent wisdom that people would rely on him rather than the cross of Christ.*

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For 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.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand.*

## **Matthew 4:12–23**

*A summary of the early ministry of Jesus: his preaching, the calling of disciples, and his acts of healing. After the arrest of John the Baptist, Jesus withdrew to Galilee, an area in which many Gentiles lived. The evangelist perceives in this a fulfillment of prophecy and a foreshadowing of the church's mission to bring the light of the gospel to darkened lives. Two sets of brothers are called to leave their nets and become fishers of people.*

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

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

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the  
Gentiles—

the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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.*

## **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](http://www.stdcv.org)*

**Priest** Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer 3  
Enriching our Worship*

Priest The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Priest Lift up you hearts.

**People We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give God 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 with joy:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

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

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

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

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

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

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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

**People Blessed are you now and forever. 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 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.

**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*

**The Dismissal**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God!**

*Join us for coffee hour following the service.*

~

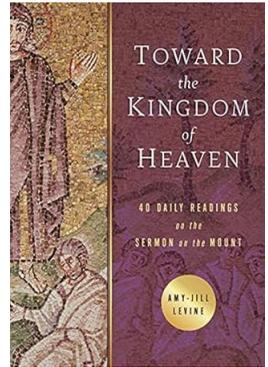
*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
And in Memory of Glenn DeLay by Sue Peccianti*

**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.*



**SAVE THE DATE!**

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

**THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE SERVICE  
AT 10AM!**

**Speaking of the Annual Meeting...**

**Calling All Ministry Team Leaders!**

Please submit your annual report to the church office,  
office@saintdunstanschurch.org,  
by January 23rd.

Tell us which part of our Mission -  
come. explore. serve. or be, or maybe  
all of them - aligns with your ministry!

Also, please include a short summary of  
any highlights from this past year.

Thank you!

## St. Dunstan's Staff

Rev Laurel Coote, Rector  
[rector@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto:rector@saintdunstanschurch.org)

Elizabeth Buche, Parish Administrator  
[office@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto:office@saintdunstanschurch.org)

Dr. Fred Burgomaster, Director of Music  
[fburgo33@gmail.com](mailto:fburgo33@gmail.com)

Lauren Proulx Leonoff, School Director  
[director@stdunstansmontessori.org](mailto:director@stdunstansmontessori.org)

Carol Langland, Treasurer  
[treasurer@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto:treasurer@saintdunstanschurch.org)

Joe Heston, Verger  
[jwheston@aol.com](mailto:jwheston@aol.com)

Sue Peccianti, Bookkeeper  
[bookkeeper@saintdunstanschurch.org](mailto:bookkeeper@saintdunstanschurch.org)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:stdcvdok@gmail.com). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.



## St. Dunstan's Vestry

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



## *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!

We are updating our church directory and we need your help! There will be a copy of the Directory on the welcome table after church this Sunday. Please take a moment to review your information and let us know of any corrections or updates.

We would also like to update photos from individuals and families. Look for Georgia Byrne after church in the breezeway to have your new photo taken. Your cooperation will help our church family stay better connected. Thank you!

PARISH DIRECTORY ~ SPRING 2025



### February Schedule

**Feb 1st**—Sunday School in Brock Hall.

**Feb 15th** —Sunday School in Brock Hall.

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

### *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](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

### **Deadline for eNews, Bulletin**

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [stdunstanschurch@gmail.com](mailto:stdunstanschurch@gmail.com) by midnight Monday.

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

## Sunday, January 25

- 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

## Monday, January 26

**Office Closed**

## Tuesday, January 27

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

## Wednesday, January 28

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion  
Holy Communion
- 11:00am** Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 11:00am** Epiphany Study-Toward the Kingdom of Heaven
- 2:30pm** Haiti Team Meeting

## Thursday, January 29

## Friday, January 30

## Saturday, January 31

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal

## 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

View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://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