



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 15, 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.

The ministers process in silence.

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Priest Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

The people sit or kneel. A moment of silence is kept.

**People God eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbors,
in what we have thought, in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Priest May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us
from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made
flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Remain sitting or kneeling.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

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.

Creator and Healer, root of all goodness, working your Sabbath will in the chaos of our life: teach us the insight that gives true judgement and praises you wherever you are found, making miracles from spit and mud; through Jesus Christ, the Son of earth. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

1 Samuel 16:1–13

The Lord sends Samuel to anoint David to be the new king over Israel. God has rejected Saul as king but he remains in power and Samuel must go secretly on his mission. As so often happens in the Bible, one who seems least likely in the eyes of others is chosen by God to carry out the divine will.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before

Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is shepherd and guide. God is present in the time of danger and is generous and merciful.

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.**
- 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**
- 3 He restoreth my soul *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his
Name's sake.**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 Though preparest a table before me in the presence of mine
enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

Ephesians 5:8–14

Disciples are called to be a people of the light, forsaking all the works of darkness. Their present life is to be in sharp contrast with their actions before they became Christians. All that is done is to be exposed to the light. The passage closes with what was probably part of an ancient hymn used at baptisms.

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand.

John 9:1–41

Jesus heals a man born blind. Jesus brings light into a dark world. Many people of the time regarded the man’s blindness to be a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the Son of Man and his Lord.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one

can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were saying, “It is he.” Others were saying, “No, but it is someone like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” But they kept asking him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ Then I went and washed and received my sight.” They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, “He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.” Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.”

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner.

One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

All are seated.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

**by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin
Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;**

**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the Prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *Standing or kneeling.*

Form II

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop, Sean; our Bishop, Lucinda; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among all nations; for our leaders, for Donald, our president and Gavin, our governor, and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for all who seek Jesus, or a deeper knowledge of Him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

Leader I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Leader Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, and pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

Priest O Lord our God, creator of all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully accept our prayers, and give us strength to do your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **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 But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15-16*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people stand at the procession of the offering and remain standing.

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 God 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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.

Priest Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Priest We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new

and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

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. **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 Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Fraction

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **Have mercy upon us.**

Priest Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,

People **Grant us 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.

At this time, we are not able to allow dipping the wafer into the chalice.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing, or who choose not to receive the cup, may indicate this by crossing their arms over their chest.



If you have a wheat sensitivity, you may ask the priest for a gluten-free wafer. You may have communion brought to your seat by notifying an usher.

Prayers for yourself or another are available during Communion by a member of the Daughters of the King in the back of the church near the Sacristy door.

The Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

People Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in the holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen.

The Blessing

All Stand.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain standing as the ministers depart in silence.

All are welcome at coffee hour.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

Join us Today at 11:30 for a special Forum

DIALOGUE ACROSS DIFFERENCE AND *LISTEN FOR UNDERSTANDING*

Holding tenderly that which binds us together in Christian community, and mindful of our commitment to being a congregation where all may

Be Themselves Among Us, we will explore together:

- *how our faith calls us to create and foster safe spaces for all people;
- *the opportunities and challenges of dialoguing across difference;
- *identify what gets in the way, and how Lent is the season for letting things go;
- *and how we may practice listening for understanding, and heal one another.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER SERIES



Join us as we explore Prayer-in shape form and practice. Through the Book of Common Prayer; Centering Prayer; Writing our own Collects; Prayer in Motion; Labyrinth Walk; Prayer via Song; Classic Prayers through the Centuries. Together we will examine what we pray, why we pray, how we pray, when and where we pray-and perhaps discover how God best meets us in prayer, and how prayer helps us to heal.

Sign up to join us this Tuesday, March 17th
5:00-7:00PM

**I-Help for Men this Thursday
March 19th**

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food or to help with the men's dinner on the 19th.

We appreciate your participation!

Thank you from the I-HELP Team

Lent Madness continues!

Learn about two saints every day and vote on which should progress toward the Golden Halo! This is just for fun, but you also learn about two saints every day— a good thing for Lent. Go on line and visit lentmadness.Org every morning, read and vote! Watch the progress toward the Golden Halo on the bracket posted in Brock Hall.

**LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION
Continues this week!**

We are reading and reflecting upon "**The Last Supper**" by Will Willimon, retired Bishop of the United Methodist Church and a professor at Duke Divinity School.

***Gathering times
Sundays at 9:00am***

*In the outer office and at the school
Wednesdays (women's group) 11:00am
In the outer office*

****New Time* Wednesdays at 5:30pm
In the outer office***



March Schedule

March 15th, 10am—Sunday School in Brock Hall

March 24th, 5pm—Soup Supper with Children's Activity

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

SAVE THE DATE
Parish Beautification Day
Saturday, March 28th
9am - 1pm



Our annual Parish Beautification Day will take place from 9 am - 1pm, Saturday, March 28th; the day before Palm Sunday. The greater the numbers the greater the joy and fellowship!

Sign up on the Welcome Table!

We are sure we can find a task for all volunteers.



We need help in gardening, church cleaning (including window washing), and kitchen cleaning. **Lunch will be served.**

We will also be making palm crosses for Palm Sunday. Instruction will be provided. This is a wonderful activity for children and adults! We look forward to seeing you there!

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 cost of the flowers is \$30, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

Sign up on the Welcome Table.

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March 29, Palm Sunday

*Liturgy of the Palms on the Breezeway Patio;
Worship inside with the Passion Gospel*

8:00am 10:00am

March 31, Soup Supper

Final Prayer of Life Soup Supper

5:00-7:00pm

April 2, Maundy Thursday

*Agape Meal with Blessing of Bread and Wine in Brock Hall,
followed by Eucharist and the Stripping on the Altar*

6:30pm

April 3, Good Friday

Good Friday Service

12:00pm

A Walk in Jerusalem

Outdoor Stations of the Cross

4:00pm

April 4, Easter Vigil

Moving from Darkness into the Light of Easter

7:30pm

April 5, Easter Choral Eucharist

With Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch following the service

10am

Easter Sunday
10am
Easter Egg Hunt and Brunch
Following the Service
(Reminder, there is only ONE service
on Easter Sunday)



Join us for an Easter Celebration following the service on Easter Sunday! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the children and an Easter Brunch for everyone! Please sign up to bring something to share. A sign up sheet can be found on the welcome table. The church will provide ham, bread and condiments for sandwiches as well as Lemonade, Ice Tea and Water.



The Easter Bunny could also use your help! We are collecting filled eggs for the egg hunt. Donations can be dropped off in the church office Tuesday—Thursday between 9am and 1pm
Thank you!

On Saturday
April 4, 2026
we will celebrate
The Easter Vigil
with baptisms!

If you or a family member is interested in being baptized, reach out to Rev. Laurel by March 29th for more information



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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

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ness to be a result of sin, but Jesus helps him to see, at first physically, and then spiritually as well. The man withstands the criticism of the religious officials and worships Jesus as the Son of Man and his Lord.



Priest The Holy Gospel
of our Lord Jesus



St. Dun-

stan's Vestry

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Sheila Hiebert
Carol Langland

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, March 15

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Lenten Study—The Last Supper
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour
11:45am Forum— Dialogue Across
Difference and Listen For
Understanding

Monday, March 16

Office Closed

Tuesday, March 17

- 5:00pm** Lenten Soup Supper and Program
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, March 18

- 10:00am** Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00am Lenten Study—The Last Supper
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

- 2:30pm** Haiti Team Meeting
4:30pm Zoom Compline
5:30pm Lenten Study—The Last Supper

Thursday, March 19

- 3:00pm** Finance Meeting
4:00pm Men's I-Help

Friday, March 20

Saturday, March 21

- 9:00am** Choir Rehearsal
4:00pm Women's I-Help

Sunday, March 22

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Lenten Study—The Last Supper
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 1 Dave Beach
March 2 Flo vonPlaten
March 9 Jeff Jones
March 12 Lisa Olsheskie
March 16 Kurt Buche
March 16 Mike
Hendrickson

March 19 Jim Kasson
March 21 Jenny Whaley
March 22 Sally Dietrich
March 27 Katherine Miller
March 28 Tracy Jones
March 28 Liz Rondelle
March 30 Art Pasquinelli

Sermon Notes

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