



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 12, 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

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.

All stand at the ringing of the bell.

Priest Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.

Alpha and Omega, our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and hardened hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us a people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus Christ, the Giver of Peace. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Acts 2:14a, 22–32

Peter preaches the fundamental message of the resurrection. The time is just after the Pentecost experience and the coming of the Holy Spirit. The author of Acts presents a picture of Peter in Jerusalem telling the news about Jesus of Nazareth. Speaking to a Jewish audience, Peter seeks to show that a passage from the Psalms that promises protection from the powers of death could not have applied to King David, but instead was a prophecy about Jesus' resurrection.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Contentment, refuge, and joy are found in the presence of the Lord, and God's faithful servant will not be abandoned at death.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

1 Peter 1:3–9

The new birth Christians have received through baptism which brings them a living hope through Jesus' resurrection and an imperishable inheritance. The letter is addressed to former pagans living in the country we now know as Turkey. They have been experiencing some form of persecution. They are encouraged to regard their trials as a testing, and to think of their faith as more precious than gold, which passes purified and unharmed through fire.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

John 20:19–31

Two appearances of the risen Lord to his disciples. The first takes place on the very evening of the day of his resurrection. The disciples are gathered in fear, but Jesus brings them peace, gives them their mission, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. A week later, Thomas, who had been absent when Jesus first appeared and who doubted his resurrection, now knows Jesus by his wounds and worships him as his Lord and God. Future disciples will not have Jesus' physical presence, but they will be blessed in their belief.

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Rev. Shelley Denney

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 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

Form 3

The people stand or kneel

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's in Haiti;
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 peace in the world; 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; *especially*

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest; *especially*

People Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

The people may add their own petitions.

Priest Grant, we pray, Almighty God, that we who celebrate with awe the Paschal feast may be found worthy to attain to everlasting joys; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Pries Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**People Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought,
word, and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

The Absolution

Priest Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal.

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 Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**People Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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 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 Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All are welcome at coffee hour.

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*The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
And in memory of Dot Hansen, born 1926
by Beth and Joe Heston*

come. explore. serve. be.

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



FORE THE LOVE OF CHILDREN
St. Dunstan's Montessori School Fundraiser
SUNDAY - APRIL 19th

We need your support! Our Montessori school's annual
“Fore the Love of Children”
fundraiser is next week
Sunday, April 19th —
and we couldn't be more excited!

There's still time to join us!

Every contribution — whether you attend, donate, or play, you will directly support the growth and enrichment of our Montessori community. Most importantly, it demonstrates to our children the power of generosity, collaboration, and community spirit.

The reception will be held from 5 to 7pm at the Carmel Valley Ranch Clubhouse and includes a taco bar dinner and wine or beer.
The cost to attend is \$50 per person.

To purchase tickets look for the flyer on the Welcome Table with the barcode to scan and purchase your tickets.
Tickets are also available at the door.

This beloved community event brings families and friends together for a day of fun, connection, and purpose — all in support of our incredible children and their Montessori learning environment.

Last year, thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **\$30,000!** This year, we're hoping to *beat that record* to continue enhancing our outdoor spaces — creating even more opportunities for exploration, movement, and hands-on discovery in our beautifully prepared environment.



We can't wait to come together for a
fantastic day
“Fore the Love of Children!”



**FILM SCREENING AND Q&A
with filmmaker and member,
ANNA RICHARDSON WHITE**

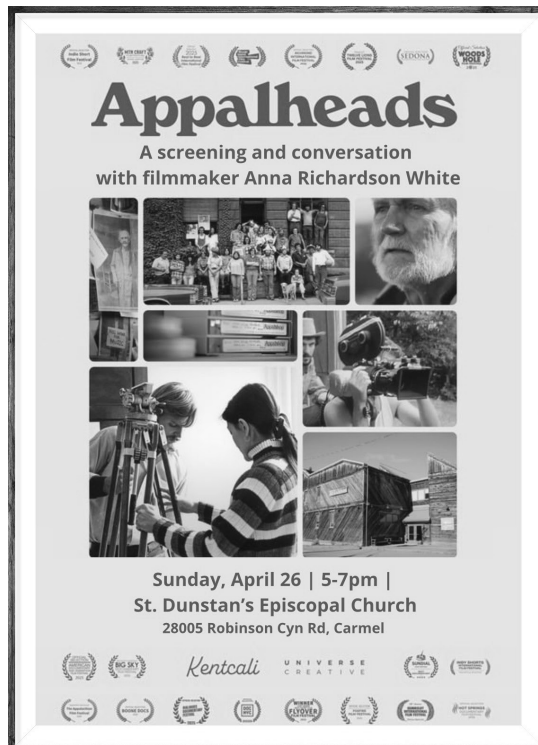
SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, 5-7pm

Join us on April 26th from 5-7pm for a special screening of the short documentary film, **Appalheads**.

Decades after leaving Appalachia, Anna Richardson White returned to eastern Kentucky to unearth her father's filmmaking legacy—and the undeniable pull of home, inviting viewers into a powerful journey through memory, identity, and Appalachian roots.

Come experience the film in our Guild Room, and join in a filmmaker Q+A. Be part of an evening that honors story, place, and the ties that call us back.

A Light Reception will follow.



I-Help for Men this Thursday April 16th

Look for the Sign-Up sheet on the welcome table to bring in food or to help with the men's dinner on the 16th.

We appreciate your participation!

Thank you from the I-HELP Team

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.

LENTEN ADULT FAITH FORMATION Continues this week!

We will gather this week for our last discussion of "The Via Lucis" by Shawn Small.

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



April/May Schedule

April 19th—Sunday School in Brock Hall

May 3rd—Sunday School in Brock Hall

May 17th—Last Sunday School gathering before summer break!

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

Join us for worship, and renewal

SPRING RENEWAL MAY 1ST AND 2ND 2026



SONG OF THE SAINTS

Featuring **David Link**, Liturgical musician and teacher exploring the role of music in worship and the life of the Church.

Friday Night – Awards Banquet
Saturday – Program & Table Conversations



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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.



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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, April 12

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation—Via Lucia
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, April 13

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 14

7:30pm AA

Wednesday, April 15

10:00am Conversation and Communion
Holy Eucharist
11:00am Adult Faith Formation—Via Lucia
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:30pm Haiti Team Meeting
4:30pm Zoom Compline
5:30pm Adult Faith Formation—Via Lucia

Thursday, April 16

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

Friday, April 17

Saturday, April 18

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
4:00pm I Help Women

Sunday, April 19

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation—Via Lucia
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour
1:00pm Montessori School Golf
Tournament Fundraiser at
CV Ranch

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 2 George Lockwood	April 9—Rev Laurel Coote	April 22—Bobby Clampett
April 5—Sue Peccianti	April 11—Mel Britton	April 23—Todd Lueders
April 6—McKenzie Moss	April 14—Susie Carr	April 26—Lauren Leonoff
April 6—June Parris	April 15—Mark Olsheskie	April 18—Melanie Cervi
April 7—Rachel Mueller	April 1—Hannah Priestley	April 29—Seung-Keun Martinez
	April 1—Liliana Rosen	

Sermon Notes

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