



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026
8 am

Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The congregation is invited to observe silence, as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing. 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.

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.

A Prayer for the Sabbatical Season

All With you is the source of life, O God. You are the beginning of all that is. From your life the fire of the rising sun streams forth. You are the life-flow of creation's rivers, the sap of blood in our veins, earth's fecundity, the fruiting of trees, creatures' birthing, the conception of new thought, desire's origin. All these are of you, O God, and we are of you. You are the morning's freshness.

Sounds of the Eternal Celtic Psalter, John Philip Newell

People Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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.

Divine sower, scattering seed, never hoarding, wasting life—or so the world thinks: give us the depth to receive the gift so freely given and the maturity to revel in love's abundant, reckless growth; through Jesus Christ, the grain of life. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 55:10-13

God's word proceeds purposefully in human affairs and achieves God's intentions as surely as seed and soil and water combine in the agricultural cycle to produce a good harvest. The people are to take joy in understanding that God's work, though inscrutable at times, is being accomplished in their midst as surely as it may be seen in the natural world.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 65: 9-14

A psalm of praise and thanksgiving to the savior, the mighty Lord, who creates the earth and causes it to bring forth abundantly.

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Romans 8:1-11

Paul draws a sharp contrast between the mind set on the flesh, and the mind set on the Spirit. The person oriented only toward this temporal world with its rewards and pleasures can neither keep the law nor please God. Only through the grace of God in Christ can a fundamental reorientation toward God's Spirit occur. When God's Spirit quickens faith there is no longer any condemnation, for the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead now indwells those so animated.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life

and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

The parable of the sower and its interpretation. The story by itself may once have been used to stress how surprisingly fruitful God's power can be, quite apart from human expectations or control. With its explanation the parable was used as an allegory by early Christians to help them understand the missionary situation of the church. Because of the work of the devil and human weakness and sin, the word they preached did not always produce. But, in the right circumstances, its fruit could be anywhere from substantial to amazing.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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 Creed *All Stand.*

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Church of England, based on Ephesians

The Prayers of the People

The people stand or kneel

Leader Asking our Creator, in the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray in faith, saying, “Hear our prayer, O gracious God.” For the Church throughout the world, for our Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Lucinda, our Rector Laurel, Reverend Shelley, Père Noé and Saint Andre’s Haiti, and all our diocese. For all the baptized and all those you are calling, that we may be empowered by the Spirit to show the living Christ to the world and give witness to his love by our life and work, we pray to you:

People **Hear our prayer, O gracious God.**

Leader For all the nations, tribes, and people of the world – and for those who make decisions affecting them – move their hearts and minds to actions that lead to peace, justice, and the welfare of all. To give us strength and courage to influence others, to dwell with those who suffer in their pain, and to work for your peace and justice, we pray to you:

People **Hear our prayer, O gracious God.**

Leader For our beautiful earth, with its diverse, fragile, and endangered environments and limited resources. May we see your creative hand in the natural world around us, that we may rejoice in and work together to exercise wise stewardship over the gifts of creation you have given into our care, that we may pass them on to future generations, we pray to you:

People **Hear our prayer, O gracious God.**

Leader For our community, and all communities, for a spirit of cooperation and connection, and a building of trust and peace; for those without adequate food, shelter, clothing, safety, and work, and especially for the welfare of the children, the elders, and the poor; that we may be moved to serve our neighbors, we pray to You:

People **Hear our prayer, O gracious God.**

Leader For the poor, the hopeless, the unemployed, the homeless, for prisoners, those affected by war, violence, or natural disasters, for those who are forced to flee their homes, for those who experience discrimination and hatred, and for all who are in any kind of trouble, sorrow, need or sickness, and for those who care for them, we pray to you:

People **Hear our prayer, O gracious God.**

Leader For those who have died, for the dying, for us at our time of death, and for all who mourn, we pray to you:

People Hear our prayer, O gracious God.

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
In gratitude we ask these things:

People Hear our prayer, O gracious God, and fill us with your Spirit.

Priest O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

**People 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

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **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 for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Prayer 2

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

Priest All things come from you, O Lord.

People And of your own have we given you.

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 our thanks and praise.

Priest We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your

love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand or kneel.

Priest Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, The Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and

language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

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.

All Stand.

The Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray together.

People Loving God, we thank you for renewing our innermost being with the spiritual food of Christ's body and blood. Nearer are you than breathing; we are your body, your hands, your feet. Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery, look out in compassion on a broken world. You have redeemed us and made us your people; forgiven, loved, and freed. Now take us outside this place to the crossroads of the world. Empower us to live and love as Christ and give us joy as we work and wait for the final victory of love and life. In Christ we pray. Amen.

From St. Helena & Iona Community

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

People Thanks be to God!

All are welcome at coffee hour.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Vivian Gray's birthday by her granddaughters Liliana, Elin and Hope.

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.



Thank you to Rev. Shelley for leading us in worship and walking with us in faith while Rev. Laurel is away!

I-Help for Men this Thursday July 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

Sabbatical Family Event

Hilltop Animal Meet & Greet at Carmel Valley Ranch

All children of the congregation and their families are warmly invited to a fun-filled afternoon at

Carmel Valley Ranch on **Friday, July 24.**

We'll begin with a **group lunch at St. Dunstan's Church at 1pm**, followed by a **Hilltop Animal Meet & Greet at 2pm** at the Ranch Corral.

Participants will have the opportunity to explore the corral, visit the animals in their pens, paddocks, and pastures, and learn about them from the Ranch Hands.

We hope you'll join us for a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, discovery, and family fun!

Please RSVP by Friday, July 10

by emailing [**juliagrayrosen@gmail.com**](mailto:juliagrayrosen@gmail.com)
so we can finalize our group arrangements.

SUPPORT PEOPLE in VENEZUELA after the devastating earthquakes on 6/24/26

Your gift to Episcopal Relief and Development's Disaster Fund supports work with local partners to provide critical relief today and long-term recovery support to those impacted by the earthquakes in Venezuela. They equip local partners with life-saving supplies and resources, helping them build networks for emergency shelter and counseling services and making long-term investments necessary for rebuilding.

You may give directly to ERD online: episcopalrelief.org

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Thank you to our Servers today

July 12, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader

Susan Pitts

Lector

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Next week's Servers

July 19, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader

Steve Andrews

Lector

Janel Hornbeck



2026 Annual Bach Festival Art Raffle

We are excited to celebrate the artistic talents of our fellow parishioner, Larry Davidson, whose stunning artwork is being featured in the Carmel Bach Festival **Art of Music** Raffle. The gallery at the Sunset Cultural Center opens at 9am and runs from July 12-29. The raffle features 85 works of art inspired by the natural beauty of Carmel and the Bach Festival experience.

Summer Sabbatical Who do I Call List

Pledge, church or ministry finance	Carol Langland, Treasurer treasurer@saintdunstanchurch.org
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Giving Statements

Giving statements will be available to pick up following the Sunday services for the next two weeks. Remaining statements will be mailed the week of July 27th. Your statement will reflect ALL giving from January 1st through June 30th, 2026. Your support ensures our parish remains a vibrant place of faith and community!



British inspired Baking Experience

You are cordially invited to a veddy, veddy fun British-inspired baking experience!

The Bake will occur on

Saturday July 18th 9am – 2pm

Your delicious creations will take center stage the following morning .

**The Feast will occur on Sunday, July 19th
11am – until all of the treats are gone!**

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, July 12

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
9:00am Adult Faith Formation
Nature: Our First Way of
Knowing God
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, July 13

Office Closed

Tuesday, July 14

- 7:30pm** AA

Wednesday, July 15

- 10:00am** Holy Eucharist
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
11:00am Adult Faith Formation
Nature: Our First Way of
Knowing God
2:30pm Haiti Team Meeting

Thursday, July 16

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

Friday, July 17

Office Closed

Saturday, July 18

- 7:00am** British-Inspired Baking
Experience
4:00pm I-Help Women

Sunday, July 19

- 8:00am** Holy Eucharist
9:00am Adult Faith Formation
Nature: Our First Way of
Knowing God
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am British-Inspired Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1—Thomas Dietrich
July 4—Tom Masters
July 23—Steve Andrews
July 23—Hana Ferguson

July 27—Elizabeth Buche
July 29—Elizabeth Stewart
July 30—Susan Schueler

Sermon Notes

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