



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 9, 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 At the heart of life and in its heights glory shines. Within creation and beyond glory has its source. Guide us to the heart of life that we may know its heights. Lead us further within, O God, that we may know you as beyond. In the sufferings of our heart and the brokenness of creation open to us further the doors of the eternal that through the pain that is within us and the struggles that are around us we may be guided to you as the heart of life, that through the pain that is within us and the struggles that are around us we may be guided to you as in and beyond all that has life.

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.

Lord of living waters you save us from the flood of violence and despair: reach out to us when faith is weak, when we are going under and make us unafraid to walk with you; through Jesus Christ, in whom we are raised. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

1 Kings 19:9-18

God is made known to Elijah—not in wind, earthquake, or fire—but in a still small voice. In a mood of depression the prophet retreats to Mount Horeb. But the Lord gives him a new mission and a promise that there will be a remnant in Israel who will not worship the false god Baal. Although God is known in a word of revelation rather than in the awesome events of nature, these happenings can also be seen as harbingers of God's presence.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, 2

Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:8-13

The psalmist both celebrates and prays for the Lord's gracious favor, forgiveness, deliverance, and justice.

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who
turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Romans 10:5-15

Paul teaches that the word of faith is a gift; by it we make our saving confession that Jesus is Lord and that God raised him from the dead. Without God's grace the way of righteousness would be impossibly distant. But the faith that leads to righteousness is in our hearts and the confession of salvation is on our lips. This is true for all people, no matter what their background, and so it is essential that the Good News be carried far and wide, that all may call upon the name of the Lord.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" **Amen.**

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Matthew 14:22-23

Jesus walks on the water and rescues of Peter after his faith fails him. The narrative has several levels of meaning. In legendary terms Jesus is like the Creator God who strides over the watery chaos monster. Matthew's gospel stresses this revelation of Jesus' close relationship with God, as God's Son, and the importance of faith on the part of the disciples. A church beset by its own problems and lack of faith would be glad to perceive in this story the saving presence of its risen Lord.

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

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

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Creed *All Stand.*

Rev. Shelley Denney

**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.

Priest All things come from you, O Lord.
People And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Prayer 2

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 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. 9

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.

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 continuing to lead us in worship and keep walking with us in faith while Rev. Laurel is away!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

GREAT SHOE GIVEAWAY

Serving 1,200 Children in the Salinas Valley

Thursday, August 27, 2026

Sherwood Elementary School | 110 S. Wood Street, Salinas, CA 93905



CHOOSE YOUR VOLUNTEER SLOT

AM SLOT

7:30 AM - Trucks meet at Monterey Hi-Way Storage Facility
8:30-11:30 AM - Setup and shoe staging at Sherwood Elementary

PM SLOT

2:30-6:30 PM - Shoe distribution to children and families

Volunteer Requirements

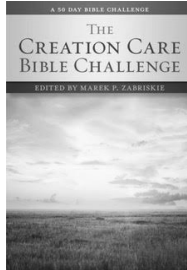
All volunteers must check in at the school front office and be prepared to show a valid photo ID.

CONTACT MIKE HAYS

mike@nancysproject.org - Please specify AM or PM when signing up

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Creation Care Bible Study Launches on
Sunday, August 16th



The adult formation groups will undertake a new Bible study beginning August 16th. Our text will be The Creation Care Bible Challenge, a collection featuring 50 daily readings & reflections selected from the entire Bible. These selections will help remind us of how God intends us to live and treat one another and all of His creation. Bible passages as well as the reflections of spiritual leaders and writers from throughout the world will help us explore ways we can be more faithful, loving stewards of the earth and all of its riches.

The books with the weekly reading assignments included are available on the breezeway table at coffee hour. Please note on the reading list the suggested readings prior to the first meetings on Sunday, August 16th and Wednesday, August 19th.

Formation groups will continue to meet at 9:00 a.m. Sundays,
11:00 a.m. Wednesdays, and
5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

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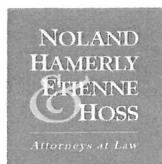


This cherished annual tradition brings together the community in celebration of compassion, connection, and shared purpose. Attendees can look forward to an unforgettable evening filled with fellowship and meaningful experiences.

August 11, 2026 5:00-7:30PM Tuesday
San Carlos Hall 500 Church Steet, Monterey, CA
(doors open at 4:30) \$30

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Thank you to our Servers today

August 9, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader

Steve Andrews

Lector

Mystery Chastain

Next week's Servers

August 16, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher

The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader

Mystery Chastain

Lector

Susan Pitts

**Pastoral Care &
Prayer Requests**



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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Summer Sabbatical Who do I Call List

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**Let's give Reverend Laurel a warm
welcome home!**

Sign up today for her return
luncheon on September 6, 2026
after the 10:00 am service.

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.

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

Sign up today to receive

St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

If you would like to sign up for our weekly eNews please email the church at office@saintdunstanschurch.org and let us know!

Reading for Renewal

One book on the list, Sounds of the Eternal: A Celtic Psalter by John Philip Newell, is the source for our opening prayers in Sunday and Wednesday worship this summer. This is the same prayer book Rev. Laurel is taking on her sabbatical travels....a prayerful way for us to stay connected.

A copy of the complete list of books can be found on the welcome table.
Happy Reading!

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, August 9

8:00am Holy Eucharist
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

Monday, August 10

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 11

7:30pm AA

Wednesday, August 12

10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, August 13

Friday, August 14

Office Closed

Saturday, August 15

3:30 pm I Help Women

Sunday, August 16

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 2—Bette Nybakken
August 3—June Saunders
August 4—Ann Quattlebaum
August 6—Pam Austin
August 10— Sandy Hendrickson

August 17—Carol Stang
August 19—Hazel Lama
August 25—Jocelyn Lagier
August 28—Sienna Anderson
August 31—Nathan Lagier

Sermon Notes

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