



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 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 Early in the morning we seek your presence, O God, not because you are ever absent from us but because often we are absent from you at the heart of each moment where you forever dwell. In the rising of the sun, in the unfolding colour and shape of the morning open our eyes to the mystery of this moment that in every moment we may know your life-giving presence. Open our eyes to this moment that in every moment we may know you as the One who is always now.

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.

Unclean God, braving defilement, inviting offence; you share your bread with vermin and outsiders; you let the Gentile woman subvert your plans: give us the faith that comes from the heart and walks beyond our boundary posts that we might be surprised by outrageous grace; through Jesus Christ, son of David and light of the world. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

The Lord exhorts the people to do what is just because the time of righteous salvation is close at hand. The temple will be a house of prayer for all nations. This vision of hope emphasizes the outgoing aspects of Israel's faith. Historically it deals with the fact that after the exile certain non-Israelites had come to live in Jerusalem and serve in the temple. The passage sets the conditions for their participation, but also looks beyond to a day when many peoples will worship the God of Israel.

Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

A prayer for God's graciousness and saving power, and a bidding of praise by all people for God's justice and bounty.

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations
upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Paul sets forth his belief that God plans to bring Jews as well as Gentiles to salvation. This apostle to the Gentiles continues to wrestle with a difficult question: why is it that so many of Jesus' own people have not accepted him as the Christ? God has not rejected the Jewish people who were foreknown, yet now Jews and Gentiles are equal in that all have been disobedient to God. In the next step the Jewish people will see the mercy shown to the Gentiles and want themselves to share in it in their own way.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their

disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Matthew 15: 21-28

Jesus teaches that the thoughts and intentions of the human heart are paramount. Jesus warns against such blind guides preoccupied with externals. He then travels beyond the boundaries of Israel to the territory of Tyre and Sidon and encounters a Canaanite woman who beseeches him to heal her daughter. The first Christians were unsure whether they were to offer the faith to non-Jews, and the give-and-take in this story may reflect that uncertainty. Jesus sees his own mission as confined to Israel, but the woman's faith causes him to give her the bread she asks for. Symbolically it is the saving food of the gospel which heals her daughter.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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.

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. 8

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
Jim and Betty Kasson's 50th Anniversary
by Jim and Betty Kasson.*

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!

Coffee Hour Hosts



Thank you to Beth Stewart for hosting coffee hour today!
If you are able to host coffee hour on a Sunday please sign up on the breezeway table.

Thank you to our Servers today

August 16, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader
Mystery Chastain

Lector
Susan Pitts

Next week's Servers

August 23, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader
Susan Pitts

Lector
Janel Hornbeck



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	1:30-6:30 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

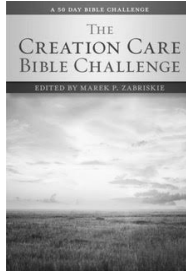
mike@nancysproject.org - Please specify AM or PM when signing up

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Creation Care Bible Study Launches

Today

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 on the breezeway table at coffee hour.

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

INTERMENT of MARLENE HARNER

Sunday, August 23rd, following the 10 AM service



We will commend our long-time friend Marlene Harner, to God and to her final resting place in the St. Dunstan's Memorial Garden.

We hope you will join us immediately following the service as we move to the columbarium.

In lieu of coffee hour, a light reception in the Parish Hall will follow this short service.

All are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 3, 2026, 11AM



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!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to stdunstanschurch@gmail.com by midnight Monday.

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.

St. Dunstan's Vestry



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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 Rev. Laurel's welcome home luncheon on September 6, 2026 after the 10:00 am service in Brock Hall.

**Reminder, there is only one service
that Sunday.**

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!

**Choral Evensong
Sunday, September 20th
4pm**

Choral Evensong is a musical offering of Evening Prayer — a sacred service of scripture, psalms and prayers that provides meditative and contemplative space for individuals to reflect on their day and to connect with God. Rooted in the daily prayer rhythms of medieval monasticism, St. Dunstan's Choral

Evensong will feature a beautiful musical repertoire, the offering of solemn prayers and a much-needed respite from the busyness of our lives. Evensong music will include works by John Rutter and a newly composed hymn by Dr. Burgomaster, "The Earth is a sacred Home."

A reception with afternoon tea, wine, and cheese will follow. All are invited to attend.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, August 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:30 am Coffee Hour

Monday, August 17

Office Closed

Tuesday, August 18

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:00 am Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

2:30 pm Haiti Team Meeting

5:30 pm Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge

Thursday, August 20

3:00 pm Finance Meeting

4:00 pm I-Help Men

Friday, August 21

Office Closed

Saturday, August 22

Sunday, August 23

8:00 am Holy Eucharist

9:00 am Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:00 am Interment of Marlene Harner

11:30 am Light Reception following
interment of Marlene Harner

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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