



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 30, 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 In the many details of this day let us be fully alive. In the handling of food and the sharing of drink, in the preparing of work and the uttering of words, in the meeting of friends and the interminglings of relationship let us be alive to each instant, O God, let us be fully alive.

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.

Passionate Lord, walking to Golgotha in the midst of our confusion: free us from our images of you which keep you enthroned in idle power, apart from the pain and sin of the world; lead us to embrace the scandal of the cross and let our violence die that greater life might rise; through Jesus Christ, who took the form of a slave. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Jeremiah 15:15-21

Jeremiah complains to the Lord about the pain and difficulties of his mission. He then receives God's answer. The prophet has been called to preach a message of dark judgment to a people who are soon to be sent into exile. Despite persecution, the Lord's words were at first a joy to Jeremiah, but God has become like a treacherous brook—a stream that dried up when its waters were needed. Then the Lord tells Jeremiah that it is he who needs to turn again to God. The Lord will be with him, and he will be a wall of bronze against the people.

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says

the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 26:1-8

A plea for justice by one who serves the Lord well.

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

Romans 12:9-21

Paul exhorts the disciples in Rome to live lives full of Christian dedication and virtue, overcoming evil with good. One hears strong echoes of Jesus' beatitudes. Also present is Paul's own emphasis on the central role of love together with the importance of a readiness to share in both the joy and sorrow of others. Blended with these teachings are some of the best of both Jewish and pagan ethical counsel. The apostle concludes with the insistence that revenge cannot be a motivation of Christians; final justice must be left to divine retribution.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do

not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus teaches Peter and the other disciples that the way of his ministry and theirs is the way of the cross. Peter had just confessed Jesus to be the Christ, but now he cannot accept the idea of the Christ being put to death. Jesus calls Peter "Satan" because his words represent a temptation to him. Jesus' way costs no less than everything and leads to the discovery of that which is priceless. In the end the Son of Man will come as judge to repay all people for what they have done.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling

block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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.*

Prayer for a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. 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 leading us in worship and walking with us in faith while
Rev. Laurel was away!

A Message from Rev. Shelley

Dear People of God and St. Dunstan's,

I thank you so very much for this wonderful summer we have spent together. First, to Rev. Laurel for asking me to cover her sabbatical. But mostly to all of you who have been so welcoming, loving, warm, kind, funny, curious, eager to learn, enthusiastic, grateful, open, and authentic. You have truly made our time together both meaningful and impactful for me. I have learned so much from you all and treasure our time together. I leave you a different priest and person. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I must share some of what I have observed about you all as a congregation. In any parish, there are concentric circles of engagement, activity, and leadership. But at many churches, folks bemoan, "A few people do everything." That is most certainly not true of St. Dunstan's. So many people join together to make the impressive number and range of ministries here happen, in an amazingly smooth fashion! Even more importantly, the very real and loving connection among you and the way in which you care for one another show you to be a group of faithful Jesus Followers. I am deeply impressed by you as a congregation.

Very soon my ministry with you will be over. I hope to return many times to supply and enjoy seeing you. This summer, however, has given us a chance to know one another more deeply, and for that I am grateful beyond words. So, this is not "goodbye" but rather "until in God's good grace we meet again."

With gratitude and love, and prayers for blessings along the journey,

Shelley+

Thank you to our Servers today
August 30, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader
Steve Andrews
Lector
Mystery Chastain

Altar Guild
Beth Heston
Kathy Lueders

Next week's Servers
September 6, 2026

*Please note that there will only be one
service at 10 am*

Servers
September 13, 2026
Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Mystery Chastain
Lector
Steve Andrews

**Reverend Laurel returns from her
Sabbatical next
Sunday, September 6th!**

Just a reminder that there is only
one service at 10 am
next Sunday.

Choral Evensong
Sunday, September 20th
4 p.m.

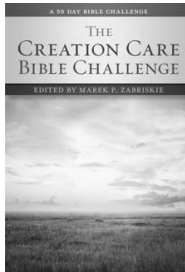
Choral Evensong is a musical offering of
Evening Prayer — a sacred service of
scripture, psalms and prayers that
provides meditative and contemplative
space for individuals to reflect on their
day and to connect with God. Rooted in
the daily prayer rhythms of medieval
monasticism, St. Dunstan's Choral

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Creation Care Bible Study



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.

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

Due to Rev. Laurel's welcome home luncheon on September 6, 2026 the 9:00 a.m. formation groups will not meet.

Grant Application Cycle for St. Dunstan's Foundation

Over twenty-six years ago, a group of St. Dunstan's parishioners created the St. Dunstan's Foundation, a 501c organization. Their vision was that this would encourage legacy giving and grow our endowment funds in order to ensure the long-term financial health of St. Dunstan's Church.

Annual distributions from our endowments may support the Church in a variety of ways. Additionally, in keeping with our commitment to serving others, the Foundation also supports community projects aligned with our sacred calling to help our neighbors in need.

The grant cycle for the St. Dunstan's Foundation will open on September 1 and end on October 31, Organizations can find the grant application forms at our church website as well as a list of last year's grant recipients.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions about our mission.

Georgia Byrne President
Jackie Wendland, Vice President
Susan Pitts, Secretary

SAVE THE DATE

Blessing of the Animals
Saturday, October 3, 2026, 11 a.m.



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Summer Sabbatical Who do I Call List

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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.



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.



Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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!

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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 1

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30 pm Daughters of the King
5:30 pm Adult Faith Formation:
Creation Care Bible Challenge

Thursday, September 3

12:00 pm Quilters Meeting

Friday, September 4

Office Closed

Saturday, September 5

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, September 6

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
Welcome Back from Sabbatical
Sunday
11:30 pm Welcome Back Luncheon for
Reverend Laurel

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

August 31—Nathan Lagier
September 4—Georgia Byrne
September 4 —Marion White
September 12—Sarah Pease
September 14—Michael Carter

September 14—Marcia Lockwood
September 14—Susan Pitts
September 25—Joan Franz
September 27—Margo Vermilyer

Sermon Notes

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