



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Feast of St. Francis

October 4, 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 the One who creates all things.

People The Holy One's love is new every morning.

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 Creator be with you.

People And also with you.

Priest Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Job 39:1–18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to all God's Creation.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great

fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very

night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Rev. Laurel Coote

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Nicene Creed *All Stand.*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures:
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Honoring God in Creation

The people stand or kneel

Form 2

During the silence after each bidding, the people offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Leader Let us pray for the revealing of the reign of God in the world, now and always.

People **In the beginning, God was. Here and now, God is. In the future, God will be.**

Leader Creator of earth, sea, and sky, kindle the fire of your Spirit within us that we may be bold to heal and defend the earth, and pour your blessing upon all who work for the good of the planet. Receive our thanks for the beauty of our local habitat and all who dwell in it, and grant us the wisdom and will to conserve it.

Silence

People God, Giver of life,
Hear our prayer.

Leader Source of life, heal and redeem the wounds of your creation, and visit the places and people who suffer from our indifference, neglect, and greed. Receive our gratitude for places of restoration and healing, and continue to bless those places that feed our lives and spirits.

Silence

God, Giver of life

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Lover of all you have made, we thank you for the wondrous diversity of your creatures, and we pray for their well-being. Your works are full of mystery, give us wonder and appreciation for your creatures with whom we find ourselves in conflict.

Silence

God, Giver of life

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Giver of all good gifts, awaken us daily to our dependence upon your bounty, and make us always thankful for the abundance of your blessings. Heal our communities, especially those where neglect, greed, or violence inflict suffering upon people and other creatures.

Silence

God, Giver of life

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Comforter of all the earth, sustain the people of this congregation who desire or need your presence and help.

Silence

God, Giver of life

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Rock and refuge of all your creatures, receive into everlasting mercy all those who have died.

Silence

God, Giver of life

People Hear our prayer.

Priest Eternal God, the light of all who know you, come and fill our hearts with your love. Help us speak when many keep silent, help us stand for what is right when many sit in indifference. Increase our faith and charity, until your kingdom comes and heaven and earth rejoice in everlasting glory; through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

People God of compassion, have mercy upon us. Heal our relationships with all creation and with one another. Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect of those who share the earth with us. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to harm them, and for what we have not done to help them. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may care for one another and for your creation, according to your will and in the fullness of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 In Christ we are becoming a new creation.
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

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

Offertory Sentence

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

The Great Thanksgiving

EOW Eucharistic Prayer 3

The people stand at the processing 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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and

enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

**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 are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

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 This is the Living Bread, given for all creation.

People **All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body.**

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.

People Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this bread. May it strengthen us so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may embody your desire and be renewed for your service through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

All Stand.

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 the birthday of Peter Coote by Rev. Laurel Coote.*

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 our Servers today
October 4, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Susan Pitts

Lector
Steve Andrews

Altar Guild
Cathy Solms

Next week's Servers
October 11, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Mystery Chastain

Lector
Janel Hornbeck

TODAY
October 4, 2026

11:30am – 1pm
Rev. Laurel's Sabbatical Journey
- Telling the Story –



Giving Statements

Are available to pick up this week.
Remaining statements will be mailed.
Your statement will reflect ALL giving
from January 1st through September
15, 2026.

Thank you for your generosity. Your
support ensures our parish remains a
vibrant place of faith and community!



What is it that informs our generosity? Perhaps it is our lived experience of others being generous with us. Or how awesome it feels when we give to others, when we see our generosity make a difference.

As Christians, our generosity is informed by the simple theological truth that God has blessed us beyond measure – with all the gifts of Creation, with the resources that sustain our lives and with the gifts of relationship – with God and with one another.

When we pause to take stock of all we have been given, and can rest in gratitude, giving of our lives, labor and love to support the mission of our Church happens naturally. Because the natural response to God's generosity is to acknowledge that we are *Rooted in Abundance*.

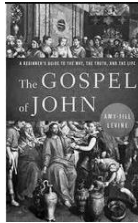
This Sunday, October 4th, we will commence our Season of Stewardship at St. Dunstan's. It's the time of year when we hear first-hand from fellow members about how God's abundance has shown up in their lives, and how God has called them to share it. It's also the time of year when all are invited to reflect on how God is asking us to share our time, talent and our treasure. When we all share generously what we have, the whole of the community and those we serve benefit and flourish.

St. Dunstan's is *Rooted in Abundance* and has been blessed with generous giving that makes all the difference, for the church and especially for each of you. Over the next month, in the E-News and on Sundays, we'll look more closely at the gifts of Time, Talent, and Treasure, as we pray and listen for God's wisdom.

May this Season of Stewardship bring forth wonderful insights and abundant blessings in your life.

Adult Formation

The Gospel of John



Our adult formation groups will dive into a new study beginning Sunday, October 4th, guided by “The Gospel of John” by Amy-Jill Levine. Dr. Levine, a world-renowned New Testament scholar, both suggests how John’s audience might have heard the text & challenges readers to consider how modern audiences might hear it. Her text moves through the Gospel in its entirety. First we explore the prologue, including John’s creation story & primary themes to follow. Then we’ll read & unpack major scenes & themes including the wedding at Cana, the Samaritan woman at the well, the healing of the man at the pool & the man born blind, foot washing, & the Lamb of God.

The author states in her subtitle that the book is “a guide to the way, the truth & the life. It is hoped that through reading & hearing how others respond to text, our faith will be deepened. There is always room for more at the table in all of our groups. So, if you haven’t participated in Bible study before, do consider joining us. The books have been ordered & will be available Sundays on the breezeway table & in the office.

Group meeting times:

2 groups Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

- one in the Guild Hall
- one in the Montessori School

Women’s group Wednesday morning at 11:00 a.m. in the Guild Hall.

Grant Application
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

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.

Sign up on the Welcome Table.

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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THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S
PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TUESDAY - THURSDAY 9AM –1PM

Sunday, October 4

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour
11:30am Rev. Laurel's Sabbatical Journey
-Telling the Story-
Presentation TODAY in the Guild Room

Monday, October 5

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 6

4:30pm Zoom Compline
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, October 7

10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30pm Daughters of the King Meeting

Thursday, October 8

Friday, October 9

Saturday, October 10

9:00am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 11

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 1—Jessica Pavloff
October 3—Peter Coote
October 3—Barbara Simmons
October 5—Sawyer Borlik
October 16—Ollie White

October 19—Elizabeth Pasquinelli
October 19—Chuck Vout
October 22—Joshua Pavloff
October 26—Rio Merrifield

Sermon Notes

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