



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 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 his kingdom, now and for ever, Amen.

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.

God of servant rule, your kingdom breaks our tangled webs where state and church collude to worship power and trade on fear: grant us the wit and will to give you what is your own, no more nor less than all the world and time; through Jesus Christ, whose kingdom comes. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Isaiah 45:1-7

The Lord anoints Cyrus, King of Persia, to be God's agent in freeing the chosen people from exile. The time is more than five centuries before the birth of Christ. The prophet perceives that God is working through a foreign king who does not even know the Lord. But God enables Cyrus to conquer Babylonia and then to set Israel free. Boldly the prophet speaks in the Lord's name: the Creator is responsible for everything that happens in the world, whether it seems a blessing or a disaster.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 96:1-9

A hymn of trust in the Lord. God will guard and deliver the one who loves and seeks refuge with God.

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Thessalonians 1:1-10

In company with Silvanus and Timothy, Paul greets the new Christians of Thessalonica, giving thanks for their faith and their conversion from idols to the worship of the true and living God. This letter was written not long after Paul's first missionary visit to this city in the country we know today as Greece. Evidently the converts were all former pagans. The apostle refers to the troubles and persecution that are also reported in the Acts of the Apostles. But the gospel, empowered by the activity of the Holy Spirit, has inspired a faith which has become widely known.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand

Matthew 22:15-22

Jesus answers a question about taxation by teaching that people should pay what belongs to the emperor to the emperor and the things of God to God. The question was meant as a trap. If Jesus advised the paying of taxes to the occupying Roman powers, many Jews would have considered him a collaborator. Had he counseled nonpayment, the Herodian servants of the Romans could accuse him of sedition. On one level Jesus' answer is a masterstroke of clever ambiguity, but it also causes his hearers to reflect more deeply on their responsibility to God and the state. Perhaps the saying suggests that government has its legitimate yet limited claims. It must not be given the highest allegiance.

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and

show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The people stand or kneel

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

Leader In peace, let us pray to the Lord saying hear our prayer.

Leader For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For our Presiding Bishop Sean, for our Bishop Lucinda, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For those in positions of public trust especially Donald, our President and Gavin our Governor, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer.

Leader For this congregation, those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer

Leader For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer

Leader For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer

Leader For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer

Leader For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People Hear our prayer

Priest Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God, **Amen.**

The Confession

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

Silence may be kept.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Priest May Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you your sins through Jesus Christ our Lord and strengthen you to live in the power of the Holy Spirit all of your days. **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

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, 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 Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.

Priest It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

The people stand or kneel.

Priest We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Dunstan, Andre, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast.

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 O Brother Jesus, we have been guests at your table; come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share. Summon out in us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit to ensure that all the hungry are nourished and earth's barren places are fertile with food, faith, hope and love. Amen.

The Blessing

All Stand.

The Dismissal

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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 in loving memory of Shirley Loomis
by Hersch Loomis.*

*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.*

Seeking Holy Baptism: Adults & Children

Are you or your child ready to take the next step in your faith journey?

The Episcopal Church welcomes all people—both children and adults—to
receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Baptism is a beautiful, public declaration of initiation into Christ's Body, the
Church. Whether you are seeking baptism for your infant, an older child, or for
yourself as an adult, we would be honored to walk alongside you.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Rev. Laurel Coote at
rector@saintdunstanschurch.org or call the church office at 831-624-6646.

Our next opportunity for baptisms will be on November 1, 2026.

Thank you to our Servers today
October 18, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Steve Andrews

Lector
Susan Pitts

Altar Guild
Ellen Jahn
Michelle Wilsdon

Next week's Servers
October 25, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

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Michelle Wilsdon



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 1st
All Saints Day and Consecration
Sunday

ONE SERVICE at 10am

In honor of All Saints Day we will remember our beloved Saints, those who have graced and made a difference in our lives. Bring the names of those you would like to have named aloud during the Liturgy of the Table.

Following the service we will gather for our All-Parish Stewardship Luncheon which will be held at Carmel Valley Ranch beginning at 12 noon.

Beginning this Sunday, please sign up to attend by:

-Signing up on the Welcome Table
Or

-Calling the Church Office
Or

-Sending an email to

Office@saintdunstanschurch.org

(please ensure you include your name and those attending with you)

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 to 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



Rooted in Abundance – Sharing our Talents

Scene: A rugged cliff, with a rushing river far below. Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid are crouched on the cliff, with pursuers close behind. Butch says they should jump. Sundance resists. Finally, he admits, “I can’t swim!” Butch laughs. “Are you crazy? The fall’ll probably kill ya!” They jump and Sundance discovers that yes, he can swim after all, at least well enough to save his life.

St. Dunstan’s won’t ask you to jump off a cliff in service to the church, but you might be invited to take on something you’ve never done before. Everyone is good at something. Often, it’s something they never could have imagined doing and didn’t think they’d be good at. And then, like Sundance, they found themselves doing it. Organizations grow that way, churches included. When the needs are clear, the people appear. We see it over and over at St. Dunstan’s. When people step forward, the work gets done, and done well. Sometimes to the surprise of the doers! As Rev. Laurel reminded us on Sunday in her sermon, God is at work even when we don’t notice him. He moves us into situations where our talents will be put to use, and where we can shine in his service. Perhaps we don’t always think we’re up to the task we’re being asked to undertake but God knows better.

As we consider what it means to be rooted in abundance, it’s good to remember that we all have hidden talents as well as those that we’ve developed through careers and craft and artistic pursuits and the management of our daily lives. When you think about the talent portion of the time-talent-treasure stewardship triad, please step forward and share your talent – or discover a new one -- in the many efforts that strengthen and enrich St. Dunstan’s.

- Sheila Hiebert

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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St. Dunstan's?***

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Dedicate Altar Flowers

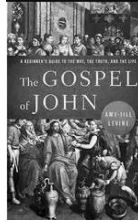
This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The recommended donation is \$30, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.



Sign up on the Welcome Table.

Adult Formation

The Gospel of John



Our adult formation groups have begun a new book study: “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 are 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.

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

Sunday, October 18

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:15am Coffee Hour
11:30am Rooted in Abundance Round
Table

Monday, October 19

Office Closed

Tuesday, October 20

4:30pm Zoom Compline
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, October 21

10:00am Holy Eucharist
11:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:30pm Haiti Team Meeting

Thursday, October 22

3:00pm Vestry Meeting

Friday, October 23

Saturday, October 24

9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Mutual Ministry Review

Sunday, October 25

8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
4th Sundays Family Worship
11:30am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

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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