ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 8, 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.

Holy God, whose fire of love never goes out: free us from the fear of scarcity that keeps us out of love's own feast; renew our trust in your abundance which knows no death and keeps no count; through Jesus Christ, the oil of gladness. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16
Wisdom is portrayed as a radiant and virtuous woman who should be wholeheartedly pursued. Those who seek for Wisdom will find her; she will meet them in their every thought. This book emerges from Hellenized Judaism in the first century before Christ. It is attributed to Solomon because of its deep concern for the pursuit of understanding and wisdom among those striving to be faithful to God.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 70

A prayer for help and vindication.

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O Lord, do not tarry.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Paul offers a vision of how the dead in Christ will rise and then, together with those who are alive, be caught up to meet the Lord in the sky. Apparently some members of the Thessalonian church had died, and there was this concern: would they miss the Lord's coming? First, Paul reminds them that the Christian hope is rooted in the God who raised Jesus. He then describes the day of the Lord's appearing and the raising up of the dead and the living, using highly poetic imagery conditioned by the worldview of his time. The essential meaning is clear: we shall be with the Lord.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then

we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Matthew 25:1-13
The parable of the wise and foolish maidens—those prepared and unprepared for the bridegroom's coming. In several ways the details of the story may strike us as odd and even a little unfair, but such a concern misses the main point, which has much in common with other of Jesus' parables. One must at all times be ready with repentance and decision for the kingdom's coming. In a later period this story was read with allegorical overtones. Jesus is the bridegroom whose return is delayed. Some in the church are falling asleep while others remain expectant.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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 Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 thanksgiving for, and in loving memory of our family by Ann and Duncan Clarke.

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.

Pledge Card Collection:
Didn't make it last Sunday? You can still drop your completed pledge card into the box located at the Welcome Table.

Thank you to our Servers today
November 8, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Susan Pitts

Lector
Steve Andrews

Altar Guild
Michelle Wilsdon

Next week's Servers
November 15, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Mystery Chastain

Lector
Lauren Leonoff

Altar Guild
Ellen Jahn
Kathy Lueders

Adult Formation

The Gospel of John

Our adult formation group continues with its book study: "The Gospel of John" by Amy-Jill Levine.

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HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

At St. Dunstan's we are blessed to be able to share our abundance to enhance the holiday season for our neighbors, locally and across the globe.

The Season begins THIS SUNDAY, November 8th and will run through Sunday, December 13th. Throughout the season, you'll hear about the ministry's need, and learn how you can help to make the holiday season more joyful and meaningful for our neighbors.

Our ministries are:
Nancy's Project
St. Andre's School in Haiti
Salvation Army
I-Help Men and Women

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, November 8
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

Monday, November 9
Office Closed

Tuesday, November 10
4:30pm Zoom Compline
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, November 11
10:00am Morning Prayer
11:00am Adult Faith Formation: The Gospel of John Study
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, November 12
3:00pm Finance Meeting

Friday, November 13
3:30pm Haiti Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 14
9:00am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation: The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1—Janel Hornbeck
November 1—Cynthia Young
November 6—Larry Davidson
November 6—Barbara Greenway
November 6—Beth Heston
November 14—Pam Gallaway
November 14—Chloe Lama
November 18—Nicholas Leonoff
November 18—Jackie Wendland
November 21—Betty Kasson
November 22 —Hope Rosen
November 22—John Tomlin
November 24—Kent Saunders
November 27—Mike Cervi
November 28—Janet Morse
November 30 —Pam Lawrence

Sermon Notes