ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
November 22, 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 Blessed be God's 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.

Destitute king, one with the hungry, the naked and the scorned: may our faith be proved not in dogma and piety but in serving you in the last and the least; through Jesus Christ the stranger's Lord. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
The Lord promises to be the shepherd of the people. God will bring them home and heal them. God will feed and protect them. The exile of Israel is coming to an end. Ezekiel has prophesied against the false shepherds, the rulers who only fed off the flock. Now God will tend the sheep who have been dispersed and preyed upon, but the overfed will be judged.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a
A call to worship the Lord our God.

1 Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
7 For he is our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Ephesians 1:15-23
Paul gives thanks for the faith and love of the Ephesians and prays that they may see with their inward eyes the power of God, who has raised and enthroned Jesus far above all earthly and heavenly dominions. How vast is the treasure that God offers to those who trust in the Lord! The Lord Christ now reigns as head of the church, which is his body and which experiences the fullness of his love.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,

may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

All stand

Matthew 25:31-46
A picture of the universal judgment when the Son Of Man, acting as judge and king, will separate humankind into two groups: those who have cared for the Lord in the needy, the stranger, and prisoners—and those who have not. On one level the evangelist intends those in need to be understood as Christian disciples. But the bringing of all peoples into judgment has caused Christians to realize that the Christ is to be recognized in every individual. Beneath this awareness lies a profound theological mystery: the likeness of God, which has been decisively revealed in the human person of Jesus, may be perceived in each human being.

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took

care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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 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; today we pray for… and those we name now either silently or aloud.
We pray to you, O Lord.

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest. Today we pray for… and those we name now either silently or aloud.
We pray to you, O Lord.

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 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.*

Prayer for a Birthday or Anniversary

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

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

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 and in thanksgiving for the St. Dunstan's Choir by Betty Kasson.

Thank you to Rev. Shelley Denney for leading us in worship today!

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
November 22, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Shelley Denney

Lay Leader
Steve Andrews

Lector
Janel Hornbeck

Altar Guild
Julie Tomlin
Beth Heston

Next week's Servers
November 29, 2026

Celebrant and Preacher
The Rev. Laurel Coote

Lay Leader
Susan Pitts

Lector
Mystery Chastain

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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 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.

Today we will begin decorating our St. Andre's School giving tree. Please consider purchasing an ornament to help support school lunches for our children in Haiti.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND GENEROSITY!



SAVE THE DATE

This year's Christmas Cookie Sale is Sunday, December 6th.

Plan to pick up your hand selected assortment of homemade Christmas cookies following both the 8am and 10am services.

We would love for you to contribute your favorite Christmas cookie to the cookie sale! Cookies can be dropped off at **the church on Saturday, December 5th between 9am and 2pm.**

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.

Wonder what's going on at St. Dunstan's?

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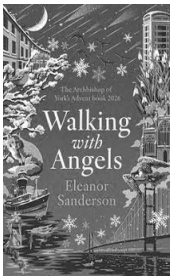
St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting stdcv.org/subscribe and entering your email address.

Advent Opportunity for Adult Formation Groups
Beginning November 29, 2026



Our spiritual formation groups will be reading & discussing Walking with Angels by Eleanor Sanderson, Archbishop of York.

The author invites us to listen to the words of angels throughout the Bible as they urge us to enter Advent with a deeper awareness of the connection between the heavenly & earthly realms.

We will be invited to engage both body & spirit was we journey through this Advent season. Each of the four weeks focuses on a different aspect of these angelic messages to inspire readers to grow in love for God, for their neighbors & for themselves.

Walking with Angels encourages the spiritual practice of prayer in order to bring us closer to the heavenly & offers a meaningful, embodied way to prepare once again for the coming of Christ.

Group meeting times & locations are as follows:

Sunday at 9:00 a.m. — one group in the new conference room (formerly the church office) one group in the school

Wednesday at 11:00 — Women's group in the new conference room

Would you like to donate to St. Dunstan's?

Need to send in your pledge payment,
or set up your 2027 Pledge?

Checks can be mailed to the church office
(28005 Robinson Canyon Road, Carmel, CA 93923)
or by utilizing the QR code below:

Coffee Hour Hosts



If you are able to host coffee hour on a Sunday please sign up on the breezeway table.

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, November 22
8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Thanksgiving Coffee Hour
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:30am Thanksgiving Coffee Hour

Monday, November 23
Office Closed

Tuesday, November 24
7:30pm AA

Wednesday, November 25
10:00am Morning Prayer
11:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry

Thursday, November 26
Office Closed

Friday, November 27
Office Closed

Saturday, November 28
9:00am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 29
8:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:00am Adult Faith Formation:
The Gospel of John Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist (live- streamed)
11:00am Coffee Hour

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