

THE 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 31, 2021 8 am

ST. DUNSTAN'S

Welcome BACK to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here! Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Prelude Air from Suite No. 3 (BWV 1068)

J.S. Bach

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

People Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses tells the people that they must carefully keep the ten commandments he has just given them. This is the Lord's covenant, for, if Israel will observe these statutes, then all will go well with them in their new land. They shall teach them to their children and, as signs of their devotion, wear little boxes with passages of scripture in them. Central to Israel's faith is the Shema, which every Jew is to recite daily, and which begins: "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord." God shall be wholly loved. The Lord's claim upon Israel is total.

> Moses said: Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:1-8 Beati immaculate

Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord, who guide their ways by God's commandments.

1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, * who walk in the law of the Lord!
2 Happy are they who observe his decrees * and seek him with all their hearts!
3 Who never do any wrong, * but always walk in his ways.
4 You laid down your commandments, * that we should fully keep them.
5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct * that I might keep your statutes!
6 Then I should not be put to shame, * when I regard all your commandments.
7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, * when I have learned your righteous judgments.

8 I will keep your statutes; * do not utterly forsake me.

Hebrews 9:11-14

We are taught that Christ, our high priest, has fulfilled and surpassed the purposes of the earthly temple that served as an archetype of the heavenly reality. Through his faithful sacrifice, Jesus has entered the eternal holy of holies and obtained the everlasting redemption prefigured by the old rites of animal sacrifice. Believers may now worship the living God with a purified conscience, knowing themselves to be sanctified through Christ.

> When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Mark 12:28-34

Jesus answers a question concerning the chief command of the law by reciting the double commandment to love God and one's neighbor. Jesus was not unique in bringing together these two great teachings from Israel's heritage, but the New Testament gives them special emphasis. They are closely linked, for in responding to God's love, we learn that we are lovable, and so begin to be able to love others as ourselves. In loving our neighbors we discover the mystery that we are also loving in them their Creator. The man who asked Jesus the question repeats the commandments in his own words. He is not far from the kingdom.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The 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 worshipped 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 Leader Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed. People Hear us, O Christ. Leader Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril. People Hear us, O Christ. Leader Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. People Hear us, O Christ. Leader Guard and protect all children who are in danger. People Hear us, O Christ. Leader Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble. People Hear us, O Christ. Leader Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. People Hear us, O Christ. Hear us as we remember those who have died, Leader and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Priest Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.** Confession of Sin Standing or kneeling. Silence may be kept.

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

We pause for a moment of reflection as we prepare to acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God.

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 all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements All are seated.

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he/she begins another year. Grant that he/she may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his/her trust in your goodness all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Offertory

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship; Eucharistic Prayer 3

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 with 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 he 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 called 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 it 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:

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

Priest 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 blessed Dunstan, and Andre, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN**.

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

Priest The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE THE HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive communion. The table we set is the Lord's. Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to receive the Bread made holy.

When directed by the usher, come forward to the communion station. Please keep your mask on with your hands extended to receive the Host. The bread is received in the open palm.

Once you have moved away from the Minister, you may remove one side of your mask, consume the Host, and replace your mask.

Those who prefer to receive a blessing 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.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Priest Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest May you live this day compassionate of heart, clear in word, gracious in awareness, courageous in thought, generous in love, and the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people are invited to listen and observe silence during the postlude. All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.

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The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church celebrates God's diverse creation and strives to build an inclusive community that welcomes everyone, no matter age, gender, sexual identity, culture, ethnicity, economic status, or ability.

A Storied Pilgrimage with Race

"A Storied Pilgrimage with Race" explores the issues of race in our diocese through video interviews, education materials, action items, and reflection. Please join Rev. Laurel and others from our community as we engage in this year-long pilgrimage. The completion of this curriculum fulfills the requirement for anti-racism training in the Diocese of El Camino Real.

Our next gathering is this coming Wednesday from 6:30—8 pm. You may join us in person on via Zoom <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?</u> <u>pwd=NHdPbDNheFpVclpvQU1nbjQvSDNsUT09</u> Meeting ID: 856 9177 5520 Passcode: 317147

For more information, please contact the parish office.

Bring Pictures & Names for All Saints' Day Sunday, November 7

During the next two weeks leading up to All Saints Day, we join together in remembering our lost and loved ones as a community by placing a photo or any other item of remembrance on the Altar of Remembrance, located inside the sanctuary.

You are invited to bring a framed photo or other item of remembrance and place it on the altar of remembrance of your loved one. We perform this ritual because our loved ones who have passed away continue to shape us and form us in our life and faith. The altar will be up October 27 through November 7th. We invite you to visit the altar during parish and to say a prayer for those in our community journeying through grief.

If you bring an item for the altar, it is recommended that you put a sticker on the back with your name and phone number.

Additionally, during the Liturgy of the Table on November 7th, we will name aloud those from the St. Dunstan's community who have died since March 2020. If you would like to add the name of a beloved to this list, you may enter it in the binder you will find on the table in the breezeway, or send a message to the church office by Friday, November 5.

Zoom Compline, Mondays at 5:30 pm

Please consider joining us for prayer as we give thanks to God for the day that is past and place our hope and faith in God for the night.

We are currently using the Order for Compline from the New Zealand Prayer book, which can be downloaded at <u>stdcv.org/bulletins</u>.

Join Zoom Compline

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899 Meeting ID: <u>850 7038 4899</u>

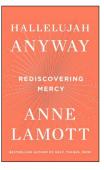
Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

We continue to read and discuss <u>Hallelujah Anyway</u>, by Anne Lamott, in the Guild Room.

The book can be ordered

at your local bookstore, or if you would like a copy ordered for you (cost is \$11; Large Print \$17), contact Rebecca or the church office by Sept 20.

For more information, contact Janel Hornbeck at <u>parkerhorn@comcast.net</u>.



Nancy's Project Thanksgiving Food Drive Help feed the people who feed us!

It is an unfortunate fact that the people in the Salinas Valley who plant, grow and pick our food frequently can't afford to buy the food they harvest. Nancy's Project would like to assure that they have a happy, healthy and well-fed Thanksgiving.

Please bring your donations of **non-perishable food** to the Nancy's Project shed at St. Dunstan's or leave them in Brock Hall **between October 31 and November 14**. Reverend Laurel will bless them on November 14 and we will take them to our friends in the Salinas Valley the week before Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your generosity and for caring about the people who make our Thanksgivings bounteous!



Some suggestions:

peanut butter, tuna, canned chicken, canned ham, cereal, pasta, canned vegetables, oatmeal

Help us get to know you by Filling out a Pew Card

If you are visiting us, are new to Saint Dunstan's, or if your contact information has changed, please fill out a Pew Card and drop it in the collection plate. Thanks!

Rector's Sabbath

Rev. Laurel is observing her sabbath day on Fridays. Please respect this important time away except for pastoral emergencies. She will reply to any messages on Saturday.

Sign up today to receive St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

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

This week's guest organist

This week we welcome Peter Dierkes back to the bench. Welcome, back Peter!

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests



For pastoral concerns,

contact Rev. Laurel <u>via email</u> or on her cell <u>310-562-5746</u>. And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church <u>831-624-6646</u> ext 5.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests in this time when many are in crisis. Please email the DOK's <u>Elizabeth Buche</u>, who manages the Daughters' prayer list. The Daughters pray for members of our parish and for many other individuals daily.

Dedicate Altar Flowers

This is a lovely and meaningful way to give Glory to God in celebration of a birthday, or in thanksgiving, or in memory of a loved one. The cost of the flowers is \$20, but some give more. Checks should be made out to St. Dunstan's with "Altar Flowers" in the memo.

You can check available Sundays on our Master Calendar at <u>stdcv.org/calendar</u>. (hint: if you see ". . ." before "The Altar Flowers", that Sunday is available.)

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to <u>office@stdcv.org</u> by midnight Sunday.

You look mahvelous! Let us take your picture for the **Parish Photo Directory**

Many new people have joined St. Dunstan's since the world went wonky two years ago. And the photo directory is an important way that we can know and be known to one another. So we invite you to freshen up your picture in our Parish Photo Directory. It is also a chance for you to confirm we have your most up-to-date information.

So whether you are new-ish to St. Dunstan's and do not yet have your picture in the directory, (Not certain if your picture is there or not, there is a good chance it isn't!), or if you have emerged from the cocoon of COVID with a new look, or if you just want everyone to see how mahvelous you look, this is the time to look for Rocky Carr in the Breezeway so he can capture your image. It only takes a moment, and it doesn't hurt much at all.

No Photo Available

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

PARISH OFFICE OPEN TUESDAY—THURSDAY, 9 AM—12 NOON

Sunday, October 31 ~ All Hallow's Eve ~	Thursday, November 4
8:00 am Holy Eucharist	12:00 pm Quilters
9:00 am Discussion Group	4:00 pm I-Help Men
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)	
11:00 am Coffee Hour	
	Friday, November 5
Monday, November 1 ~ All Saints' Day ~	
5:30 pm Zoom Compline	Saturday, November 6
	8:00 am Diocesan Convention
<u>Tuesday, November 2</u>	3:00 pm School Fundraiser
9:30 am Daughters of the King	-
7:30 pm AA	
-	Sunday, November 7
Wednesday, November 3	~ All Saints' Day celebrated ~
•	8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 amHoly Eucharist11:00 amPrayer Shawl Ministry12:20 nmDaughters of the King	9:00 am Discussion Group
	10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
12:30 pm Daughters of the King	11:00 am Coffee Hour
6:30 pm A Storied Pilgrimage with Race	

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jessica Pavloff
- 2 Abby Brown
- 3 Jessica Bohlman
- 3 Barbara Simmons
- 8 Gloria Rodda
- 11 Brishen Gregorio

- 16 Joe Green
- 16 Ollie White
- 19 Elizabeth Pasquinelli
- 19 Chuck Vout
- 21 Sheila Barton
- 22 Joshua Pavloff

- 23 Eleanor Avila
- 24 Marian Mizelle
- 25 Victoria Franklin
- 27 Donna Roth
- 29 Daniel Garcia
- 31 Jon Hill



WE HOPE YOU FIND YOURS HERE

Here is a place that is ancient and new, a faith that we hold going back to Jesus, back to his spiritual ancestors, back to those who walked the earth and found holy ground. And what we do is often based on really ancient patterns—worship and music; loving service to the poor, the hurting, the lonely; working for justice and peace; lively, fearless education and formation of minds and souls. And that faith is also completely contemporary, engaged in the culture and the needs of the moment.

WHAT WE ARE FOR

The dignity and worth of every person. An open minded, passionate commitment to truth. The importance of everyone's own spiritual journey. God's friends wherever we find them. Seeking Christ in every person who comes through the door. The sacredness of life's rites of passage. The value of community. The hard work necessary to make sure that all are welcomed. Telling the truth about life's challenges. A "user-friendly" church experience. Children, youth and families. We believe that God is love, and we pray that God will use us to spread that love.

WHAT WE ARE AGAINST

Claiming to have all the answers. Elitism and exclusivism, especially in church. Bigotry for any reason. Authoritarianism. Indifference to injustice and suffering. Certitude in the face of ambiguity and superficial answers to hard questions. Boring sermons, bad music and general cluelessness. (So, God help us, because we don't always avoid these!)

WHAT WE VALUE

Community, open hearts, open minds, open arms. Faith. Fortitude. Staying current, but equally staying rooted in tradition. Reason and honesty. Civic responsibility. Debate that allows for mutual respect. Music and beauty for their own sake. Joy in God's creation. Anyone who makes an effort to get to know and follow Jesus.

WELCOME!

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