



ST. DUNSTAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 21, 2021
8 am

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 Prelude in D Major

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.

You who are, who were, who are to come,
before whose judgement all fades away that is not love:
Save us from the violence that seeks to claim our hearts so we might hear a
different voice and belong to you in truth, through Jesus Christ,
the wounded king of all. **Amen.**

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

A scene of judgment in heaven and a vision of one like a son of man coming to rule in an everlasting kingdom. The ancient figure is God, and the one who appears like a human seems to be symbolic of the future people of Israel. The imagery derives from pre-Israelitic mythology and once was used to picture the beginning of a reign of a new ruler. Christians later understood the vision to be a prefiguration of Jesus' exaltation and role in judgment as the divine Son of Man.

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93 *Dominus regnavit*

God reigns, the Lord of all creation. God has established the earth and subdued the great waters.

- 1 **T**he Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; *
the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure *
that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; *
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, *
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

Revelation 1:4b–8

The revelation made known to a disciple named John begins with a greeting from the everlasting God, from the seven spirits which worship God, and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Jesus, who continues to love his disciples, is praised as the faithful witness whose sacrifice has formed a royal household, a new priestly people to serve God. Soon he will come, like the one foreseen by the prophet Daniel, on the clouds of heaven. He now rules over all earthly kings, and God, the Alpha and Omega, the first and the last, is sovereign over all.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

John 18:33–37

As his passion draws near, Jesus comes face to face with the Roman governor, and seeks to explain the nature of his kingship. It has been suggested to Pilate that Jesus pretends to be some form of political ruler. But Jesus' kingship does not use the force of this world's weapons. Pilate then realizes that Jesus' kingship must be of a different order. The sovereignty of Jesus is found in his witness to divine truth. He reveals God's purpose and character, and those who share in this truth hear his voice.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

The Rev. Laurel Coote

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

Enriching Our Worship; Form V

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.

Leader Hear us as we remember those who have died, and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People Hear us, O Christ.

Priest **A**lmighty 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 **A**lmighty 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.*

Blessing of the Altar Linens

Priest **T**his is the offering which you shall receive from the people, gold, silver, and bronze, blue and purple and scarlet cloth, and finely woven linen. You shall make holy garments for Aaron, for glory and for beauty.

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness:

People You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

Priest Clothe your ministers with righteousness:

People Let your people sing with joy.

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you revealed your Son clothed in majesty and glory, all your works proclaim your perfect beauty; accept the offering of this frontal, burse and pall, and this chasuble and stoles for the use of the clergy of your church, that they may adorn this sanctuary and show forth your glory 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 **W**e 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 **M**ay 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 **G**o in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to enjoy fellowship with one another outside the church during coffee hour.

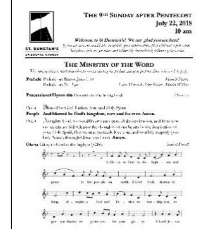


The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

*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.*

Weekly Bulletins available electronically

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like the idea of reading on your device, want to see what's coming up
or what is past, our weekly worship bulletins are available as a PDF
online at stdcv.org/bulletins





Family Church

Sunday, November 21 in Brock Hall, 4 - 6 pm

Join us for an informal "Family Church" complete with dinner & Advent wreath making
All ages welcome!

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!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests



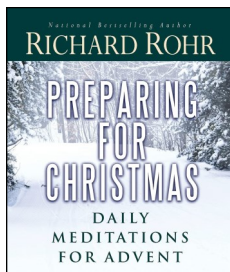
For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel revlaurel@stdcv.org or on her cell [310-562-5746](tel:310-562-5746). And you can always leave a message on the Pastoral Care line at church [831-624-6646](tel:831-624-6646) ext 5.

Our Daughters of the King chapter welcomes your prayer requests. Prayer requests may be sent to dok@stdcv.org. The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

This week we conclude our discussion of Hallelujah Anyway, by Anne Lamont and look forward to beginning our next adventure with Richard Rohr's Preparing for Christmas on November 28.

For more information, contact Janel Hornbeck at parkerhorn@comcast.net.



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 stdcv.org/calendar. (hint: if you see ". . ." before "The Altar Flowers", that Sunday is available.)

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 stdcv.org/bulletins.

Join Zoom Compline

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899>

Meeting ID: [850 7038 4899](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85070384899)

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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.

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, November 21

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour
4:00 pm Family Church in Brock Hall

Monday, November 22

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

Tuesday, November 23

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, November 24

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
3:30 pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, November 25

~Thanksgiving Day~
Office Closed

Friday, November 19

Office Closed

Saturday, November 20

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 21

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
9:00 am Discussion Group
10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)
11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdev.org/calendar

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Janel Hornbeck	14 Pam Gallaway	25 Corliss Kelly
1 Cynthia Young	14 Danielle Gregorio	25 Hal Snellgrose
1 Shelley Franklin	16 Laine Rethmeier	25 Brynn Bohlman
6 Barbara Greenway	18 Nick Leonoff	26 Phyllis Elson
6 Beth Heston	21 Betty Kasson	27 Barbara Brooks
7 Holly Pease	22 John Tomlin	27 Mike Cervi
9 Val Parsel	23 Katie Murray	28 Janet Morse
9 Ramona Smith	24 Kent Saunders	



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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