



# THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## November 28, 2021

### 8 am

**ST. DUNSTAN'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Welcome to St Dunstan's! We are glad you are here!*

*Please silence your phones and wear your mask while indoors.*

*If you are new, or would like to update your information, please fill out a pew card.*

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## THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

**Prelude** Toccata: 'Sleepers, Wake'

*Hugo Distler*

### Lighting the Advent Wreath

God of hope, we light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son.  
Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ arrives,  
we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our strength.  
**Amen.**

*The people respond, singing:*

**People** **O** come, **O** come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

**Priest** **B**lessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People** **A**nd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Priest** **A**lmighty 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** **H**oly God, Holy and Mighty,  
**H**oly Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.  
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**H**oly Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.

## **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.

Urgent God, breaking through the static to speak to our hearts: disarm our love of control and shake the silent heavens to reveal your dawning glory, judging all in the light of love; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come. **Amen.**

## **Jeremiah 33:14–16**

*The Lord's promise to the house of Israel and the house of Judah is reaffirmed, foreseeing the arrival of a messianic figure, a righteous branch who will execute justice and save the people. This passage may have been added to the Book of Jeremiah a century or so later. A sure confidence in God's deliverance sounds forth, and Christians have interpreted the passage as a prophecy regarding Christ.*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader Here what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 25:1–9** *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*A prayer for forgiveness and guidance and an expression of trust in the Lord.*

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9–13**

*The apostle Paul expresses gratitude to God for his disciples in Thessalonica and tells these followers of his prayers for them. He has heard a good report of their faith and love and their concern for him. He prays that he will soon see them again, and asks that they may grow in love and be established in holiness, in preparation for the coming of the Lord Jesus.*

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Luke 21:25–36**

*Jesus tells his disciples of the awe-inspiring crisis to come, which they may also recognize as the beginning of the time of their redemption. The heavens and earth will bear fearsome witness before the appearance of the heavenly judge, the Son of Man. As the budding fig tree foretells the advance of summer, so can all this calamity be recognized as a preparation for the drawing near of the kingdom of God. The believer is to be alert, fixed on Christ's words and teachings and prepared for the coming of the Lord.*

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

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

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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.*

**W**e believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**W**e 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.

**W**e 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 In joy at the nearness of the Christ, let us offer our prayers to God.

May the power of God's holy presence clear a path through the rubble of broken lives and hearts to make our world and each of us a new creation.  
We pray to the Lord.

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May our gracious God always console and comfort us,  
nourish our deepest hungers, and guide us in ways of justice and peace.  
We pray to the Lord.

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May we find in the deserts of our lives a new Jordan,  
a stream of blessing that bears forgiveness, refreshment and joy.  
We pray to the Lord.

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader For the people of St. Dunstan's and St. Andre's,  
for Lucinda our Bishop, and all who do ministry near or far;  
may the God of John the Baptist raise up holy prophets in our midst,  
voices to challenge us to greater integrity and truthfulness.  
We pray to the Lord.

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May the God who is our comfort hear the cries of all in need, especially:  
We pray to the Lord.

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Leader May the God who is our future hold those who have died in the embrace  
of faithful love, especially:  
Together may we see new heavens and a new earth.  
We pray to the Lord.

**People We pray to you, O God.**

Priest **O** Emmanuel, God-with-us, You show us the face of divinity, and reveal  
the fullness of our humanity. Come: Hear our prayers, renew your creation,  
restore us all in Christ, and enable us to become who we are, your faithful and  
loving people. We pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

Priest **G**od has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith,  
and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

*Silence*

Priest Let us confess our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

People **M**erciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said,  
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.

**We have sinned in ignorance:**

**we have sinned in weakness:**

**we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**We repent and turn to you.**

**Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake,**

**and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

### **The Absolution**

Priest **T**hrough the cross of Christ,

God have mercy on you, pardon you, and set you free.

Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **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

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* 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 life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### The Offertory

Priest Let us give to God with generosity and gladness  
the offerings of our lives, our labors, and our love.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

Priest *All things come of thee, O Lord.*

**People And of thine own have we given thee.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 2*

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 **W**e praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:



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

*The people stand or kneel.*

**Priest** Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with blessed Dunstan, blessed Andre, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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. A period of silence is kept.*

Priest Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Priest **T**his is the table of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him, And for those who want to love him more.  
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed.  
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.  
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### **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 Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## The Blessing

Priest May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

Whether you want to save the environment by using less paper, 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](http://stdcv.org/bulletins)





## Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel [revlaurel@stdcv.org](mailto:revlaurel@stdcv.org) or on her cell 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](mailto:dok@stdcv.org). The Daughters pray for members of our parish as well as many others daily.

### *Coming on Sunday* **The Giving Tree**

This tree is now bare but will soon be decorated. Your \$50 donations will add an ornaments to the tree. But what is most important is every \$50 donation will feed a student at St. Andre's in Hinche, Haiti a nutritious hot lunch every school day for a year. This is a big deal in a country in crisis where food shortage is chronic. Look for the table, tree and ornaments outside of church on Sunday. We will have cards to acknowledge your gifts and to send to those you want to honor with your donations.

### **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](http://stdcv.org/bulletins).

#### **Join Zoom Compline**

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

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

## 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.

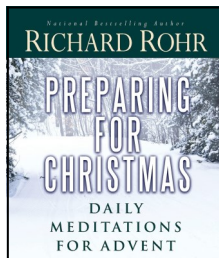
You can check available Sundays on our Master Calendar at [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.org/calendar). (hint: if you see ". . ." before "The Altar Flowers", that Sunday is available.)

## 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.

## Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

Items for our eNews and Sunday Bulletin should be submitted to [office@stdcv.org](mailto:office@stdcv.org) by midnight Sunday.



## Discussion Group

This Sunday, 9 am

This week we begin our next adventure with Richard Rohr's Preparing

for Christmas.

For more information, speak with [Janel Hornbeck](#).

We meet in the Guild Room with masks.

*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!

*Sign up today to receive*

## St. Dunstan's weekly eNews

Getting weekly news, links to sermons, updates, and schedules is as simple as visiting [stdcv.org/subscribe](http://stdcv.org/subscribe) and entering your email address.

## 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 or via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85691775520?pwd=NHdPbDNheFpVclpvQU1nbjQvSDNsUT09>

Meeting ID: 856 9177 5520 Passcode: 317147

For more information, please contact the parish office.

## Christmas Cookie Sale is back!

**Sunday, December 5th, After the 8 am & 10 am service**



Mix and match your own unique dozen.

Join us in the kitchen to help bake and prepare for the sale this Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm Not available to help on Saturday? Bring your favorite cookie recipe baked and ready to sell to the church! Cookies may be dropped off Saturday between 9am and 1 pm or before either service on Sunday. Thank you for helping to make our Christmas Cookie sale a success!

We are also anticipating a visit from St Nicholas during Sunday school! The children will learn a little about his life and of course share some cookies with him!

# THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

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## Sunday, November 28

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

## Monday, November 29

5:30 pm Zoom Compline

## Tuesday, November 30

7:30 pm AA

## Wednesday, December 1

10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
12:30 pm Daughters of the King  
3:30 pm Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm A Storied Pilgrimage with Race

## Thursday, December 2

12:00 pm Quilters  
4:00 pm I-Help Men

## Friday, December 3

## Saturday, December 4

9:00 am Cookie Baking

## Sunday, December 5

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

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View the entire parish calendar [stdcv.org/calendar](http://stdcv.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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