

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT April 3, 2022 8 am

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

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

Please silence your phones.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The congregation is invited to observe silence during the prelude, out of respect for those who are listening, and as an opportunity for prayer, meditation, and healing.

Prelude Choral phrygien Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

Priest Blessed be the God of our salvation:

People Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Priest When we cry out to the Lord in our trouble,

People he will deliver us from our distress.

Priest God will bring us out of our darkness,

People and out of the shadow of death.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

People Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, have mercy.

Priest Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion and acknowledge our

transgressions in penitence and faith.

The people stand or kneel.

People God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Priest

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of his Son and Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

Extravagant God, lavishing your love on our poverty of heart: inspire us to give without stint, to lose life that we might find it again, so the world will be filled with the fragrance of your love; through Jesus Christ, who offers himself for us. **Amen**

Isaiah 43:16-21

The same Lord who brought the people through the Red Sea waters and crushed the army of the Egyptians will do a new thing in this day when God will bring the people home through the wilderness. No longer need the Israelites only remember the things the Lord did for them in the past. It is the end of the exile; again God forms the chosen people. A safe way will be made in the wilderness, and rivers will flow in the barren desert.

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 In convertendo

A song of hope and joy sung to the Lord, who restores the fortunes of God's people.

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
 "The Lord has done great things for them."
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Philippians 3:4b-14

The apostle Paul can boast of his religious background, yet nothing matters in comparison with knowing Christ as his Lord. If righteousness were to be based on a legalistic understanding of religion, Paul had any number of points in his favor. But all such privilege he now counts as garhage so that he may belong to Christ through faith and share in his sufferings. Forgetting what lies behind, he presses on toward the call ahead.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

John 12:1-8

Jesus, but a few days before his passion, is at supper with Lazarus, Martha, and Mary when Mary anoints his feet with costly ointment. She then wipes his feet with her hair. Jesus links her action to his final anointing at burial, but Judas, seeking personal gain, chastises them over the cost of the perfume and invokes the needs of the poor. This action fits the extreme nature of the moment, Jesus counsels. Love like Mary's will not overlook the poor.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

After the sermon a brief silence is kept.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stephen Mills

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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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

from Brian McLaren's, We Make the Way by Walking

Standing or kneeling.

Leader Let us give thanks to the living God for all the gifts that we enjoy, saying, "We thank you, living God."

Leader For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For the communities of St. Dunstan's and of St. Andre's in Haiti, and for all people whose lives reveal the image of Christ:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For challenges which call forth new strength, for failures which teach greater humility, and for encouragement to persevere when life is hard:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for those in special need today including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader We pray for those who have died, including [...]; let us pray to the Lord.

People We thank you, living God.

Leader For all who have gone before us, for all who walk beside us, and for all children, who are precious to us and to you:

People We thank you, living God.

Leader And for the great wisdom and hope that you reveal to us through Jesus, our leader, example, teacher, liberator, and friend:

People We thank you, living God.

Priest Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace All stand.

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people exchange the peace with one another.

Announcements All are seated.

The Offertory

Priest But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

— Hebrews 13:15-16

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer IIb; Episcopal Church of Scotland

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 God thanks and praise.**

Priest You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

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

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Dunstan, Andre, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.

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.

The bread is received in the open palm.

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 Compassionate and loving God, through your Son Jesus Christ you have fed us, and reconciled your people to yourself. May we who have shared in this holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives, bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of your wholeness in this broken world. Following Christ's example of fasting and prayer, may we obey you with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love. Amen

The Blessing

Priest Bow down before the Lord.

Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

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 greens are given to the Glory of God

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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.

Special Thank you and Welcome to The Rev. Stephen Mills

Thank you for being with us to lead us in our worship today while Laurel is away.

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



Making Palm Crosses

Join us today after the 10 am service as we make palm crosses in Brock Hall to be given out next week on Palm Sunday. All ages are welcome and a light lunch will be served. Cynthia Young will demonstrate how to make the crosses and then we will get to work! Please sign up at the welcome table or rsvp to families@stdcv.org



Help for the Easter Bunny

We are collecting filled plastic eggs for the children's Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday. Please help us by bringing your egg donations to the church office by Sunday, April 10th (Palm Sunday). Thank you!

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!

Easter Brunch and Egg Hunt

Following the 10 am service on Easter Sunday we will be offering an Easter Brunch and an Egg Hunt for children of all ages. The church will provide sliced ham and a variety of drinks. The remainder is potluck so please sign up at the welcome table to help complete our menu!

Could you not watch with me one hour?

The Watch in the Garden of Gethsemane

After the Last Supper, commemorated in the Maundy Thursday liturgy, Jesus took disciples with him to the Garden of Gethsemane where he asked them to watch and pray.

You are invited to sign up to watch and pray for an hour between 8 pm on Maundy Thursday and sunrise on Good Friday, 7 am.

Sign up today on the Welcome Table. You may do your watch here in the church building or at home.

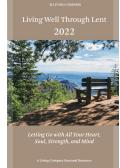
Dedicate Altar Flowers

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.

Sign up on the Welcome Table

Discussion Group Sundays, 9 am

We are reading "Living Well Through Lent". There are daily readings, and you are invited to join the conversation inperson or via zoom.



We are now meeting in the Guild Room.

Or you can join us via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9109922704
Meeting ID: 910 992 2704

More info? Speak with Janel Hornbeck.

Pastoral Care & Prayer Requests

For pastoral concerns, contact Rev. Laurel 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 ext 110.

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.

Dedicate Easter Flowers

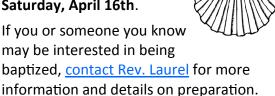
Help fill the church with Easter flowers. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of an event, or simply and as always, to the Glory of God.

Sign up on the Welcome Table.

Minimum recommended donation is \$20.

Baptisms offered at Easter Vigil

Our next date for Baptisms will be at the Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 16th.



Episcopal Relief & Development Working Together for Lasting Change

Helping Ukraine

One way you can help the people of Ukraine is through our own Episcopal Relief & Development office. The ERD does good work all around the world, all the time. And you can rest assured that the money will be used as intended. Give today at episcopalrelief.org

Parish Beautification Day Saturday, April 9

9 - noon

Our annual Parish Beautification Day will take place from 9 am - noon, Saturday, April 9; the day before Palm Sunday. The greater the numbers the greater the joy and fellowship! We are sure we can find a task for all volunteers.

We need help in gardening, church cleaning (including window washing), and kitchen cleaning. We'll have lunch together at noon including hamburgers and other donated dishes.

Signup sheets to work or to help provide food are available on the Welcome Table.

Please join us!

Deadline for eNews, Bulletin

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

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 and entering your email address.



Stations of the Cross booklets will be available in the church Tues—Thurs, 9 - 12.

Palm Sunday, April 10

8 am Holy Eucharist

10 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

Monday & Tuesday, April 11 & 12

5 pm Stations of the Cross & Compline

Wednesday, April 13

10 am Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 14

7 pm Holy Eucharist with foot washing & Stripping the Altar (live-streamed)

8 pm the "Watch at Gethsemane" begins

Good Friday, April 15

Noon Good Friday Liturgy (live-streamed)

Holy Saturday, April 16

7 pm The Easter Vigil (live-streamed)

Easter Day, Sunday, April 17

8 am Holy Eucharist

10 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:30 Pot luck & Easter Egg Hunt

THIS WEEK AT ST DUNSTAN'S

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

Sunday, April 3

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
8:30 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Discussion Group

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:00 am Coffee Hour

Monday, April 4

Tuesday, April 5

3:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:30 pm AA

Wednesday, April 6

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

6 June Parris

11:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
1:30 pm Daughters of the King

6:00 pm Lenten Soup Supper & Program

Thursday, April 7

12:00 pm Quilters **4:00 pm** I-Help Men **6:30 pm** Zoom:

Storied Pilgrimage with Race

Friday, April 8

4:00 pm I-Help Men

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am Parish Beautification Day

Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Sunday, April 10 ~ Palm Sunday

8:00 am8:30 am9:00 amHoly EucharistChoir RehearsalDiscussion Group

10:00 am Holy Eucharist (live-streamed)

11:00 am Coffee Hour

View the entire parish calendar stdcv.org/calendar

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

| 1 Shelby Lambert | 7 Rachel Mueller | 17 Hannah Priestley |
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| 2 Gene Davis | 9 Laurel Coote | 19 Mark Read |
| 2 George Lockwood | 10 Richard Mueller | 22 Bobby Clampett |
| 2 Hampton Stewart | 11 Mel Britton | 22 Steve Denmark |
| 4 Karen Deaton | 12 Scott Brown | 23 Todd Lueders |
| 4 Don Kirk | 12 Natalie Stewart | 26 Lauren Leonoff |
| 5 Sue Peccianti | 14 Susie Carr | 28 Melanie Cervi |
| 6 Mac Moss | 14 Donna Rico | |

15 Mark Olsheskie



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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