

Will you seek God
in all people?
We will, with God's help!

the Parish of St. Dunstan

On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

February 2nd 2020

4th Sunday after Epiphany



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Welcome!

This is a diverse & safe congregation for people wherever they are on their journey with Christ. We are an inclusive church which means we celebrate women in leadership, children at the Eucharist & welcome LGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the community.

W O R S H I P

We will, with God's Help!
Learning to live the baptized life.
Following the way of Jesus.
Together.

For Children

The **Nursery** is staffed & open for children ages 0 to 4.

There is **Sunday School** this morning for children ages 5 to 12.

Activity bags are available in the entry near the colouring table.

All our volunteers & staff have a criminal record check.

Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread & wine as a sign of our commitment to Christ & Christ's commitment to us.

There are **gluten-free wafers** for those who need it & **juice** for those who prefer.

Prayers for healing with the anointing of oil is offered beneath the cross during Communion. Please **light a candle** as a sign of your prayers.

Today's Scripture

Introductions to the Lessons by Bill Bennett

Micah 6: This passage reflects a society of the haves & have-nots. Many preferred outward religious observance to the divine call for justice, kindness & humility.

I Corinthians 1: Paul reminds the Corinthians that in Christ the wisdom of God fully expressed.

Matthew 5: Jesus delivers the Beatitudes (the blessed) for all who aspire to live according to God's way.

Sermon Notes

What is this thing called baptism?

Right up to Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday February 26th) we will explore this ancient practice & wonder how it affects us today.

Each week we will wonder about one of the six questions in the Baptismal Covenant found in the Book of Alternative Services on page 159. If you do not have a Book of Alternative Services – please take one! They are on the bottom shelves in our library. When you look at page 159 you will notice there are only five promises. The Anglican Church of Canada added a sixth. You can find it at Anglican.ca.

This week we wonder about the fifth baptismal covenant:

Will you seek & serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?
We will, with God's help!

We are grateful for the Reverend **Helen Tervo** who offers our homily this morning.

Weekly devotions are available on the welcome desk as well as on the website.

Gathering the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ☩ the love of God, ☩ the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. ☩ **also with you.**

Announcements

There is one body ☩ one Spirit, **there is one hope in God's call to us;**
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **one God ☩ Father of all.**

**In God we live, in God we move, In God we are.
We are God's beloved children, we are God's own.**

David Taylor

Hear, O Israel: God is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind,
all your strength. (three times)**

Hear, O children: God is love.

Love your neighbor as you love yourself. (three times)

Hear, O children: **This is God's way.**

David Taylor

**Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy ☩ the love of the Lord! We
are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city
of God! R**

**R We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly,
we are called to service one another, to walk humbly with God.**

**Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are
called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred ☩ blindness will be no
more! R**

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God
will reign, ☩ we'll walk with each other as sisters ☩ brothers united in
love! R**

David Haas

Let us pray.

God our deliverer, you call us to walk humbly with you. When we are foolish, be our wisdom; when we are weak, be our strength; so that, as we learn to do justice & to love mercy, your rule may come to us as a blessing. Amen.

Proclaiming the Word

The Prophet Micah (6:1-8) Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, & my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, & my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn? *R*

R **My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, & the world is about to turn!**

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, & your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, & to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. *R*

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone. Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne. The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; There are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. *R*

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast: God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp. This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, 'til the spear & rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. *R*

Rory Cooney

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:18-31)

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Rejoice ☩ be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice ☩ be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger ☩ thirst; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.

Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith, the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.
Rejoice ☩ be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

David Haas

May God be with you. ☩ **also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon, Baptismal Covenant ☩ the Prayers of the People

The peace of the Lord be always with you. ☩ **also with you.**

Please be seated as we collect our offering to God.

He came down that we may have love (three times), hallelujah for evermore. *peace, joy, hope* *Blue Book 368*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high & low.
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, & Spirit one.**

Holy Communion

May God be with you. & also with you.
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks & praise.**

the Eucharistic Prayer continues to the Sanctus.

**Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!**

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazon te adora.
Mi corazon te sabe decir. Santo eres Dios!**

Spanish Traditional

the Eucharistic prayer continues to the Lord's Prayer.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth, as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from
the time of trial, & deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, &
glory are yours now & for ever. Amen.**

music: Gordon Light

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

These are the gifts of God for the children of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Communion

R One Bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing which we bless - & we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord. *Blue Book 73*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. R

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. R

Grain for the fields, scattered & grown, gathered to one for all. R

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure & holy tried & true; with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you. *Thompson/Scruggs*

Peace is flowing like a river, flowing out through you & me; flowing out into the desert, setting all the captives free. Joy, Faith, Hope, Love

May your heart, O God, live forever, & may our hearts ever live in you. May your heart, O God, live forever, & may our soul, & may our mind, & may our strength be ever yours.

You take care of the poor & heal the broken-hearted. You listen to the hungry, & the thirsty, & the lonely, & the suffering. *David Taylor*

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church & in Christ Jesus, for ever & ever. Amen

Sending the Community

Go now in the life of the Creator. Go now with the blessing of Christ. Go now in the power of the Spirit. Go. Go now. & the peace of God that is beyond all understanding will go with you.

Go now in the life of the Creator. Go now with the blessing of Christ. Go now in the power of the Spirit. Go. Go now. & the blessing of Creator, Living Word & Holy Spirit, be with you & stay with you always.

Go now in the life of the Creator. **(We will go!)** Go now with the blessing of Christ. **(We will go!)** Go now in the power of the Spirit. **(We will go. We will go!)**

We will go ☩ tell our friends ☩ families what happened here.
How we saw the life ☩ love of God.

Will you go? **We'll go in the life of the Creator!**

Will you go? **We'll go with the Blessing of Christ!**

Will you go? **We'll go in the power of the Spirit. Go! We'll go now!**

Thanks be to God! *(three times)*

**We'll go in the life of the Creator. We'll go with the blessing of Christ.
We'll go in the power of the Spirit. Go! We'll go now!**

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! *(three times)*

Thanks be to God! We will go!

*Coffee ☩ refreshments are served in the hall following the service.
Please visit the Information Table in the entry if you have any questions*

Stewardship

Have you considered signing up for pre-authorized debit (PAD)? It is easy ☩ a good way to support the church even when you cannot be present for a service. Please connect with David or one of the other parish leaders for more information.




PWRDF

The Primate's World Relief
and Development Fund

For more information, please visit PWRDF.ORG. There you can read all about the good work it does, current areas of need ☩ how you can participate.

WEEKLY EVENTS


Events marked with  are through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.


Men's Coffee
Wednesdays at 9am

Women's Coffee & Crafts
Fridays at 10am

Community Meal
Thursdays at 6pm.

 **Lectio & Labyrinth**
Fridays at noon.

 **Study Group**
Wednesdays at 7pm.
Liturgy 101: the pursuit of the Beautiful


 **Centering Prayer**
Wednesdays at 630pm
Fridays at 11:30am

St. Dunstan & St. Andrew's Youth Group (ages 11+)
Fridays at 7pm. Call 778-987-0530 for location.

COMMUNITY CARE

- Reconciliation** *The priest is available to hear confession by appointment.*
- Listening Prayer** *Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Katherine Murray at katherine.murray22@gmail.com.*
- Spiritual Direction** *Trained Spiritual Directors are available. To arrange please email the office.*
- Ride Sharing** *If you need a ride, or can offer one, please let someone at the Information Booth know.*
- Visiting** *If you need a visit, please call the office to arrange. If you would like to become a pastoral visitor, please connect with the priest.*
- Prayer Chain** *If you wish someone to be remembered in our Prayer Chain Ministry, please email the office.*


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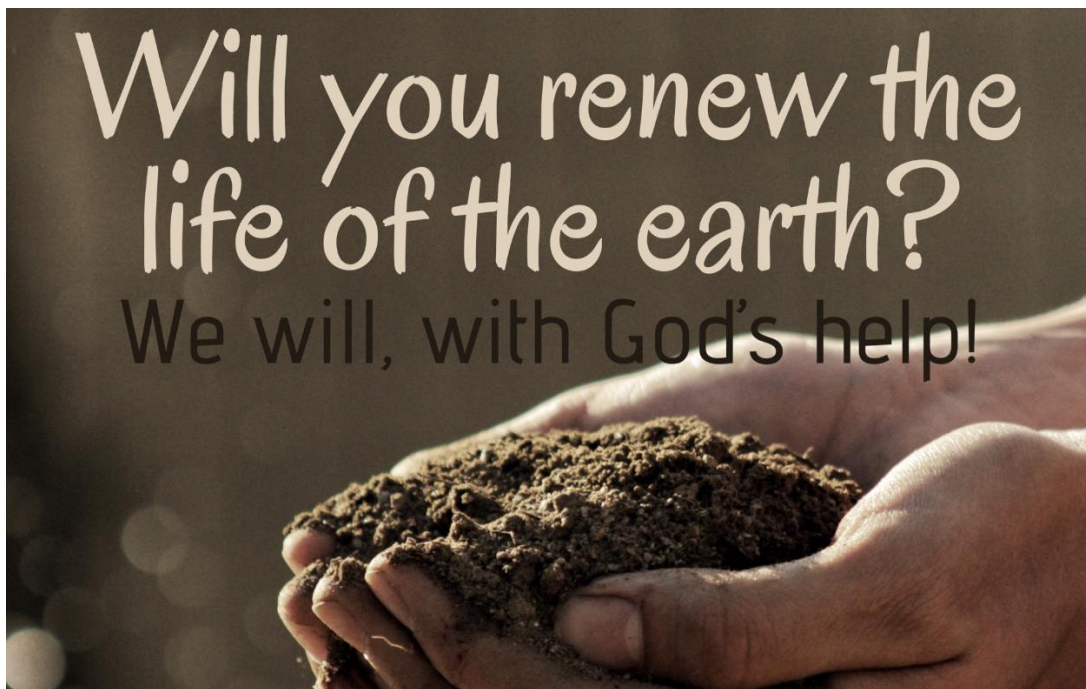
-  **Enneagram Retreat** *Friday, February 7th 7-9pm *
Saturday, February 8th 9am- 4pm
Please see Centre for Spiritual Renewal program
- Men's & Ladies Breakfast** *Sunday, February 9th 8am*
Men meet in the Hall, Ladies meet at McDonald's
- 2020 Budget Preview** *Sunday, February 9th following the service*
- Spaghetti Dinner** *Saturday, February 15th at 6pm*
Tickets available from the Choir
-  **Spiritual Practice Series** *Sunday, February 16th from 7 to 8:30pm*
Ancient Treasures of Chanting with Rev'd David Taylor 
Carol Tindall
Please see Centre for Spiritual Renewal program
- Messy Church** *Friday, February 21st from 4:30 to 6:30pm*
-  **Welcoming Prayer in Lent** *Sundays, February 23rd – April 5th 11:30am-1pm*
Please see Centre for Spiritual Renewal program



ST DUNSTAN'S CENTRE FOR
SPIRITUAL
RENEWAL

The Centre for Spiritual Renewal is the name we give to our Adult Christian Formation programs at St. Dunstan's. Please pick up the most recent program guide  check our website regularly for more information on coming events.

Next Sunday: the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany. Readings include: *The Prophet Isaiah 58:1-9a, Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20*



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