

The Year of **FAITHFULNESS**

Living God,
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Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

the Parish of St. Dunstan

on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

January 29, 2023

The 4th Sunday after Epiphany



Welcome!

This is a diverse and 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 and welcome 2SLGBTQ+ people to participate fully in the life of the community.

This morning in worship...

For Children

The children's table is staffed and open. If you are interested in helping grow this ministry, talk to David. All our volunteers and staff require a criminal record check.




Taking Communion

Everyone is welcome to receive bread and wine (or juice) at communion. There are gluten-free wafers for those who need them. Prayers for healing with anointing are offered beneath the cross.

Gathering the Community

Gathering, *John Bell*

**Behold, behold, I make all things new,
beginning with you and starting from today.
Behold, behold, I make all things new, my
promise is true, for I am Christ the way.**

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

& also with you

Almighty & everlasting God,
**to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
& from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse
the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration
of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, & worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hymn

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!**

***We are called to act with justice, we
are called to love tenderly, we are
called to serve 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!**

**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!**

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Proclaiming the Word

the Prophet Micah (6:1-8)

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, *

who speak the truth from their heart.

There is no guile upon their tongue;

they do no evil to a friend; *

they do not heap contempt upon a neighbour.

In their sight the wicked are rejected, *

but they honour those who fear the Lord.

They have sworn to do no wrong *

and do not take back their word.

They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

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

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Hymn, *Steve Angrisano*


***My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
thirsting for you, my God. My soul is
thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you,
my God, thirsting for you, my God.***

**O God you are my God, and I will always
praise you. In the shadow of your wings I
cling to you and you hold me high.**

**Through the day you walk with me, all the
night your love surrounds me. To the glory of
your name I lift my hands, I sing your praise.**

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 by the Reverend Dr. Canon Rob James



Let us confess the faith of our baptism,
**I believe in God the Father almighty,
creator of heaven & earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God
our Lord; Who was conceived by the power
of the Holy Spirit & born of the Virgin
Mary. Who suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, & was buried. Who
descended to the dead. On the third day
who rose again. Who ascended into
heaven, & is seated at the right hand of the
Father. Who will come again to judge the
living & the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy
catholic Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,  the
resurrection of the body, & the life
everlasting. Amen.**

*Standing, sitting, or kneeling, let us offer our
prayers saying, Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, hear our prayer.*

All-Loving God

**We confess that we have sinned against
you in thought, word & deed, by what we
have done, & by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have not loved our neighbours
as ourselves. We are truly sorry & we
humbly repent. For the sake of your Son
Jesus Christ, have mercy on us & forgive
us, that we may delight in your will, & walk
in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

 Absolution

Ministry Moment: spiritual growth & children

The peace of God be always with you.
& also with you.

Please be seated for the offering

Hymn, Murray & Alonso

**God of the Bible, God of the Gospel, hope
seen in Jesus, hope yet to come, you are
our centre, daylight or darkness, freedom
or prison, you are our home.**

*Fresh as the morning, sure as the
sunrise, God always faithful, you do not
change.*

**God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part, still you
empow'r us, mothering Spirit, feeding,
sustaining, from your own heart.**

**Those without status, those who are
nothing, you have made royal, gifted with
rights, chosen as partners, midwives of
justice, till our world changes facing the
cross.**

**Not by your finger, not by your anger, will
our world order change in a day, but by
your people, fearless and faithful, small
paper lanterns, lighting the way.**

**Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other, till our
world changes facing the cross.**

Holy Communion

May God be with you.

& also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks & praise.

Sanctus, Common Praise 719

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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 Lord's Prayer, the Rev. David Taylor

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, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

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.**

The Gifts of God for the Children of God.

Thanks be to God!

All are welcome to receive bread and wine (or juice). Wine is served in the common cup.

Juice is served in individual cups.

Hymn, John Bell

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be; set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

Hymn, Common Praise 423

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hands hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glade I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin;

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation and claim his own, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Hymn, Mary Louise Bringle


God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs, through the thrills of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise. Flash of lightning, crash of thunder, hush of stillness, rush of wonder: God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbours' urgent prayers, through the longing for redemption and for rescue from despair. Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading: God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the music of the sublime and human arts, through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts. Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and nights our praises bringing: God is calling - can you hear?

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.

Ministry Moment: spiritual growth & adults

 the blessing

Hymn, *Common Praise* 505


**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou
art - thou my best thought, by day or by
night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my
light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I
ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou
my great Father; thine own may I be, thou in
me dwelling, and I one with thee.**

**Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty
praise; thou my inheritance, now and
always; thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's
Sun! Heart of mine own heart, whatever
befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

 **Thanks be to God!**

Coffee Hour

Please join together for coffee and refreshment following the service.

If you have a prayer request or a concern, please connect with the Parish office or one of the wardens. Contact information is on the back.

Next Sunday The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

The Reverend David Taylor is presiding & preaching
Readings: Isaiah 58:1-9a, 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20
"Faithful in reconciliation"

the year of faithfulness



Stewardship

We are so grateful for your financial support of the ministry in this place.

We offer a variety of ways to give financially to the parish including

offering envelopes,

Pre-authorized Debit (PAD),

CanadaHelps via the website,

and **email transfers** at

st.dunstans@telus.net.

Because of your generous and faithful giving, the Parish was able to end the year in a sound financial position. More details will be made available soon.

Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

Micah 6

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

1 Corinthians 1

Paul reminds the Corinthians that in Christ the wisdom of God is fully expressed.

Matthew 5

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

Awaken Love

Friday, March 3 to Sunday March 5, 2023

An incredible retreat-styled conference with guest speakers **Dr. Bradley Jersak**, author of *A More Christ-Like God* and *Her Gates Will Never Be Shut*, **Dr. Jason Byassee**, author of *Surprised by Jesus Again*, and **Cathy AJ Hardy** author of *Love Breathes With Me*, and her newest recording *Unfinished Song*.

A special line-up of speakers, musicians, and spiritual practitioners will lead us in a weekend dedicated to awakening the love of God in our hearts and minds.

If you are going through a transformation in your faith journey or looking for new ways to connect with God, this retreat-styled conference is for you.

3 incredible theme speakers

Pay-what-you-can registration:

\$200, \$175, \$150, or \$125, *snacks, two lunches and retreat package included.*



Weekly Devotions

Follow the Daily Office Lectionary in the Book of Alternative Services for your devotions beginning on page 47 or 66. If you do not have a Book of Alternative Services, ask David and he will gift you one.

Opening Prayer *Pray responsory 6 on page 104.*

Readings

<i>Monday</i>	Isaiah 51:17-23, Galatians 4:1-11, Mark 7:24-37
<i>Tuesday</i>	Isaiah 52:1-12, Galatians 4:12-20, Mark 8:1-10
<i>Wednesday</i>	Isaiah 54:1-10 (11-17), Galatians 4:21-31, Mark 8:11-26
<i>Thursday</i>	Isaiah 55:1-13, Galatians 5:1-15, Mark 8:27-9:1
<i>Friday</i>	Isaiah 56:1-8, Galatians 5:16-24, Mark 9:2-13
<i>Saturday</i>	Isaiah 57:3-13, Galatians 5:25-6:10, Mark 9:14-29

Prayer *Litany 6 on page 115.*

Prayer of the Day *Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer



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