



# the Parish of St. Dunstan

*on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People*

Presider & Preacher: Rev. April Stanley

May 4, 2025

*The Third Sunday of Easter*



# 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...

### Gathering the Community

**Awake, Arise, 311**

Collect for Purity

**This is the Feast, John Arthur & Ronald Nelson**

Collect for the Day

### Proclaiming the Word

Book of Acts (9:1-20)

**Psalm 30**

Revelation to John (5:11-14)

**Easter Hymn, David Taylor**

The Gospel according to John (21:1-19)

The Sermon and the Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

The Peace and the Offering

**Lord When You Came, W. Jabusch & D. Kodner**

### Holy Communion

**We Come Now, Caribbean Conference**

**Bread of Life, S. Spencer & R. Gunn**

**Come & Find the Quiet Centre, S.E. Murray**

### Sending the Community

The Blessing

**Will You Come and Follow Me, 430**

### For Children

The children's table is open. If you are interested in helping grow this ministry, please talk to Rev. Li. 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.

### Coffee Hour

Please join together for coffee and refreshment following the service.

## Stewardship

We have been so grateful for your financial support of the ministry in this place over the pandemic.

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](mailto:st.dunstans@telus.net).

## Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

### Acts 9

This is the story of Paul's dramatic conversion and the events that followed in Damascus.

### Revelation 5

The writer presents a vision of God's glory in Christ to encourage them in a time of persecution by the Roman authorities.

### John 21

This post-resurrection account tells of the disciples, now back in Galilee, and Jesus' challenge to Peter.

## Next Sunday...

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Reverend **April Stanley** is preaching and presiding

Readings: Acts 9:36-43, Revelation 7:9-17, John 10:22-30

## ...Community Care at the Parish

**Community Care Team** Offers prayer, phone calls, visits, food support, and transportation assistance. Hand-knitted Prayer Shawls are also available for anyone wanting some comfort, warmth, and a reminder of care and support. Please call the Office or speak to the Rector if you would like to receive support.

**Listening Prayer** Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Lesley Wieler at [lesleyjwieler@gmail.com](mailto:lesleyjwieler@gmail.com).

**Reconciliation** The minister is available to hear confession by appointment.

# Weekly News...

**Mark your calendar:** Parish Council reviewed the 2025 Church Calendar at its March meeting and set some tentative dates for annual parish events/activities. Kindly mark your calendar for these work parties/events.

**September 27 (Saturday) Fall Gala Dinner**

**October 18 (Saturday) Fall Clean-up**

**November 28 & 29 (Friday & Saturday) Artisan Fair**

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## This Week for Spiritual Refreshment...

**Compline** Wednesdays from 9:30-10pm online  
*A 15 minute service of Evening Prayer*

**Centering Prayer** Fridays at 11:30am, in person and online  
*20 minutes of silence and connection with God.*

**Lectio** Fridays, from Noon to 12:30pm, in person and online  
*A meditative prayer practice involving reading, reflecting, responding and resting with Scripture.*

**Contemplative Eucharist** Fridays, at 12:30pm in person  
*Celebrating the Lord's Supper in an intimate & reflective setting with simple chants & space to pray in silence.*

**Self-guided Labyrinth Walk** *The grass-path labyrinth is open to walk, anytime, for a time of meditation or prayer.*

# Sermon Notes...



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## Upcoming Events...

### Messy Church

Saturday, May 24 at 4:30 pm

Come for a story, stay for dinner.



Messy Church is a casual service for children and their families. We play games, listen to stories, create works of art, share communion and eat dinner together.

# Centre Events...

## Beauty Revives the Soul

### A weekend retreat at Loon Lake Lodge

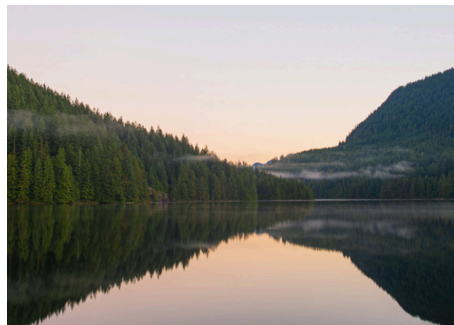
May 9 - 11, 2025

**Facilitators:** David Taylor, Jodi Krahn, & Lorie Martin

Weekends in nature at Loon Lake are always a highlight for the Centre for Spiritual Renewal. Time spent at this exquisite location with song, teaching, and spiritual practice nourishes the soul with re-energizing and sustaining life.

This retreat will focus on BEAUTY and how beauty grounds and revives the soul. We will have time in solitude, circle sharing, and a WILD CHURCH experience.

More details and registration to come.



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## Spirituality and Chronic Pain

### An In Person Event

Saturday, May 24, 2025 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Facilitator:** Helen Tervo

So many of us live with chronic pain that seems to steal our best selves and our relationships, both human and sacred.

This gathering will address some of the spiritual issues pain raises and offers some tentative suggestions on finding our way through this rocky trail.

Rev'd Helen Tervo is retired from active Anglican ministry but knows that the spirit continues to call. She has been living with severe arthritic pain for over 5 years. Humour has been God's gift to her.





# Outreach at the Parish...

## **Monday Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's**

*Low-cost counseling from Trinity Western University. To connect with an intake worker call 604-513-2113.*

## **Tuesday Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen**

*We cook and serve soup on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please call Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 to help.*

## **Thursday Community Meal 5pm.**

*Many thanks to our amazing volunteers for ensuring our Community Meal continued through the summer months. This meal is at the heart of our ministry at the Parish of St. Dunstan. It is our primary way to ensure that the hungry are fed and so to exemplify the love of God through Jesus. If you would like to help with this ministry, please connect with the minister.*



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# 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 the minister and they will gift you one.*

**Opening Prayer**    *Pray responsory 4 on page 103.*

## **Readings**

Monday	Daniel 4:19-27, 1 John 3:19-4:6, Luke 4:14-30
Tuesday	Daniel 4:28-37, 1 John 4:7-21, Luke 4:31-37
Wednesday	Daniel 5:1-12, 1 John 5:1-12, Luke 4:38-44
Thursday	Daniel 5:13-30, 1 John 5:13-21, Luke 5:1-11
Friday	Daniel 6:1-15, 2 John 1:1-13, Luke 5:12-26
Saturday	Daniel 6:16-28, 3 John 1:1-15, Luke 5:27-39

**Prayer**    *Litany 9 or 10 on pages 117 and 118.*

**Prayer of the Day**    *O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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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