



the Parish of St. Dunstan

On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

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St. Luke



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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

This is the Fall of Feasts. For the next few months we will focus on our priorities as Christians & learn how to celebrate them.

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

Jeremiah 31: Jeremiah sees the collapse of both kingdoms, Judah & Israel, as the end of the old covenant. But he foresees a new covenant with God that is both corporate & personal.

2 Timothy 3: The writer encourages his colleague in his preaching ministry, based on the scriptures.

Luke 18: Jesus' teaching about being persistent in prayer.

Sermon Notes

Today's Christian Priority: Healing

The word Salvation comes from the Latin word meaning Healing. We also get our word Salve from the same root. One of the ways we can describe God's relation to us is that God brings healing to the created order; that is, God brings salvation, God saves us.

No more is this more clearly illustrated than in the many stories of Jesus going around healing people of every kind of sickness. These stories were collected by the early Followers of Jesus not to impress us with Jesus' power or amazing abilities, but so that we might see ourselves in the ones Jesus healed: We are the broken, the hearing impaired, the possessed, the visionless, the dead ones in need of resurrection.

As we celebrate the life of St. Luke the Physician, let us think about our own inner healing.

At St. Dunstan's we participate in God's Salvation (healing) by offering Healing Prayer each Sunday morning. We will listen to **Lois Curtis** share her experiences of this ministry this morning. We also work to bring healing by offering Listening Prayer for those who ask. This morning we are able to listen to **Jacqui Pesek** share her thoughts on this ministry. Other ways to find healing in this place include Confession with the priest, Spiritual Direction, retreats & Bible Study. & above all, we find Salvation in the bread & wine we ingest every time we gather together.

We are grateful for the healing music by **Claudette Bejtovic** this morning.

The liturgy is taken from the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada. Hymns numbers are indicated after the hymn title & found in the blue Common Praise hymn book. The readings are taken from the Revised Common Lectionary. The entire service is projected on the wall.

Gathering the Community

the Greeting, Announcements & the Collect for Purity

Jesus You Fill Our Hearts

Bambelela

Sing Praises Old and New, 469

the Prayer of the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Prophet Jeremiah (31:27-34)

Psalm 121

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (3:14-4:5)

We Cannot Measure, 292

the Gospel according to Luke (18:1-8) & the Sermon

the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant

the Peace & the Offering

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service, 585

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive bread & wine (or juice) at Communion.

Open Our Hearts

Bread of Life

Let Streams of Living Justice, 575

Sending the Community

the Blessing

You Call us Out to Praise Your, 600

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

OUTREACH

Monday

Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's

Low cost counselling is provided by supervised counselling students from Trinity Western University. For more information, please connect with an intake worker at 604-513-2113.

Tuesday

Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen

The Parish of St. Dunstan's has committed to cooking & serving soup on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month. Please connect with Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 or ann_embra@telus.net to learn how you can get involved.

ESL

Classes are at 7pm. All are welcome. For more information please connect the church office.

Thursday

Community Meal

Each Thursday at 4:30pm.

Want to help create this amazing meal? Please sign up on the poster at the entrance to the Worship Space. For more information on what volunteering involves, please connect with Laura Wallace at 604-856-6463, 604-807-3524 or laura_w@telus.net

Stewardship

*Have you considered signing up for **pre-authorised 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.

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 StDunstansCentre@gmail.com*
- 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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Men's Coffee

Wednesdays at 9am

Men's Breakfast

the 2nd Sunday of the month in the hall

Women's Coffee & Crafts

Fridays at 10am

Women's Breakfast

the 2nd Sunday of the month at McDonald's

Thanksgiving Offering

Each Harvest Thanksgiving we make space to offer our gratitude for the goodness of God in our lives. For the next three weeks we encourage you to consider offering a Thanksgiving Gift. You can dedicate it to a person, an event or a general ministry you are grateful for. Thanks you for your support in the ministry of God at the Parish of St. Dunstan.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Children

Messy Church every 3rd Friday of each month (September to May) at 4:30pm. Messy Church includes stories, crafts, dinner & Holy Communion. It is planned with the whole family in mind. All are welcome. Please connect with Carol Tindall at 604-866-6125 for more information & how to volunteer.

St. Dunstan's & St. Andrew's Youth

Fridays at 7pm at David & Andrew's home. Ages 12 to 18. Call 778-987-0530 for directions & more information

(On the 3rd Friday of the month we meet at St. Dunstan's to help lead messy church at 4:30pm.)



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.

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays at 6:30pm, Fridays at 11:30am
20 minutes of silence & connection with God.

Study Group


Wednesday at 7pm
A drop-in series of studies meant to inspire your faith. This group is a great way to meet members and ask important questions.

October the Foundational Stories of our Hope
November the Women around Jesus
December How to Pray

Lectio & Labyrinth

Fridays, from Noon to 1pm
A chance to practice our journeying & listening together. Indoor labyrinth practices are available.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Events marked with  are through the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

Sung Evening Prayer



Tonight, October 20th from 7:30 to 8:30pm

With Cathy Hardy & Friends

"Receiving the Grace of Healing"

The Grand Embrace III



Thursday, October 24th – Saturday, October 26th

More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Saturday, November 9th

Be a Host or Be a Guest & meet some new friends & have some great food. For more information connect with Doug at 604-856-4695

Centering Prayer Intro



Saturday, November 9th from 10am to 3pm

More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Interfaith Labyrinth Walk



Sunday, November 10th from 2 to 3pm

More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Spiritual Practice Series



Sunday, November 10th from 7 to 8:30pm

Linger in the Eucharist with Rev. Helen Tervo

More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Messy Church

Friday, November 15th from 4:30 to 6:30pm

Sung Evening Prayer



Sunday, November 17th from 7:30 to 8:30pm

With Cathy Hardy & Friends

WEEKLY PRAYER

The following is a resource to help you connect with Sunday's theme & continue your prayers through the week. This can be done on your own or in the family group. This liturgy is based on Home Prayers found in the Book of Alternative Services (p. 687). **If you do not have a prayer book, please take & keep one for your use.**

The Christian Priority of **Healing** is best seen in the stories of Jesus & in the stories of his followers both in Scripture and through the ages. God's desire is that our brokenness be restored. When we think of healing in this tradition, we are not referring to a prosperity gospel that suggests God will take away all our problems & give us happy, healthy, & financially prosperous lives. Not at all. The healing God gives us is a healing of our hearts, our hope, our love & our Imago Dei, that image of God stamped into each of us.

1. The Preparation

A candle is lit as someone prays,

*God of peace, you taught us that in returning & rest we shall be healed, lift us, we pray, to your presence, that we may be still & know that you are God. **Amen.***

2. The Reading & Reflection

Read the passage from Scripture then reflect using the wonder questions as your guide. This guide uses the New Revised Standard Version.

We return to the Gospel readings from Matthew this week. These readings include stories of our own commissioning as followers of Jesus to go & do the things he does. It is fascinating, if not a little daunting, to consider that we are called to bring the same healing (salvation) to the world that Jesus brought. It is also fascinating, if not a little daunting, to remember that the world resists healing in the same way that people resisted Jesus' ministry of salvation in his time.

HEALING IS CHRISTIAN MINISTRY – MATTHEW 10:5-14

Notes on the reading:

- Followers of Jesus are first sent to their own communities to bring healing (v. 6).
- Healing is not bought or sold. It is a gift given freely by God & God's children (v. 8).
- The ministry of healing is a mutual ministry by those offering the healing & those receiving the healing (v. 9).
- We are not to sweat it if people do not accept our ministry of healing. We shake it off & move on. Healing is not coercive (v. 14).

*I wonder how you have brought healing to your work, school, neighbourhood or family.
I wonder how you have ever received healing from anyone.*

HEALING IS AN EASING OF BURDENS – MATTHEW 11:25-30

Notes on the reading:

- This is one of the most memorized verses in Scripture & certainly worth committing to your heart.
- The healing described here is a healing from the burdens religious or spiritual leaders have placed on others. Eugene Peterson's paraphrase is great & goes like this, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me & you'll recover your life."
- A yoke (v. 29) is like a harness placed on oxen to guide them as they perform farming tasks.

I wonder if you've been burdened by religion or spiritual leaders.

I wonder what it is like to be harnessed to Jesus' teaching.

HEALING WILL BE RESISTED – MATTHEW 12:9-14

Notes on the reading:

- The synagogue (v. 9) is the regular meeting place of Jews for prayer & liturgy. Synagogue is a Greek word meaning, bringing together.
- Jesus' detractors resist healing by appealing to other religious laws or traditions. Sabbath (v. 10) is the holy day of rest for Jews recalling the day of rest God took after creation.
- Jesus point out the selective memory his detractors have when it comes to following the law or tradition of Sabbath (v. 11).
- The resistance to healing comes from those who do not need healing, not from those who need it. Jesus plays with the irony in the Gospels that those who say they have no need of healing are those who need healing the most.

I wonder what resistance you have to your inner healing.

I wonder where you go to find inner healing.

HEALING IS FOR THE WHOLE WORLD – MATTHEW 12:15-21

Notes on the reading:

- Jesus keeps offering healing though he knows there is great resistance to this ministry. Eventually this resistance will result in his arrest and crucifixion.
- Jesus is understood by the early church as the embodiment of the Servant described in Isaiah (42:1-4).
- God's healing of the world is not just for "Jews" but for the "Gentiles" as well. Gentiles is the word used to name those who are not "Jews". Gentiles means the rest of the world.
- the Judgment that the Servant announces to the Gentiles is their need for healing & restoration, something Jews have known through the giving of the Law of Moses.

I wonder what the world needs healing for today.

I wonder how you bring healing to the wider world.

HEALING CAN ONLY COME FROM GOD – MATTHEW 12:22-30

Notes on the reading:

- Demon possession is a metaphorical way to describe energies that are opposed to God's gift of healing.
- Jesus is accused of using the power of Beelzebul, the ruler of demons, to cast out demons. Much like angels ancient peoples categorized different kinds of demons & gave names to some of them.
- Jesus uses war imagery to heighten the importance of healing in the face of forces that work to keep people from experiencing God's gift of life & wholeness.

I wonder how you feel when you are made aware of your need of healing in your behaviour, relationships, attitudes, habits, ways of thinking or beliefs.

3. Prayers & the Lord's Prayer

Choose a litany from the Book of Alternative Services (beginning on page 110).

The liturgy concludes with the Lord's Prayer.

the Fall of Feasts continues...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: RENEWAL

The Feast of Dedication with Guest Preacher & Presider **Archbishop Melissa Skelton**.

We will renew our dedication to God's ministry, have a service of Confirmation & dedicate the Centre for Spiritual Renewal.

Readings: 1 Chronicles 29:6-19, 1 Peter 2:1-5, 9-10, Mathew 21:12-16

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: FELLOWSHIP

The Feast of All Saints (transferred from the 1st). We will remember the great cloud of friends & family who support & love us.

Readings: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, Ephesians 1:11-23, Luke 6:20-31

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: VISITING

The Feast of All Souls (transferred from November 2nd) & **Remembrance Sunday**. We will read the names of those who have died in the past year.

Readings: Job 19:23-27a, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17, Luke 20:27-38

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: SPIRITUAL FRIENDSHIP

St. Hugh. Who is St. Hugh? I don't have a clue.

Readings: Malachi 4:1-2a, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19



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