



the Parish of St. Dunstan

On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

October 13, 2019

Harvest Thanksgiving



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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 29: *Some said the exile in Babylon was to be short. Jeremiah writes to say be prepared to settle there for a long stay.*

2 Timothy 2: *The writer encourages his colleague in his preaching ministry.*

Luke 17: *As Jesus begins his final journey south to Jerusalem, he encounters ten lepers appealing for help.*

Sermon Notes

Today's Christian Priority: Gratitude

Gratitude is the very reason why Christians around the world gather each week. The name of the service we hold here each Sunday is called The Holy Eucharist. Eucharist is a Greek word meaning Thanksgiving. Today we wonder about what we can be grateful for.

In the reading from Jeremiah, God's exiled people were instructed to settle in their places and build families & businesses.

We can thank God for:

In Paul's letter to his friend and student Timothy, he encourages him to remember what he learned and to teach it to those in his trust.

We can thank God for:

In Luke's gospel we hear of a political & physical outcast who received Jesus' healing & is restored to life.

We can thank God for:

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
Give Thanks Worship and Praise the Lord
Sing Praise to God, 424
the Prayer of the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Prophet Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-11
Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (2:8-15)
Let's Sing Unto the Lord, 417
the Gospel according to Luke (17:11:19) & the Sermon
the Nicene Creed, the Prayers of the People, the Confession & Absolution
the Peace & the Offering
Now Thank We All Our God, 399

Holy Communion

All are welcome to receive bread & wine (or juice) at Communion.
One Bread, One Body, 73
Alleluia No. 1, 405
Let All Things Now Living, 403

Sending the Community

the Blessing
It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

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

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-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.

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

This week we meet at St. Dunstan's at 4:30 to help with the Messy Church program.

We will have opportunities to lead games & crafts as well as spend time together for a Bible Study.



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.

Spiritual Practice Series



Tonight, October 13th from 7 to 8:30pm
Franciscan Spirituality with Rev. David Taylor
More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Senior's Tea

Wednesday, October 16th from 2 to 4pm
Topic: Hearing Loss – How it Affects Us & Dealing with it
All ages welcome. Rides are available

Messy Church

Friday, October 18th from 4:30 to 6:30pm

Sung Evening Prayer



Sunday, October 20th from 7:30 to 8:30pm
With Cathy Hardy & Friends

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

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 **Gratitude** is central to our worship to God. The service that we participate in each Sunday is called the **Holy Eucharist**. (Eucharist is a Greek work meaning, Thanksgiving.) Each time we gather together we express our gratitude that God, in an expression of self-giving love called us into existence; that God has not abandoned us to be consumed by the destructive systems of the world & our actions; & that God continues to enliven us to work for peace, reconciliation, justice, goodness, truth & beauty. Come, let us give thanks!

1. The Preparation

A candle is lit as someone prays,

O God, give us an awareness of your love, that with thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives. **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.

This week we will enter into the songs of the ancient Hebrew poets in order to express our thanks to God. The Psalms are filled with every human emotion & serve as a reminder that we are invited to keep nothing hidden from God, but, with faith, to express our hearts no matter what they might be feeling. In the Psalms we sing about anger, hate, suffering, loneliness, love & gratitude. We can bring our entire selves to God in the psalms & discover when we do that we are re-formed into God's image

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD OUR HELPER – PSALM 3

Notes on the reading:

- We are given the context for this psalm in the line before verse 1. King David has been exiled by his son who seeks to take the kingdom from him. Absalom's story is in Second Samuel (Chapts. 13-18).
- The Hebrew word Selah appears 3 times in this psalm. No one really knows what it means. Some suggest it is a musical term.
- The psalm describes God as a shield & an inspiration (v.3), up on a hill (v. 4), a sustaining presence (v. 5), & a warrior (v. 7). These concrete images of God are what the psalms are famous for.

*I wonder if you have ever felt betrayed or mistreated by a family member or friend.
I wonder how you imagine God helping you.*

Monday

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD WHO SEES US – PSALM 11

Notes on the reading:

- The psalm is said to be written by David. Tradition has David being a prolific hymn writer. Even those psalms not directly attributed to him are often understood as his.
- God is described as a king whose throne is in heaven (v. 4). The vantage point of heaven allows God to see all of humankind's actions.
- God is a just ruler who does not allow wickedness & violence to be the controlling powers of the world.

I wonder if you have seen violence.

I wonder If you have ever wondered why God allows for bad things to happen.

I wonder how God responds to violence.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD WHO IS OUR REST – PSALM 84

Notes on the reading:

- A psalm dedicated to the instrument called the Gittith. No one knows what this instrument is.
- This psalm is written by the Korahites who were ancient Hebraic musicians.
- The psalm is a reflection on the beauty of the ancient temple & the desire of the heart to be ever in God's presence.
- the valley of Baca (v. 6) is an unidentified valley that was likely a dry place that came to life in the rainy season.
- Great metaphors of God in this psalm include: King (v. 3), God of hosts or armies (v. 8), God of Jacob or our ancestors (v. 8), & sun & shield (v. 11).

I wonder where you feel the most at rest.

I wonder how God takes care of you.

I wonder what image of God you find most attractive.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD WHO UPHOLDS US IN LOVE – PSALM 89:1-18

Notes on the reading:

- A Maskil is a type of psalm that emphasizes wisdom or understanding. No one knows for certain who Ethan the Ezrahite was.
- The Hebrew word translated as Steadfast Love is Heseb. It is a word that described the enduring & unflinching love God has with God's people.
- The Heseb of God is the source of the thanksgiving of all creation.
- Rahab (v. 10) is the name of a mythological sea monster. Nothing is stronger than God's Heseb.
- The wise way is to walk in the light of God's light (v. 15)

I wonder who you love the most.

I wonder what your favourite love poem is.

I wonder how you feel knowing that God loves you with an enduring & unflinching Love.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR THE WORD – PSALM 119:89-104

Notes on the reading:

- Psalm 119 is the longest psalm in the Scriptures. It is set up as an acrostic in 22 sections. Each section begins with a different letter in the Hebrew alphabet. Our two sections begin with Lamed & Mem.
- This psalm is dedicated to the Precept, Law, Commandment, Decree, Teaching or Word of God.
- The way of God is likened to a student paying attention to a teacher's instruction.

I wonder what God's law for us is.

I wonder what your favourite part of the Bible is.

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 20TH – THE PRIORITY OF COMMUNITY CARE: HEALING

St. Luke (transferred from the 18th). This begins a 5-week reflection on the role of Community Care at St. Dunstan's. We will renew our Baptismal Covenants.

Readings: Jeremiah 31:27-34, 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5, Luke 18:1-8

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



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