



the Parish of St. Dunstan

On the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

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St. Francis & Pet Blessing



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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 no Sunday School this morning as we reflect on our call to Reconciliation.

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

Habakkuk 1 & 2: The prophet, in anguish, asks why God is not answering his prayers, because the Jews are being taken into enforced exile in 586 BC.

2 Timothy 1: Using the pseudonym of 'Paul', this missionary encourages his colleague through his life & witness. He is thoroughly familiar with Paul's writings.

Luke 17: Jesus speaks about faith & says that serving God earns no earthly merit or privileges.

Sermon Notes

Today's Christian Priority: Creation.

All the stories of our faith & hope begin with a belief in the goodness of creation. While Genesis 1 & 2 do not explain scientifically how God made everything, they describe the inherent quality given to creation by the Good Creator.

This is an incredible act of faith.

All our observations of the insecurities of creation in weather & natural disaster, the wild & dangerous nature of creation, the unforgiving cold & heat of creation, & the untamable expanse of creation could easily lead us to a different conclusion about it.

But our ancestors, who sat around campfires, wandered through deserts, perished in famine & disease where moved in their hearts, despite their circumstances, to declare that this world is good & a gift from the Creator.

Wow.

Today we stand with them & give thanks. Especially for our sisters and brothers of other species who give us friendship, peace & hope in their own way.

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

Bless the Lord

Siyahambe

All Things Bright and Beautiful, 416

the Prayer of the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Prophet Habakkuk (1:1-4, 2:1-4)

Psalms 37:1-9

Paul's Second Letter to Timothy (1:1-14)

God of the Sparrow, 414

the Gospel according to Luke (17:5-10), the Sermon & Pet Blessing

the Prayers of the People, the Confession & Absolution

the Peace & the Offering

Place in the Choir

Holy Communion

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

Make me a Channel of your Peace

Bread for the Journey

God Says

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-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

Financial Update

At our Annual General Vestry Meeting we passed a budget that seeks to have raised approximately \$119,000 by the end of August. We have currently raised around \$111,000.

Please consider a donation this season to help fulfill our mission & ministry. Thank you for your continued support of & dedication to the ministry of God in this place!

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 **beginning October 4th** 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.

Rules of Life



Friday, October 11th from 9am to 4pm at Westminster Abbey. More information can be found in the Centre for Spiritual Renewal program

Spiritual Practice Series



*Sunday, 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*

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 **Creation** is central to our spiritual imagination as well as our ethical responses to God. Our faith as Followers of Jesus is built on the ancient creation poem found in the Book of Genesis. We believe in God the creator of all things ☯ in Jesus Christ through whom all things were made. Our hope for the future is grounded in our faith in the past: God has created, God will recreate. The ethical implications of this faith is that we are made co-creators with God in the renewal of the world. God cares about this world, so must we.

1. The Preparation

A candle is lit as someone prays,

O God, you said let there be light, and there was light. Shine in our hearts that we may be your light in the world reflecting the glory of Jesus 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.

We will take a little break from following the gospel readings appointed for the days of the week. Instead, we will look at the incredible poem of creation in Genesis 1 ☯ the first stories that follow it. These mythic stories were told to help understand where the world came from ☯ to explain why it is the way it is. While they do not offer any philosophical conclusions or scientific explanations, they move the heart to remember God who both creates ☯ maintains a sustaining presence among us.

THE CANVAS OF CREATION – GENESIS 1:1-13

Notes on the reading:

- The ancient imagination saw the great sea of water (v. 2) as the unformed chaos of the world. The writers of this poem were not sea-faring folk.
- The early church imagined the Trinity in these first verses. God, the Spirit hovering ☯ the voice or the Word speaking. These verses helped the early church talk about how Jesus was involved from the beginning of the world.
- The poem begins by setting up three different canvases which will be filled later in the poem. The canvas of day ☯ night (v. 3-5), the canvas of the sea ☯ sky (v. 6-8), ☯ the canvas of dry land (v. 9-13).

I wonder which of these canvases captivates you the most.

Monday

THE FILLING OF CREATION – GENESIS 1:14-26

Notes on the reading:

- The canvas of the day & night is filled with the sun, moon & stars (v. 14-19).
- The canvas of the sea & sky is filled with every swimming swimmer & flying flier (v. 20-23).
- The canvas of the dry land is filled with the creepy crawlers & human beings (v. 24-26).

I wonder what you like best about outer space.

I wonder what you like best about the birds or the water creatures.

I wonder what your favourite animal or land creature is & why.

HUMANITY & REST – GENESIS 1:27-2:4

Notes on the reading:

- Humanity is created in the image & likeness of God (1:27).
- Humanity is described as gendered beings – male & female in the words of the text (1:27). This is in the context of human's ability to co-create (1:28) & not at all proscriptive description of gender or gender roles.
- Filling the earth, subduing & having dominion over it (1:28) has been misused in Christian history to the detriment of creation. We can also interpret these words to describe our roles as shepherds, stewards & care-givers.
- The summit of creation in this poem is the seventh day where God rested (2:2). All the canvases have been created & filled. Now there is rest – Sabbath.

I wonder what you see your role in creation to be.

I wonder what you do to rest and enjoy the gift of creation.

CREATION GROANS – GENESIS 3:14-24

Notes on the reading:

- The great poem of creation is followed by the story of Adam & Eve and their departure from Eden. It is a reflection that, while we believe the world is good, it is not living up to its good potential. There seems to be a flaw.
- Genesis 3 describes how the world came to be filled with fear (v. 15), pain (v. 16), hard work (v. 17-19) & death (v. 22). Note how death is a gift so that humanity does not have to live in these new states forever.
- Genesis chapter 3 has been called the story of the Fall of Humanity or the Story of Original Sin. Note how the word “sin” does not appear in this story. Note how this story follows the good creation poem & not vice versa.
- Genesis 3 tries to make sense of the Good creator & the presence of evil. The character of the serpent will become associated with evil for the rest of the biblical narrative.

I wonder what you find most difficult about this world.

I wonder if it is easy or difficult for you to remember that God made this world good.

GOD'S COVENANT WITH CREATION – GENESIS 8:20-9:17

Notes on the reading:

- The world has become more populated and violence is increasing. God has instructed Noah to build a giant goat to save himself, his family and all the animals of the world.
- After the flood God makes a covenant with creation and places expectations on humanity (v. 5-7).
- The rainbow is described as a reminder of the implications of violence and God's promise of life.

I wonder what God expects from us in our care for this world.

I wonder how you feel when you see a rainbow.

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 13TH – THE PRIORITY OF GRATITUDE

The Feast of Harvest Thanksgiving. Please bring an item for the **Aldergrove Food Bank!**

We welcome **Jeffrey Stanley** as our guest preacher.

Readings: Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19

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



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