

The Year of **FAITHFULNESS**

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on the holy mount
you revealed to chosen witnesses
your well-beloved Son,
wonderfully transfigured:
mercifully deliver us
from the darkness of this world,
and change us into his likeness
from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives 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

February 19, 2023

The Last 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 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

Be still and know that I am God.

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 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, Common Praise 1

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though our sinful human gaze thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea; holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Almighty God,
on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Proclaiming the Word

the Book of Exodus (24:12-18)

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalms 99

The Lord reigns; * **let the people tremble;**

the Lord is enthroned upon the Cherubim; *
let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion *
and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess your name, which is great
and awesome; * **you are the Holy One.**

"O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have
established equity; * **you have executed
justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before the footstool of God; *
the Lord is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests, * **and
Samuel among those who call upon your
name,**

they called upon you, O Lord, * **and you
answered them.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
**they kept your testimonies and the decree
that you gave them.**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
**you were a God who forgave them, yet
punished them for their evil deeds."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and
worship upon the holy hill of God; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

the Second Letter of Peter (1:16-21)

Listen for God's Word. **Our hearts are open.**

Hymn, *Common Praise* 166

**We have come at Christ's own bidding to this
high and holy place, where we wait with hope
and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith
is not in vain, searching like those first
disciples for a sign both clear and plain.**

**Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour
bathes the flesh-joined Word. Moses and
Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the
law and prophets meet: Christ, with garments
drenched in brightness, stands transfigured
and complete.**

**Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful
lest our faith decline, we like Peter find it
tempting to remain and build a shrine. But
true worship gives us courage, to proclaim
what we profess, that our daily lives may
prove us people of the God we bless.**

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 17:1-9


The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon by the Reverend David Price

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, Lord in your mercy,*
Hear our prayer.

Most merciful 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

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

Please be seated for the offering

Hymn, Common Praise 506

**Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could
destroy, be there at our waking and give
us, we pray, your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.**

**Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the
plane and the lathe, be there at our
labours and give us, we pray, your strength
in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.**

**Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to
embrace, be there at our homing and give
us, we pray, your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.**

**Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose
presence is balm, be there at our sleeping
and give us, we pray, your peace in our
hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.**

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, Common Praise 63

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me
and never be hungry. Eat this bread, drink
this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

Hymn, Common Praise 73

***One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless-
and we, though many, throughout the
earth, we are one body in this one Lord.***

**Gentile of Jew, servant or free,
woman or man no more.**

**Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.**

**Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all.**

Hymn, Stephen Spencer & Rick Gunn

**Bread of life, feed my soul, as the presence
of the Spirit makes me whole. Bread of life,
fill my heart with the grace and mercy you
impart.**


**I have heard your voice calling, "Come, my
friend, and share in the feast that is laid out
for you to show how much I care.**

**Bread of life, help me live a life as pure and
true as Jesus did. Bread of life, help me see
the boundless love of Christ for you and me.**

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for you to show how much I care.**

**Bread of life, feed my soul, as the presence
of the Spirit makes me whole. Bread of life,
fill my heart with the grace and mercy you
impart.**

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.

 the blessing

Hymn, *Common Praise* 502

**Glorious in majesty, holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Saviour and our King, born a
man, yet God of old, let us all adore him.
Filled with his spirit, let us sing.**

*Living is to love him, serving him to
know his freedom. Come along with
us to join the praise of Jesus. Come
to Jesus now; go to live his word
rejoicing.*

**Victory he won for us, freeing us from
darkness, dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, yet he is among
us. We are the body, he the head.**

**One in love, as family, living with each other,
gladly we share each other's pain. Yet he
will not leave us so, soon he is returning,
taking us back with him to reign.**

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 1st Sunday in Lent

The Reverend David Taylor is presiding & preaching

Readings: Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11

Lent

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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.

We will be approving our budget

at our Annual General Vestry

Meeting on Sunday, February 12.

Come celebrate our ministry

together!

Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

Exodus 24

Moses experience a theophany, the presence of God in the midst of a cloud and receives the commandments.

2 Peter 1

The writer ascribes authorship to Peter and affirms the gospel account of Jesus along with the expectation of his second coming.

Matthew 7

Rounding off the 'Sermon on the Mount,' Matthew has Jesus challenging our motives and commitment in the face of Divine judgement.

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>	Ruth 1:1-14, 2 Corinthians 1:1-11, Matthew 5:1-12
<i>Tuesday</i>	Ruth 1:15-22, 2 Corinthians 1:12-22, Matthew 5:13-20
<i>Wednesday</i>	Ruth 2:1-13, 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17, Matthew 5:21-26
<i>Thursday</i>	Ruth 2:14-23, 2 Corinthians 3:1-8, Matthew 5:27-37
<i>Friday</i>	Ruth 3:1-18, 2 Corinthians 4:1-12, Matthew 5:38-48
<i>Saturday</i>	Ruth 4:1-17, 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10, Matthew 6:1-6

Prayer *Litany 6 on page 115.*

Prayer of the Day *Merciful Lord, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer



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