



the Parish of St. Dunstan

on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo Nation

March 26, 2023

the Fifth Sunday of Lent



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

Hymn, *Linnea Good*

**O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

✠ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, & the love of God, & the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

& also with you

Hymn, *Common Praise 707*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy
immortal one, have mercy upon us.**

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.**

Hymn, *Common Praise 707*

**Holy God, holy and mighty, holy immortal one,
have mercy upon us.**

✠ Absolution

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

Almighty God,

**your Son came into the world to free us all from
sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power
of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life
in Christ, and serve you in holiness and
righteousness all our days; through the same
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Proclaiming the Word

the Prophet Ezekiel (37:1-14)

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Psalm 130

Out of the depths

have I called you, O Lord;

Lord, hear my voice;

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,

O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you;
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for you, O Lord; my soul waits for you;

in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for you, O Lord,
**more than sentinels for the morning,
more than sentinels for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy;

with whom there is plenteous redemption,
and who shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Paul's Letter to the Romans (8:6-11)

Listen for God's Word.

Our hearts are open.

Hymn, traditional spiritual

Them bones them bones them dry bones (x3)

Hear the word of the Lord.

Toe bone connected to the foot bone, foot bone connected to the heel bone, heel bone connected to the ankle bone, hear the word of the Lord.

Ankle bone connected to the leg bone, leg bone connected to the knee bone, knee bone connected to the thigh bone, hear the word of the Lord.

Thigh bone connected to the hip bone, hip bone connected to the back bone, back bone connected to the shoulder bone, hear the word of the Lord.

Shoulder bone connected to the neck bone, neck bone connected to the head bone, hear the word of the Lord.

May God be with you.

& also with you.

 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 11:1-45

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

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.*

Hymn, Common Praise 237

**Now the green blade rises from the buried
grain, wheat that in dark earth many days
has lain; love lives again, that with the
dead has been; love is come again like
wheat arising green.**

**In the grave they laid him. Love by hatred
slain, thinking that he would never wake
again, laid in the earth like grain that
sleeps unseen; love is come again like
wheat arising green.**

**Fourth he came at Easter, like the risen
grain, he that for three days in the grave
had lain; raised from the dead, my living
Lord is seen; love is come again like wheat
arising green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in
pain, your touch can call us back to life
again, fields of our hearts that dead and
bare have been; love is come again like
wheat arising green.**

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

**Holy, holy, holy 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

**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,
communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.
**If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

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, Tom Kacemarek

**I am the bread of life broken for the world,
I am the cup poured out for all. Those who
believe in me will never die. I am the life
of the world.**

Hymn, Common Praise 613

**We lay our broken world in sorrow at your
feet, haunted by hunger, war, and fear,
oppressed by power and hate,**

**where human life seems less than profit,
might, and pride: though to unite us all in
you, you lived and loved and died.**

**We bring our broken hopes for lives of
dignity; workless and overworked you
love, and call us to be free.**

**We bring our broken loves, friends parted,
families torn; then in your life and death
we see that love must be reborn.**

**We bring our broken selves, confused and
closed and tired; then through your gift of
healing grace new purpose is inspired.**

**Come fill us, Fire of God, our life and
strength renew; find in us love and hope
and trust, and lift us up to you.**

Hymn, Common Praise 509

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let
me stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead
me on to the light: take my hand, precious
Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord,
linger near; when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I
fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me
home.**

**When the darkness appears and the night
draws near, and the day is past and gone, at
the river I stand; guide my feet, hold my
hand: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me
home.**

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, Daniel Schutte

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
people cry all who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save. I who made the stars of
night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?**

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

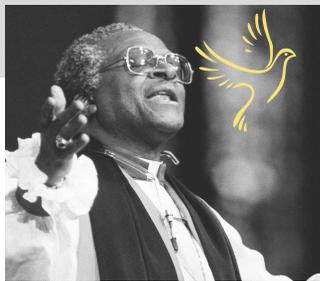
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.

🌿 Thanks be to God!

Online Lent Study

Tuesday Evenings on Zoom. The Reverend David Taylor will lead us through a study of the Biblical stories that impacted and inspired St. Desmond Tutu. Check out the website for the zoom links.



HOLY WEEK

in the gardens **2023**

Palm Sunday	10am	The Liturgy of the Palms
Holy Monday	7pm	The Garden of Eden
Holy Tuesday	7pm	After Eden
Holy Wednesday	7pm	The Wheat and the Tares
Maundy Thursday	6pm	The Garden of Gethsemane
Good Friday	10am	The Garden of Repose
Holy Saturday	7pm	Gardens and Compost

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.

Check out our stewardship booklet on the entrance table to wonder about how you can participate in the mission and ministry of this place!

Today's Scripture

Ezekiel 37

Ezekiel's vision is of a valley of dry bones brought to life. He was speaking of the disillusioned Jewish exiles of the 6th century BC, stranded in Babylon without hope.

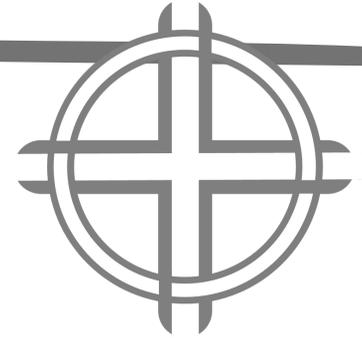
Romans 8

Paul contrasts living by our selfish passions with that of living by the Spirit of Christ.

John 11

The raising of Lazarus by Jesus prefigures the new life of resurrection. The reading contains another of the great 'I am' sayings.

Next, at the Centre...



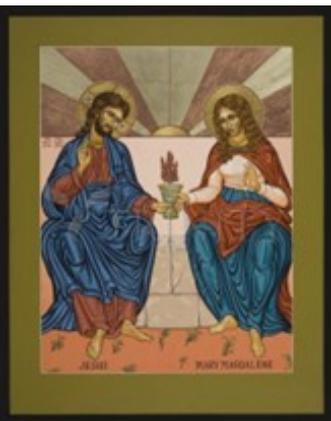
Holy Saturday Retreat

Saturday, April 8th

10:00am – 4:00pm (In person at **St. Andrew Langley & Online**)

in collaboration with The Contemplative Society (Cynthia Bourgeault).

Facilitated by **Heather Ruce**.



Holy Saturday marks Jesus' journeys into the heart of the earth in which he not only encounters the most constricted, cut off and hurt states of human consciousness in the collective false self but allows love to reach them and weave them into the whole. Meanwhile Mary Magdalene, the Tower, keeps vigil with a heart open in love as Jesus enters this pivotal point in the passion events, the outcome of which is still unknown to her. We are invited to enter this day from a wisdom point of view opening ourselves to the possibility of embodying the postures of Jesus and Mary Magdalene in the context of our very own lives.

Registration: \$0 - \$100.

Lunch and refreshments are provided.

Register at www.contemplative.org

Contact: St. Andrew's Langley, 604.534.6514 standrewslangley.ca

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 9 on page 106.

Readings

Monday	Jeremiah 24:1-10, Romans 9:19-33, John 9:1-17
Tuesday	Jeremiah 25:8-17, Romans 10:1-13, John 9:18-41
Wednesday	Jeremiah 25:30-38, Romans 10:14-21, John 10:1-18
Thursday	Jeremiah 26:1-16, Romans 11:1-12, John 10:19-42
Friday	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-13, Romans 11:13-24, John 11:1-27 or 12:1-10
Saturday	Jeremiah 31:27-34, Romans 11:25-36, John 11:28-44 or 12:37-50

Prayer Litany 14 on page 121.

Prayer of the Day *Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer



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