

SEASON OF CREATION

2025 Theme:

Peace with Creation

September 1 - October 5

the Parish of St. Dunstan

on the traditional lands of the Sto:lo People

Presider: Rev. Clarence Li

Preacher: Rev. Paul Guiton

September 14, 2025

2nd Sunday of Creation | Holy Cross Sunday



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...

Gathering the Community

Opening Song: Holy Ground, *Geron Davis*

We are standing on holy ground

And I know that there are angels all around.

Let us praise, Jesus now.

We are standing in his presence on Holy ground.

Opening Sentences

Response: **All creatures are welcome in the house of God.**

Hymn of Praise: Gloria, *Pablo Sosa*

Glory, Glory, Glory, Glory be to God on high (2x)

and on earth, peace to creation in whom God is well pleased (2x)

Collect for the Day

Proclaiming the Word

The Book of Numbers (21:4b-9)

Psalms 98: 1-6

Sung Refrain: **Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.** *Daniel L. Schutte*

Creation and the Cross, *Elizabeth Johnson*

Song: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky, *Ruth Duck*

We cannot own the sunlit sky,

the moon, the wildflower's growing,

for we are part of all that is

within life's river flowing.

With open hands receive and share

the gifts of God's creation,

that all may have abundant life

in ev'ry earthly nation.

This morning in worship cont'd...

Proclaiming the Word cont'd

**God calls humanity to join
as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life
and peace endure forever.**

The Gospel according to John (3.13-17)

The Sermon - The Rev'd Paul Guiton

A Creation-centred Affirmation of Faith

Response: **We believe, help our unbelief.**

The Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Call & Response: In your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

The Peace and the Offering

Song: Give Thanks Worship and Praise, *John Bell*

Give Thanks worship and praise the Lord for God has done great things. (X2)

Worship the Lord! (X2)

Give thanks, O give thanks, O give thanks, O give thanks!

Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer (Salal + Cedar)

The Lord's Prayer (said)

Breaking of the Bread

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.

Song: This is the Body of Christ, *John Bell*

Song: Eat This Bread, 63 *Refrain only*

This morning in worship cont'd...

Sending the Community

Prayer after Communion & Blessing

Song: God of the Sparrow, CP 414 v. 1-3

God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

For Children

The children's table is open. If you are interested in helping grow this ministry, please talk to Rev. Li. 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.

Coffee Hour

Please join together for coffee and refreshment following the service.

Stewardship Update

The Parish Council is working on a plan to address the operating deficit. Watch for an update from the Council in the coming weeks.

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.dunstansetelus.net.

Today's Scripture

From *Introductions to the Lessons* by Bill Bennett.

Numbers 21

The serpents or desert 'seraphim' bring havoc to complaining, hungry Hebrews. Moses creates a bronze serpent as an antidote, a symbol still used in the pharmaceutical industry.

Creation and the Cross

Elizabeth Johnson

John 3

John tells of the encounter of Nicodemus with Jesus. Nicodemus is portrayed as a secret admirer Jesus.

Next Sunday...

Third Sunday in the Season of Creation

The Reverend **Clarence Li** is presiding and preaching

Readings: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, "Resurrection is Vegetal", Dong Hyeon Jeong, Luke 16.1-13

Upcoming Special Services...

September 21st, 7:30 pm: **Evening of Sung Prayer**, a partnership with Soul Care

September 28th, Truth and Reconciliation Sunday (Orange Shirt Sunday)

Weekly News...

Messy Church resumes October 18! A casual service for children & their families with games, Bible stories, artworks, Holy Communion & dinner together. Monthly from 4:30 –6:00 pm. If you're interested in making dinner for one of our evenings, please contact Jan & John at messychurch@st-dunstans.ca.

The Centre for Spiritual Renewal at St. Dunstan's **Fall Program Guide & October Events** **handout are now available.** Pick up a copy or view it online on the website.

Mark your calendar:

October 18 (Saturday) Fall Clean-up
November 28 & 29 (Friday & Saturday) Artisan Fair
December 14 (Sunday at 1pm) Choir Christmas Carol Sing

This Week for Spiritual Refreshment...

Compline Wednesdays from 9:30-10pm online
A 15 minute service of Evening Prayer

Centering Prayer Fridays at 11:30am, in person and online
20 minutes of silence and connection with God.

Lectio Fridays, from Noon to 12:30pm, in person and online
A meditative prayer practice involving reading, reflecting, responding and resting with Scripture.

Contemplative Eucharist Fridays, at 12:30pm in person
Celebrating the Lord's Supper in an intimate & reflective setting with simple chants & space to pray in silence.

Self-guided Labyrinth Walk *The grass-path labyrinth is open to walk, anytime, for a time of meditation or prayer.*

Sermon Notes...



Get your tickets before they runs out!

Gala Fundraiser for St. Dunstan's Thursday Community Meal

A NIGHT WITH PATSY CLINE

featuring
Alyssa Nielsen

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

DOORS OPEN @ 5:30PM
St. Dunstan's

• **TICKETS \$50** •

purchase tickets at www.st-dunstans.ca

door prizes

50/50
Tickets

a delicious 3-
course meal

come dressed
country style

silent auctions
with a twist



*Check out the display table in the church
foyer for Silent Auction donation ideas!*

Special Events...

Monteverdi Vespers at St. Dunstan's by Cantare Super Orchestra and Belle Voci

September 20, 2025

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Use link from parish website to purchase online

General - \$45 Seniors - \$40 Youth - \$10

"Monteverdi Vespers" is a breathtaking evening dedicated to the timeless beauty of Vespers for the Blessed Virgin. Attending the Cantare Super Orchestram's Magnificat Vespers concert is a transcendent experience that immerses you in the sublime beauty of Baroque music. Monteverdi's Vespers, renowned for its intricate harmonies and profound spirituality, is brought to life by our talented musicians, creating an evening of musical excellence.



Food Bank Awareness Season...

Donations Needed for Aldergrove Food Bank

DID YOU KNOW that our local Aldergrove Food Bank is struggling to keep enough inventory of non-perishables on their shelves despite the signs of summer harvest at food stands and shops? Starting this Sunday and continuing until October 12 (Harvest Thanksgiving), St. Dunstan's is inviting parishioners to bring specific non-perishable food/household items that our local food bank needs. You may leave your donations in the Food Bank crate at the entrance of the sanctuary.



Items for upcoming Weeks

Week of September 14 - no collection at Parish picnic

Week of September 21 - Rice / Pasta / Sidekicks / KD

Centre Events...

Online Book Study: "Take This Bread" by Sara Miles

hosted by St. Catherine's Anglican Church, Capilano

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

7:00 – 8:00 pm

online

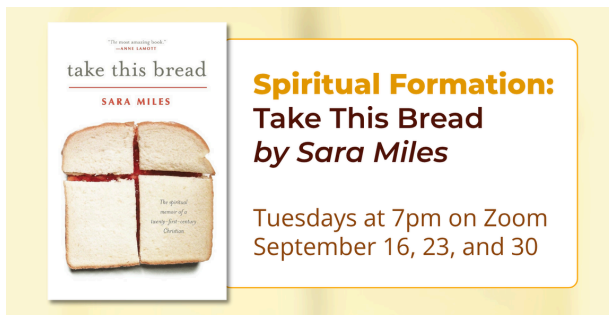
We'll take up a contemporary spiritual memoir in September, reading Sara Miles' fabulous *Take This Bread*.

Paperbacks are on order and will be at the church in 2–3 weeks

(or sooner), to get a jump on reading.

It's also available as an

[audiobook on Audible](#) (\$.99 with your membership, for a limited time).

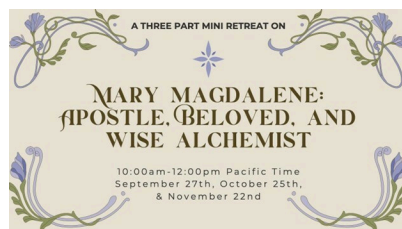


Mini-Retreat Series on Mary Magdalene Apostle, Beloved, and Wise Alchemist

Saturday, September 27, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Online with The Centre for Spiritual Renewal



In this retreat series, we will explore the teachings and themes from Cynthia Bourgeault's book "The Meaning of Mary Magdalene: Discovering the Woman at the Heart of Christianity." Each retreat session will focus on one of the three parts from her book blending a time of teaching, embodied practice, interactive reflection—encouraging you to bring your own questions, intuitions, and self-concept models into creative encounter with Mary Magdalene's legacy—and time for sharing what arises.

September 27th: Witness at the Threshold — Mary Magdalene as Apostle

October 25th: The Path of Conscious Love — Mary Magdalene as Beloved

November 22nd: Integrating Wisdom — Mary Magdalene as Wise Alchemist

Centre Events cont'd...

Spirituality & Chronic Pain

Saturday, October 4, 2025

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

St. Dunstan's



Facilitated by Helen Tervo & Jeanne Forte

Following our gathering in May, we continue the journey of exploring chronic pain—not as a problem to solve, but as a space to encounter God. There are no easy answers and few comforting clichés. Together, we ask: Where is God in the midst of trouble? This is a time to lament, a time to listen, to console, and be consoled—a space of shared presence and sacred honesty.

You don't need to have attended the earlier session, come as you are right now.

Taste of Silence - Retreat Day

In partnership with Contemplative Outreach of Greater Vancouver

Saturday, October 11, 2025

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

St. Dunstan's



Come! Set apart a day to refresh, re-create, and recommit to God-centred living in an atmosphere that encourages inner solitude and inner silence. The opportunity for centering prayer in community is a gift in itself. We often experience more profound silence, within which the Spirit connects us in love.

Program: Centering Prayer in community. Lectio Divina, and Personal retreat time and space. In the afternoon a Liturgy of the Hours (None) – will be offered.

Outreach at the Parish...

Monday Fraser River Counselling at St. Dunstan's

Low-cost counseling from Trinity Western University. To connect with an intake worker call 604-513-2113.

Tuesday Aldergrove Food Bank Soup Kitchen

We cook and serve soup on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Please call Ann Embra at 604-534-9292 to help.

Thursday Community Meal 5pm.

Many thanks to our amazing volunteers for ensuring our Community Meal continued through the summer months. This meal is at the heart of our ministry at the Parish of St. Dunstan. It is our primary way to ensure that the hungry are fed and so to exemplify the love of God through Jesus. If you would like to help with this ministry, please connect with the minister.



Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change
in Canada and around the world

For more information, please visit ALONGSIDEHOPE.ORG. There you can read all about the good work it does, current areas of need, and how you can participate.

New domain-based email addresses for staff and programs

Update your address book to ensure you receive St. Dunstan's emails.

office@st-dunstans.ca for Sherry Wright, Administrator

rector@st-dunstans.ca for Rev. Clarence Li, Rector & Director for Centre for Spiritual Renewal

spiritualrenewal@st-dunstans.ca for Ginny Sawatsky, Centre for Spiritual Renewal Program Coordinator

messychurch@st-dunstans.ca for Jan & John van der Leek, Messy Church Coordinators

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 the minister and they will gift you one.

Opening Prayer *Pray responsory 4 on page 103.*

Readings

Monday 1 Kings 21:1-16, 1 Corinthians 1:1-19, Matthew 4:1-11
Tuesday 1 Kings 21:17-29, 1 Corinthians 1:20-31, Matthew 4:12-17
Wednesday 1 Kings 22:1-28, 1 Corinthians 2:1-13, Matthew 4:18-25
Thursday 1 Kings 22:29-45, 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15, Matthew 5:1-10
Friday 2 Kings 1:2-17, 1 Corinthians 3:16-23, Matthew 5:11-16
Saturday 2 Kings 2:1-18, 1 Corinthians 4:1-7, Matthew 5:17-20

Prayer *Litany 9 or 10 on pages 117 and 118.*

Prayer of the Day *Almighty God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself, may we who rejoice in the mystery of our redemption, have grace to take up our cross and follow him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

...Community Care at the Parish

Community Care Team Offers prayer, phone calls, visits, food support, and transportation assistance. Hand-knitted Prayer Shawls are also available for anyone wanting some comfort, warmth, and a reminder of care and support. Please call the Office or speak to the Rector if you would like to receive support.

Listening Prayer Prayer for those in crisis or need. For more information please connect with Lesley Wieler at lesleyjwieler@gmail.com.



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