

Sixth Sunday of Easter ❀ May 22, 2022

Feast of St. Dunstan (observed)

9AM Zoom Worship

Welcome

Gathering Hymn: "Hymn of St. Dunstan"

**1. Come, let us sing the fame of dear Saint Dunstan,
His noble life proclaim to earth and heaven;
Raise we our voices clear before God's altar here,
His holy name revere, our blessed patron!**

**2. See him in lowly cell at Glastonbury,
His great devotion tell, his skill and study;
In silver work and gold God's glory he retold,
And with his tongs lay hold upon the devil.**

**3. Praise we our God today for Abbott Dunstan,
To him high homage pay, Bishop of London,
All England felt the spell when he went forth to dwell
And serve Emmanuel at Canterbury.**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Song of Praise: Pascha Nostrum

Led by the Officiant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;*

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;*

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;*

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. O God of truth and beauty, you richly endowed your bishop Dunstan with skill in music and working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we pray, to see in you the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Wisdom 7:7-16

Reader A song of praise to Divine Wisdom, from the book of Wisdom.

Therefore I prayed, and understanding was given me;

I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her.

Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem,

because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her.

I loved her more than health and beauty,

and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases.

All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

I rejoiced in them all, because wisdom leads them; but I did not know that she was their mother.

I learned without guile and I impart without grudging;

I do not hide her wealth, for it is an unfailing treasure for mortals;

those who get it obtain friendship with God, commended for the gifts that come from instruction.

May God grant me to speak with judgement, and to have thoughts worthy of what I have received;

for God is the guide even of wisdom and the corrector of the wise.

For both we and our words are in God's hand,

as are all understanding and skill in crafts.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 57, verses 6-12 (ICEL Translation)

O God, rise high above the heavens!

Spread your glory across the earth!

They rigged a net for me,

A trap to bring me down;

They dug a pit for me,

But they - they fell in themselves!

I have decided, O God;

My decision is firm:

To you I will sing my praise.

Awake, my soul, to song!

Awake, my harp and lyre,

So I can wake up the dawn!

I will lift my voice in praise,

Sing of you, Lord, to all nations.

For your love reaches heaven's edge,

You unfailing love, the skies.

O God, rise high above the heavens!

Spread your glory across the earth!

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:15-20

Reader A reminder to live faithfully in difficult times, from the letter to the church in Ephesus.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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The Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The True Legend of St. Dunstan and the Devil

The Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

Officiant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

- Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.
The people may offer additional names.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.
The people may offer additional names.
- Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.
- Celebrant* Creator God, you know what we need without our words. Hear our prayers; hear also our silence. Grant us those things which we cannot or dare not voice. We make our prayers through our brother, Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. **Amen.**

Sharing of Blessings

The Peace

Celebrant Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in God's sight; and the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

Sending Song: The Easter Troparion