



July 30, 2023

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church



# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

**God of grace and God of glory** (*Cwm Rhondda*)

**Hymnal 594**

God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour; / for the facing of this hour;

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:

grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days; / for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal; / lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore; / serving thee whom we adore.

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Glory to God**

*(Canticle 20) (Powell)*

**S 280**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most  
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the  
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## The Collect

BCP 357

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen.*

## The Lessons

### Old Testament

1 Kings 3:5-12

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

<sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

<sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, “You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you;

and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

<sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

<sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

<sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?”

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

<sup>11</sup>God said to him, “Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word.

Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

## The Psalter

## Psalm 119:129-136

<sup>129</sup>Your decrees are wonderful; \*

**therefore I obey them with all my heart.**

<sup>130</sup>When your word goes forth it gives light; \*

**it gives understanding to the simple.**

<sup>131</sup>I open my mouth and pant; \*

**I long for your commandments.**

<sup>132</sup>Turn to me in mercy, \*

**as you always do to those who love your Name.**

<sup>133</sup>Steady my footsteps in your word; \*

**let no iniquity have dominion over me.**

<sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those who oppress me, \*

**and I will keep your commandments.**

<sup>135</sup>Let your countenance shine upon your servant \*

**and teach me your statutes.**

<sup>136</sup>My eyes shed streams of tears, \*

**because people do not keep your law.**

## New Testament

## Romans 8:26-39

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>26</sup>The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

<sup>27</sup>And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup>We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

<sup>29</sup>For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

<sup>30</sup>And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

<sup>31</sup>What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

<sup>32</sup>He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?

<sup>33</sup>Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.

<sup>34</sup>Who is to condemn?

It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

<sup>35</sup>Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

<sup>36</sup>As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;  
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup>No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.



## Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West, vv. 1-2 (*McKee*)

Hymnal 529

1.) In Christ there is no east or west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

2.) Join hands, disciples of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be.  
Who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

*Deacon*      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according  
to Matthew.

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>31</sup>[Another parable Jesus put before the crowds:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;<sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

<sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

<sup>44</sup>“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

<sup>45</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

<sup>47</sup>“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.

<sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

<sup>51</sup>“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.”

<sup>52</sup>And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **Sequence Hymn**

**In Christ there is no East or West, v. 3** (*McKee*)

**Hymnal 529**

3.) In Christ now meet both east and west,  
in him meet south and north.

All Christly souls are one in him  
throughout the whole wide earth.

### **The Sermon: The Reverend Mike Bye**

#### **The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our presiding bishop; for Ruth, our bishop; for Mike, our priest; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially Liz Male, Tom Dickens, and Carter Alston.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for St. Catherine's Episcopal Church in Florence; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families; St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center; and for our own needs and those of others. *(Please see the Prayer List insert)*

We remember also our shut-ins, chronically ill, and those who live alone, and any you wish to name aloud or in your heart.

*Members of the congregation may add their own petitions or thanksgivings.*

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

**BCP 360**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## **The Peace**

**BCP 360**

*All stand.*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

### **Offertory Hymn**

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart** (*Slane*)

**Hymnal 488**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
all else be nought to me, save that thou art --  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;  
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### **Doxology (*Old 100<sup>TH</sup>*)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer C**

**BCP 369**

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Lift up your hearts.

*People*            We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*            It is right to give him thanks and praise.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and  
praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar  
space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our  
island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy**

*(Hampton)*

**S 127**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow - er and might, — hea - ven and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Celebrant continues*

**BCP 371**

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
 as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**BCP 364**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. *Amen.*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

## **Recessional Hymn**

**"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee** (*St. Flavian*)

**Hymnal 615**

"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee  
the passing ages pray;  
and faithful souls have yearned to see  
on earth that kingdom's day.

But the slow watches of the night  
not less to God belong;

and for the everlasting right  
the silent stars are strong.

And lo, already on the hills  
the flags of dawn appear;  
gird up your loins, ye prophet souls,  
proclaim the day is near:

the day to whose clear-shining light  
all wrong shall stand revealed,  
when justice shall be throned in might,  
and every hurt be healed;

when knowledge, hand in hand with peace,  
shall walk the earth abroad;  
the day of perfect righteousness,  
the promised day of God.

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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## **Announcements:**

Would you like to share a moment of **fellowship** right after the service? Join us right in the foyer between the Sanctuary and the Chapel. Typically there are light snacks, and there's always good company.

Mark your calendars for **St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare Open House**, on Thursday, August 10, to kick off a great new school year. Planned as a drop-in event for 5:00pm to 7:00pm, further details will be announced as the date draws nearer.

**Canon Philip C. Linder** is working with Father Mike to reschedule the discussion with our members regarding the future of St. David's. They are looking at the period of August 16 through 24, with the event taking place at St. Bart's in Hartsville. Please let the office know if there are dates or times within this range when you would not be available.

Also, if you are interested but cannot be there in person, Ron Stafford is going to set up a Zoom conference of the event so you can participate from home. Watch your email for a NEWS FLASH from Van with the login link for Zoom, once the date and time have been finalized.

Need a copy of **The Book of Common Prayer** for reference at home? **St. Paul's Anglican Church of Bennettsville** has generously shared with us a number of Prayer Books, 1977 and 1979 editions, which they no longer use. Contact the office if you would like to have one.

Follow us on **Facebook** at **St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, SC.**

Want to get more involved at **St. David's**? See Fr. Mike or a member of the vestry about becoming a lay reader, assisting at Eucharist, leading the prayers of the people, or joining the altar guild.

If you wish to add someone to our prayer list, or make corrections, please contact the church at **[cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com](mailto:cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com)**.

The **Church Office** is normally open Monday–Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and at other times as needed. You can call the office at 843-253-5295 or Fr. Mike on his cell, 704-517-6588, or you can reach us by email at [cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com](mailto:cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com).



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CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA

Welcome! We are very glad that you chose to worship with us today.

As Episcopalians and members of the Anglican Communion, we are a parish family of spiritual seekers who are walking a path, individually and together, to draw closer to our Creator and Maker, whom we choose to call God. Many of us have found that that path lies through a recognition that God is present in all of creation and especially in the life, ministry, death and resurrection of the human incarnation of God in Jesus the Christ. That means for us that all life is part of God, and especially all human beings are part of God, and therefore everyone, regardless of circumstance, is worthy of respect, love, and mercy.

ALL are welcomed here and honored of God.

We invite you to walk your spiritual journey with us, that together we may help each other grow ever closer to The God that is ultimate love.

The Reverend Mike Bye, Priest-in-charge  
Michael Williams, Organist

**Vestry**

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