

August 6, 2023

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

Processional Hymn When morning gilds the skies (Laudes Domini) (H 427)

- 1) When morning gilds the skies, my heart, awaking, cries, may Jesus Christ be praised!When evening shadows fall, this rings my curfew call, may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2) When mirth for music longs, this is my song of songs:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 God's holy house of prayer hath none that can compare with: Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3) No lovelier antiphon in all high heaven is known than, Jesus Christ be praised! There to the eternal Word the eternal psalm is heard: may Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4) Ye nations of mankind,
 in this your concord find:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!
 Let all the earth around
 ring joyous with the sound:
 may Jesus Christ be praised!

5) Sing, suns and stars of space, sing, ye that see his face, sing, Jesus Christ be praised!

God's whole creation o'er, both now and evermore shall Jesus Christ be praised!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

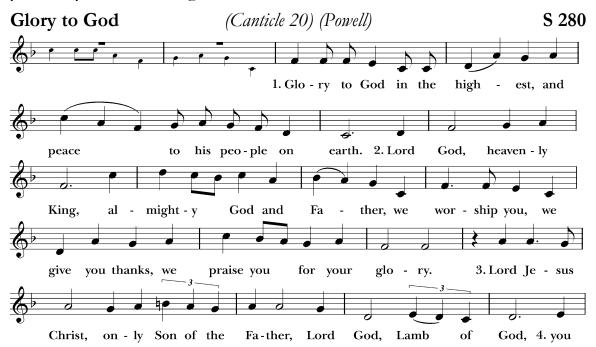
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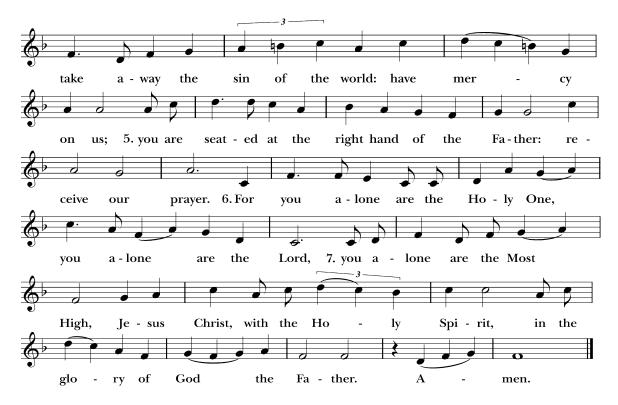
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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*.





The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 Isaiah 55:1-5

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;

and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

*The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, * slow to anger and of great kindness.

- ⁹The LORD is loving to everyone * and his compassion is over all his works.
- ¹⁵The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁶The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, * and you give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁷You open wide your hand * and satisfy the needs of every living creature.
- ¹⁸The LORD is righteous in all his ways * and loving in all his works.
- ¹⁹The LORD is near to those who call upon him, * to all who call upon him faithfully.
- ²⁰He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; * he hears their cry and helps them.
- ²¹The LORD preserves all those who love him, * but he destroys all the wicked.
- ²²My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; * let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Romans 9:1-5

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

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.

⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light, vv.1,2 (Houston) Hymnal 490

1) I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2) I want to see the brightness of God.

I want to look at Jesus.

Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

- ¹³Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
- ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
- ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."
- ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."
- ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me."
- ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

I want to walk as a child of the light, v.3 (Houston)

Hymnal 490

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

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 III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Mike, our priest;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and Andy, our mayor; and for all in authority;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; *That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Liz Male, Tom Dickens, and Carter Alston;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially Still Hopes Episcopal Retirement Community in West Columbia, SC; Province de l'Eglise Anglicane du Congo (The Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo); 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; and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

Please see our 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.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

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

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

(St. Elizabeth)

Hymnal 383

1) Fairest Lord Jesus,

Ruler of all nature,

O thou God of man the Son;

thee will I cherish,

thee will I honor,

thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2) Fair are the meadows,

fairer still the woodlands,

robed in the blooming garb of spring:

Jesus is fairer,

Jesus is purer,

who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3) Fair is the sunshine,

fairer still the moonlight,

and all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter,

Jesus shines purer,

than all the angels heaven can boast.

4) Beautiful Savior!

Lord of all the nations,

Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor,

praise, adoration

Now and forevermore be thine!

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.

People And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D

BCP 372

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

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



The Celebrant continues BCP 373

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

BCP 375

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. David and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN*

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

People and Celebrant

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

BCP 364

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 I come with joy to meet my Lord (Land of Rest)

Hymnal 304

- 1) I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
- 2) I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.
- 3) As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

- 4) And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known: we see, and praise him here.
- 5) Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

People

Dismissal BCP 366

Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ. 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 will be at St. Bart's in Hartsville to hear from us and from the St. Bart's congregation about the future plans for both Churches. The meeting will be on Thursday, August 17, at 6:00. If this time and place does not work for you, Ron Stafford is setting up a Zoom conference of the event so that you can participate from home. Watch your email for a NEWS FLASH from Van with the login link for Zoom.

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.

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**.



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

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