

August 13, 2023

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

Processional Hymn O worship the King, all glorious above *(Hanover)*

O worship the King, all glorious above!
 O gratefully sing his power and his love!
 Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2) O tell of his might! O sing of his grace!Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

3) The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old, hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4) Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5) Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

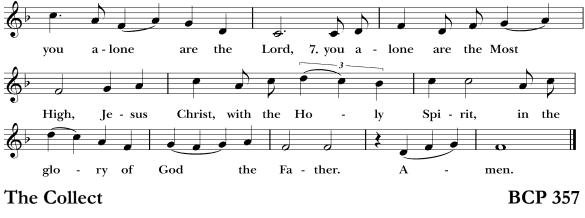
Hymnal 388

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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.*





Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 19:9-18

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

⁹[Elijah] came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind;

and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake;

¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire;

and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram.

¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill.

¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

The Psalter

Psalm 85:8-13

- ⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, * for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- ⁹Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, * that his glory may dwell in our land.
- ¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; * **righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- ¹¹Truth shall spring up from the earth, * and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- ¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, * and our land will yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before him, * and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

New Testament

Romans 10:5-15

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

⁵Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them."

⁶But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

""'or 'Who will descend into the abyss?"" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? ¹⁵And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent?

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn Dear Lord and Father of mankind, vv.1-2, (Rest)

Hymnal 652

 Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
 Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. 2) In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,the gracious calling of the Lord,let us, like them, without a word,rise up and follow thee.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²²[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds.

²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

²⁵And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

²⁸Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come."

So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus.

³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Deacon	The Gospel of the Lord.	
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.	
Sequence Dear Lord	Hymn and Father of mankind, v.3 (Rest)	Hymnal 652
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0	h him all things were made. 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 IV

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially the Canterbury House of New Brunswick, NJ; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; 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. Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and Andy, our mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; Mike, our priest, and for all the clergy and people of God, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation, especially: *(See Prayer List Insert)*

Silence

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.

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

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; BCP 359

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

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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 Precious Lord Take My Hand

1) 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.

2) 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.
3) 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.

Doxology (Old 100TH)

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 A

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.

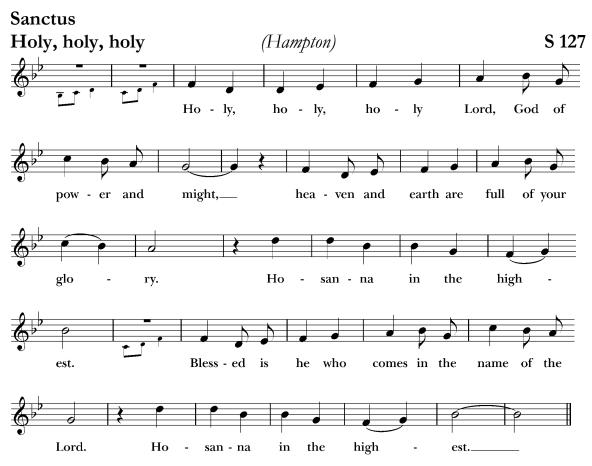
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People



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The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

People and Celebrant

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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 O God Our Help in Ages Past

1) O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Hymnal 680

2) under the shadow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt secure; sufficient is thine arm alone, and our defense is sure.

3) Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame, from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.

4) A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone; short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

5) Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

6) O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90. This selection is in the public domain.

Dismissal

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements:

Our organist Michael Williams will lead a hymn sing at his home church, New Hope United Methodist, this afternoon (August 13) at 4:00 pm. Come request and sing your old favorites, and have ice cream, too! New Hope is located at 21 Mayesville Rd, south of Wadesboro NC and north of Chesterfield, SC on Hwy 742 at Cason's Oldfield.

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.

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 won't 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 <u>cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com</u>.



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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