



September 10, 2023

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

**All creatures of our God and King** (*Lasst uns erfreuen*)

**Hymnal 400**

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfold your blessings on our way,

O praise him, Alleluia!

All flowers and fruits that in you grow,  
let them his glory also show:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,

O sing now: Alleluia!

All you that pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God, and cast on him your care:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And even you, most gentle death,  
waiting to hush our final breath,

O praise him, Alleluia!

You lead back home the child of God,  
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise God the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**BCP 355**

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)

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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly



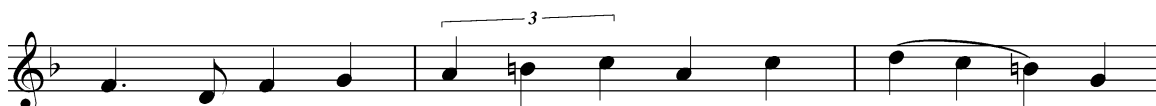
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we



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.

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## The Collect

**BCP 357**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

### Old Testament

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

7So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

<sup>8</sup>If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand.

<sup>9</sup>But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

<sup>10</sup>Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?”

<sup>11</sup>Say to them, “As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## The Psalter

## Psalm 119:33-40

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, \*  
*and I shall keep it to the end.*

<sup>34</sup>Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
*I shall keep it with all my heart.*

<sup>35</sup>Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
*for that is my desire.*

<sup>36</sup>Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
*and not to unjust gain.*

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
*give me life in your ways.*

<sup>38</sup>Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
*which you make to those who fear you.*

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
*because your judgments are good.*

<sup>40</sup>Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
*in your righteousness preserve my life.*

## New Testament

## Romans 13:8-14

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

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

<sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near.

Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

<sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

<sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

## Sequence Hymn

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free

Hymnal 554

*(Simple Gifts)*

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained  
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,  
to turn, turn, will be our delight  
till by turning, turning we come round right.

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

<sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

<sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.



<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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### **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,  
archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, the 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 Debbie McLendon and David Sherbine.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church, and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community; The Church of Ireland; and those for whom prayers have been requested.

*(Please see the 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*

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**

**BCP 359**

*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**

**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 A

BCP 361

*The People remain standing.*

*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:

## Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy** *(Proulx)*

**S 125**

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for three staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The second staff contains 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -' and the third staff contains 'san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

*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*

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*

**BCP 363**

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.

All are welcome to receive Communion at St. David's, regardless of denomination or where you find yourself in your spiritual journey. If you prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you come up to the altar, and the priest or Eucharistic minister will offer you a simple blessing.

*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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.*

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

**Joyful, joyful, we adore thee** (*Hymn to Joy*)

**Hymnal 376**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
well-spring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother:  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

## Dismissal

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

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

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## **Announcements:**

◆ There will be a Photography Exhibit of works by our own Ron Stafford entitled **“A Love Letter to Old St. David’s”** at **Burr Gallery** in the Cheraw Community Center, 200 Powe Street. There will be a reception to celebrate the opening on Tuesday, September 12 from 5:30 to 7:00pm, and the exhibit will be displayed until October 23. Gallery hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.

◆ St. David’s Episcopal Church is now a new distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program, which makes boxes of fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. We still will need volunteers from among our membership and our community to serve in these roles:

**GREETERS:** welcome the customer, get their name and number of boxes ordered.

**LOG KEEPERS:** check type of box and payment type, collect money, run card through cell phone reader and print receipts. No computer work required.

**LOADERS:** assist with loading the cartons into customers’ cars.

Contact the Church Office or Lobie Hammond to sign up on the Volunteer List. Contact Margaret Plettinger-Mitchell with questions about the program (843-910-4594 or [mapm78829419@gmail.com](mailto:mapm78829419@gmail.com)), and watch for further details as we begin this new ministry!

◆ St. David's will host the **Pee Dee - Waccamaw Deanery Convocation** with Bishop Ruth on Saturday, September 16, 2023. There will be an opportunity to worship together with representatives from other churches in the deanery, and to enjoy lunch and fellowship. More details to follow.

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Follow us on **Facebook: St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, SC.**
- ◆ The church has new **keypad operated locks** on three doors, so if you have keys to the Parish Hall, the door by the school office, or the door by the church office on Huger St., please leave them with the Church Office.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ To add someone to our **Prayer List**, or make corrections, please contact **mapm78829419@gmail.com** or **cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com**. To respect their privacy, please ask permission before adding someone to the list.
- ◆ 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)**.



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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