

September 24, 2023

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn Guide me, O thou great Jehovah (Cwm Rhondda)

Hymnal 690

- 1) Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand; bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.
- 2) Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3) When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; songs of praises, I will ever give to thee.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

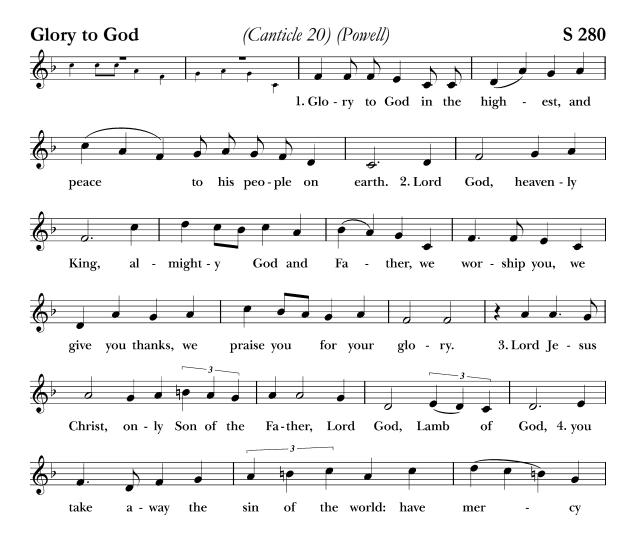
**BCP 355** 

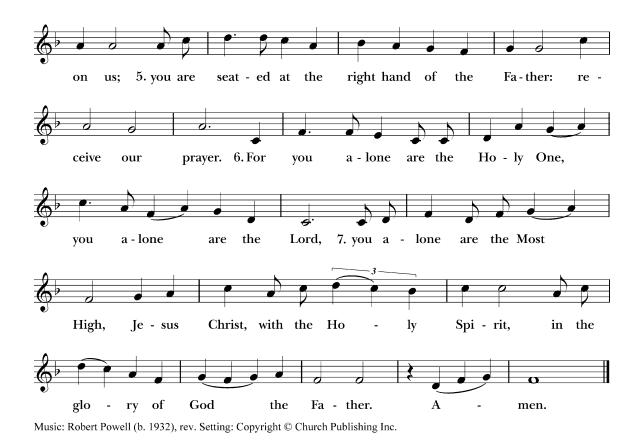
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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.* 





The Collect BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Jonah 3:10-4:11

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4-1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the LORD and said,

"O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing.

<sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush.

<sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered.

<sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die."

<sup>10</sup>Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night.

<sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalter Psalm 145:1-8

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O God my King, \*

and bless your Name for ever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you \* and praise your Name for ever and ever.

- <sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \* *there is no end to his greatness.*
- \*One generation shall praise your works to another \* and shall declare your power.
- <sup>5</sup>I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \* and all your marvelous works.
- They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \* and I will tell of your greatness.
- <sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \* *they shall sing of your righteous deeds.*

# <sup>8</sup>The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.

### **New Testament**

Philippians 1:21-30

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

<sup>21</sup>To me, living is Christ and dying is gain.

<sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer.

<sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

<sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents.

For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation.

And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# Sequence Hymn Come, labor on, vv. 1, 2

(Ora Labora)

Hymnal 541

1) Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain, while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."

2) Come, labor on.

The enemy is watching night and day, to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away; while we in sleep our duty have forgot, he slumbered not.

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

<sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went.

<sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same.

<sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to

him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

<sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'

<sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage.

<sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.'

<sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?

<sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

<sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn Come, labor on, v. 3

(Ora Labora)

Hymnal 541

3) Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear! No arm so weak but may do service here: by feeblest agents may our God fulfill his righteous will.

## 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 IV

**BCP 388** 

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 St. Philip's Episcopal Church at Voorhees University in Denmark, SC; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; Spreading the Word of God Church in Pakistan; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families. 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.

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

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)

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

Lord, in your mercy

### Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Carolyn Baker and Scott Tomberlin, 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**

**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 For the bread which you have broken (Omni die)

Hymnal 341

- 1) For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
- 2) By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3) As our bless'd ones adore you, seated at our Father's board, may the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4) In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

## 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.

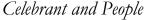
And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

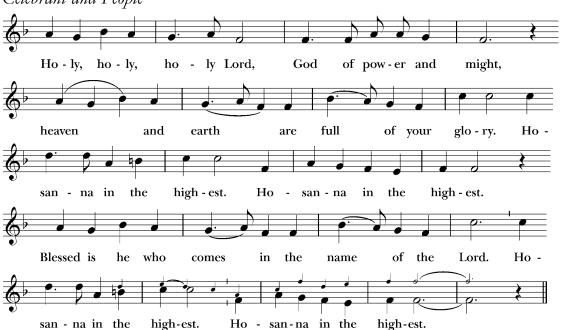


# Holy, holy, holy

(Proulx)

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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 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.

### **BCP 364**

### 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

**BCP 365** 

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.

**BCP 366** 

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 Rise up, ye saints of God (Festal Song)

Hymnal 551

- 1) Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
- 2) Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long: Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.
- 3) Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints 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:**

- ◆ Right after today's service we will have a **Farewell Reception** for **Father Mike Bye**, who has served and inspired St. David's for about five years. Please join us in the Parish Hall just after noon and enjoy nice food and good company as we say Thank You to Fr. Mike.
- ◆ The 233rd annual Diocesan Convention will be held at St. James Episcopal Church on James Island (Charleston), on November 2-4, 2023. St. David's will hold a Parish Meeting for the election of four Convention Delegates and four alternates on Oct.1, following our weekly service. If you have questions, contact Senior Warden Phil Powell.
- ◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a new distribution point for the Chesterfield County *FoodShare* program, which makes boxes of fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. We distribute boxes every other Thursday, and we still need volunteers from among our membership and our community to serve in these roles:

GREETERS: welcome the customer and get order information LOG KEEPERS: Process the order and payment using a cell phone reader and print receipts. No computer work required. LOADERS: assist with receiving cartons and loading them into customers' cars.

Contact Lobie Hammond or the Church Office to sign up on the Volunteer List. Our next delivery day is Thursday, October 5. Here is the schedule through the end of the year:

Order by Monday, 10/2/2023 .........pick up on Thursday, 10/5/2023
Order by Monday, 10/16/2023 ......pick up on Thursday, 10/19/2023
Order by Monday, 10/30/2023 ......pick up on Thursday, 11/2/2023
Order by Friday, 11/17/2023 .....pick up on Tuesday, 11/21/2023
Order by Monday, 12/4/2023 .....pick up on Thursday, 12/7/2023
Order by Monday, 12/18/2023 .....pick up on Thursday, 12/21/2023

- ↑ The local chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) will host a **gravesite cleaning project** at Evans Mill Cemetery on Wednesday, October 11. All Church members are welcome to participate. Participants are encouraged to wear long pants, long sleeves, a hat and gloves. You may contact Margaret Plettinger-Mitchell at mapm78829419@gmail.com for more details.
- ◆ The 2023 South Carolina Jazz Festival (October 19-22, 2023) will culminate in a **Spiritual Music Concert** at St. David's, at 2pm on Sunday, Oct 22nd. Van Pate and Sally Powell are coordinating the event.
- ◆ There is 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, continuing until October 23. Gallery hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday.
- ◆ 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 updates, please contact mapm78829419@gmail.com or cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com. To respect 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 <a href="mailto:cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com">cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com</a>.



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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