

October 22, 2023

# The Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

# Processional Hymn Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty (Nicaea)

Hymnal 362

- 1) Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee: Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, bless'd Trinity.
- 2) Holy, holy! All the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3) Holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4) Holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea; Holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three Persons, bless'd Trinity.

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.* 





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The Collect BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 45:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

'Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed:

<sup>2</sup>"I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,

<sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

<sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

<sup>5</sup>I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.

<sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things."

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

The Psalter Psalm 96:1-13

Sing to the LORD a new song; \* sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

- <sup>2</sup>Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*

  proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- <sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations \* and his wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*

  he is more to be feared than all gods.
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \* but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*

  Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \* ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- \*Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \* bring offerings and come into his courts.
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*

  let the whole earth tremble before him.
- <sup>10</sup>Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! \*

  he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;

  he will judge the peoples with equity."
- <sup>11</sup>Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- <sup>12</sup>Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, \*

  when he comes to judge the earth.
- <sup>13</sup>He will judge the world with righteousness \* and the peoples with his truth.

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

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

<sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

<sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

<sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

# Sequence Hymn Rock of ages, cleft for me, vv. 1, 2 (Toplady)

Hymnal 685

1) Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood from thy wounded side that flowed, be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2) Should my tears for ever flow, should my zeal no languor know, all for sin could not atone: thou must save, and thou alone; in my hand no price I bring, simply to thy cross I cling.

#### The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said.

<sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality.

<sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

<sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius.

<sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

<sup>21</sup>They answered, "The emperor's."

Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

<sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# Sequence Hymn

Rock of ages, cleft for me, v. 3 (Toplady)

Hymnal 685

3) While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I rise to worlds unknown and behold thee on thy throne, Rock of ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

#### The Sermon: the Reverend Jeff Wallace

#### 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 Jeff, 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. Pray for those who have died. *Silence* 

I ask your prayers for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church; 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; Spreading the Word of God Church in Pakistan; Kairos #47 at Broad River Correctional; 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 Bishop when present, or 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 BCP 376

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

# Offertory Hymn All people that on earth do dwell, vv. 1-4

Hymnal 377

- 1) All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2) Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid he did us make: we are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3) O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; praise, laud, and bless his Name always, for it is seemly so to do.
- 4) For why? the Lord our God is good, his mercy is for ever sure;

his truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

# 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.

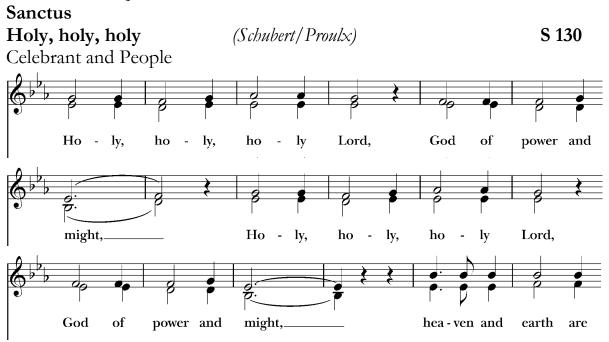
Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

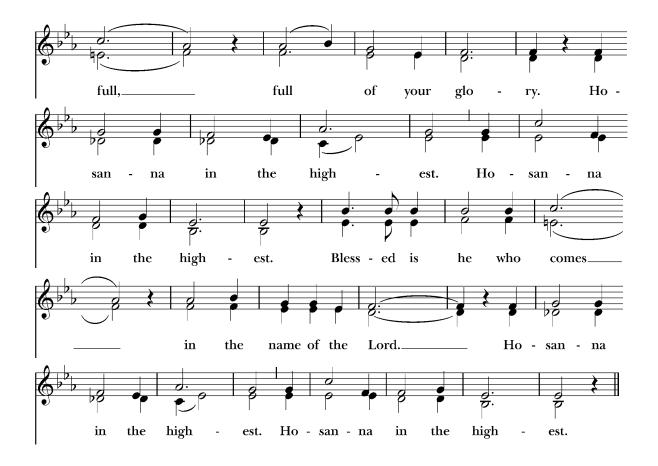
# By his blood, he reconciled us.

#### 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:

#### Celebrant and People





# 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*.

#### The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

Matthew 6:9B-13

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

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

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, for 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.

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 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (Duke Street)

Hymnal 544

- 1) Jesus shall reign where'er the sun doth his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2) To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
- 3) People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.
- 4) Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

5) Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

#### **Dismissal**

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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#### **Announcements:**

- ◆ The 2023 South Carolina Jazz Festival (October 19-22, 2023) will culminate in a **Spiritual Music Concert** at St. David's **this afternoon**; at 2pm on Sunday, Oct 22nd. Sally Powell is coordinating our role in the event. Come out for great music, and see some St. David's children participate in a small but important way.
- ◆ The Vestry has set up a **Priest Discretionary Fund** that would allow Fr. Jeff to support various community initiatives and needs. He has asked the vestry to assist him, at the next Vestry meeting, in establishing account guidelines. Members are encouraged to consider making contributions.

- ◆ St. David's members should look for a letter and/or email in early November regarding the upcoming **Stewardship Campaign**. Pledge cards and Estate Planning brochures will also be sent. On **Sunday**, **November 12**, there will be a **Parish Luncheon** to talk about these important matters, with presentations by the folks working on them.
- ◆ St. David's Daycare & Preschool will have a **Fall Spaghetti Supper & Bake Sale** on **Thursday, November 16**, 5:00 to 7:30pm. Come enjoy a nice spaghetti dinner; dine in or carry out, \$10. Also, plenty of baked goods (cookies, brownies, pies, cake) will be available for purchase. This event is a fundraiser: ALL proceeds go to new playground equipment.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Fr. Jeff has begun having weekly **Staff Meetings** each Tuesday at 1:00 in the Rectory, with School Director Jimmy Carol, Parish Administrator Tom, and Senior Warden Phil. The purpose is to allow us to help one another with all the activities going on in this exciting period of growth at St. David's, so that nothing "falls through the cracks."

Vestry members are welcome to join these meetings. If any member has something you'd like to share but can't make the meeting, feel free to send it to Tom and he'll present it on your behalf.

◆ Here's a tip for members of the Vestry, the Altar Guild, and others who have **passcode access** to the church office door. You can easily lock the door when leaving just by pressing and holding the Lock button in the bottom right corner. In about two seconds the door will lock. Quicker than using your passcode.

◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a new distribution point for the Chesterfield County *FoodShare* program, which makes boxes of fresh produce available every other Thursday to local citizens at reasonable cost. Contact Lobie Hammond or the Church Office to volunteer to help out. Our next delivery day is Thursday, November 2. Here is the schedule through the end of the year:

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

- ◆ Beginning on Sunday, November 5, our **service time** will change to **10:30AM**. This is also the day we begin Daylight Savings Time, so you won't miss your sleep!
- ◆ To add someone to our **Prayer List**, or to make updates, please contact **mapm78829419@gmail.com** or **cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com**. To respect privacy of others, please ask permission before adding someone to the list.
- ◆ Follow us on Facebook: St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, SC.
- ◆ 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 you can email:

The Parish Administrator: office@stdavidsepiscopalcheraw.org
The Lay Leadership: cherawepiscopalians@gmail.com
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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 Jeff Wallace, Priest-in-charge Michael Williams, Organist

#### Vestry

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