



November 12, 2023

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite Two; Eucharistic Prayer A

*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.**

## 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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## The Lessons

**First Reading:**

**Amos 5:18-24**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Amos.

<sup>18</sup>Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

<sup>19</sup>as if someone fled from a lion,  
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.

<sup>20</sup>Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?

<sup>21</sup>I hate, I despise your festivals,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

<sup>22</sup>Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals  
I will not look upon.

<sup>23</sup>Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

<sup>24</sup>But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## **The Psalter:**

## **Psalm 70**

<sup>1</sup>Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

***O LORD, make haste to help me.***

<sup>2</sup>Let those who seek my life be ashamed  
and altogether dismayed; \*

*let those who take pleasure in my misfortune  
draw back and be disgraced.*

<sup>3</sup>Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me turn back, \*  
*because they are ashamed.*

<sup>4</sup>Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
*let those who love your salvation say for ever,  
“Great is the LORD!”*

<sup>5</sup>But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
*come to me speedily, O God.*

<sup>6</sup>You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
*O LORD, do not tarry.*

## Second Reading:

2 Corinthians 9:1-8, 10-15

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

<sup>1</sup>Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints,

<sup>2</sup>for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them.

<sup>3</sup>But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be;

<sup>4</sup>otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated — to say nothing of you — in this undertaking.

<sup>5</sup>So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion.

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

<sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

<sup>8</sup>And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;

<sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

<sup>13</sup>Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

<sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

<sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

## **Gradual Hymn**

**O God of Bethel, by whose hand** (*Dundee*)

**Hymnal 709**

1) O God of Bethel, by whose hand  
thy people still are fed;

who through this earthly pilgrimage  
hast all thine Israel led:

2) Our vows, our prayers, we now present  
before thy throne of grace:  
O God of Israel, be the God  
of this succeeding race.

3) Through each perplexing path of life  
our wandering footsteps guide;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and raiment fit provide.

4) O spread thy sheltering wings around,  
till all our wanderings cease,  
and at our Father's loved abode  
our souls arrive in peace!

5) Such blessings from thy gracious hand  
our humble prayers implore;  
and thou shalt be our covenant God  
and portion evermore.

## **The Holy Gospel:**

**Matthew 25:1-13**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] <sup>1</sup>“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this.

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom.

<sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took  
their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil  
with their lamps.



<sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.  
<sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom!  
Come out to meet him.’

<sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’

<sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut.

<sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup>But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’

<sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **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 V**

**BCP 389**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and  
be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the mission of the Church, especially the Church of the Heavenly Rest in Estill; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families; that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and Andy, our mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in the Upper Pee Dee region, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, and those for whom prayers have been requested; that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, especially *(See Prayer List Insert)*

For our shut-ins, chronically ill and those who live alone, and any we wish to name aloud or in our heart;

*Members of the congregation may add their own petitions or thanksgivings.*

...we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. David and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

***To you, O Lord our God.***

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

*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*

**BCP 376**

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

## **Offertory Hymn**

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence** (*Picardy*)

**Hymnal 324**

1) Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

2) King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords in human vesture,

in the Body and the Blood  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

3) Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of Light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

4) At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
“Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

All things come of thee, O Lord.

*And of thine own have we given thee.*

### **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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Sanctus**

**Holy, holy, holy**

*(Schubert/Proulx)*

**S 130**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are  
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est. Bless - ed 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 Celebrant continues*

**BCP 362**

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*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
    but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
    and the power, and the glory,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP 364**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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, blesses the people, saying*

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
and give you peace. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates** (*Truro*)

**Hymnal 436**

1) Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates;  
behold the King of glory waits!  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
the Savior of the world is here.

2) O blest the land, the city blest,  
where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O happy hearts and happy homes  
to whom this King of triumph comes!

3) Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ,  
adorned with prayer and love and joy.

4) Redeemer, come! I open wide  
my heart to thee: here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel:  
thy grace and love in me reveal.

5) So come, my Sovereign; enter in!  
Let new and nobler life begin;  
thy Holy Spirit guide us on,  
until the glorious crown be won.

## Dismissal

BCP 366

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

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

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## Announcements:

◆ St. David's members should look for a letter in a few days regarding the **Stewardship Campaign**. Pledge cards and Estate Planning brochures will also be included. Today, **Sunday, November 12**, there will be a **Parish Luncheon** right after service to talk about these important matters. Please bring a covered dish if you are able.

◆ Next week, November 19, we resume our **Conversational Social Time** following service. Join us for a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary after service.

- ◆ St. David's Daycare & Preschool has a fall community giving project each year. This year they are collecting donations for **local animal shelters**. Please bring in food, cat litter, training pads, toys and other items to donate and support them. Plain dry food is best; the animals are typically not accustomed to canned food.
- ◆ St. David's Daycare & Preschool has great long-sleeve **tee-shirts** on the way, with the school logo on the back and the school name on the front. They come in sizes from 2T to 3XL. See Jimmy Carol Avent, Director/Principal, for more information.
- ◆ 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. ALL proceeds go to new playground equipment. Get tickets from Jimmy Carol in the school office, Tom in the church office, or any school family. Also, please **donate** some baked goods, homemade or store-bought, if you are able. Small items should be in baggies, cakes and pies are fine whole.
- ◆ Fr. Jeff has a weekly time of **conversation and prayer** with staff members and anyone who wishes to come, each **Tuesday at 1:00** in his office. The purpose is to lift up and encourage, and to inform one another about projects and events going on in the church. All are welcome!
- ◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program, which makes fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. Contact Lobie Hammond or the Church Office to volunteer to help out. Our next delivery day is: Order by **Thursday, 11/16/2023**.....pick up on **Tuesday, 11/21/2023**



**ST. DAVID'S**  
**Episcopal Church**  
CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA

Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. All Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination (or status as Protestant or Roman Catholic) are welcome here, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalian Christians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.

Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally at 843-421-0101. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+.

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