



November 19, 2023

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite Two; Eucharistic Prayer A

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Processional Hymn

**O Christ, the Word Incarnate** (*Munich*)

**Hymnal 632**

1) O Christ, the Word Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth, unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky;  
we praise thee for the radiance  
that from the scripture's page,  
a lantern to our footsteps,  
shines on from age to age.

2) The Church from our dear Master  
received the word divine,  
and still that light is lifted  
o'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass  
that o'er life's surging sea,  
mid mists and rocks and quicksands,  
still guides, O Christ, to thee.

3) O make thy Church, dear Savior,  
a lamp of purest gold,  
to bear before the nations  
thy true light as of old;  
O teach thy wandering pilgrims  
by this their path to trace,  
till, clouds and darkness ended,  
they see thee face to face.

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)*

**S 280**

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.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

***Amen.***

# The Lessons

**Old Testament:**

**Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Zephaniah.

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Lord GOD!  
For the day of the LORD is at hand;  
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,  
he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,  
and I will punish the people  
who rest complacently on their dregs,  
those who say in their hearts,  
“The LORD will not do good,  
nor will he do harm.”

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth shall be plundered,  
and their houses laid waste.  
Though they build houses,  
they shall not inhabit them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near,  
near and hastening fast;  
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,  
the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of ruin and devastation,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and thick darkness,  
<sup>16</sup>a day of trumpet blast and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup>I will bring such distress upon people  
that they shall walk like the blind;  
because they have sinned against the LORD,  
their blood shall be poured out like dust,  
and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup>Neither their silver nor their gold  
will be able to save them  
on the day of the LORD's wrath;  
in the fire of his passion  
the whole earth shall be consumed;  
for a full, a terrible end  
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## The Psalter:

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge \*

*from one generation to another.*

<sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*

*from age to age you are God.*

<sup>3</sup>You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

*“Go back, O child of earth.”*

<sup>4</sup>For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*

*and like a watch in the night.*

<sup>5</sup>You sweep us away like a dream; \*

*we fade away suddenly like the grass.*

<sup>6</sup>In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

*in the evening it is dried up and withered.*

<sup>7</sup>For we consume away in your displeasure; \*

*we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.*

<sup>8</sup>Our iniquities you have set before you, \*

*and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.*

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days, \*

*that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.*

## New Testament:

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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

<sup>1</sup>Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

<sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

<sup>3</sup>When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

<sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness.

<sup>6</sup>So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

<sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation.

<sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual Hymn**

**Awake, O sleeper, rise from death** (*Azmon*)

**Hymnal 547**

1) Awake, O sleeper, rise from death,  
and Christ shall give you light,  
so learn his love, its length and breadth,  
its fullness, depth, and height.

2) To us on earth he came to bring  
from sin and fear release,  
to give the Spirit's unity,  
the very bond of peace.



3) There is one Body and one hope,  
one Spirit and one call,  
one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism,  
one Father of us all.

## **The Holy Gospel:**

**Matthew 25:14-30**

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

*People*        Glory to you, Lord Christ.

<sup>14</sup>[Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;

<sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

<sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.

<sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

<sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

<sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them.

<sup>20</sup>Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’

<sup>21</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

<sup>22</sup>And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’

<sup>23</sup>His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

<sup>24</sup>Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’

<sup>26</sup>But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter?’

<sup>27</sup>Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest.

<sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.

<sup>29</sup>For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.

<sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*        Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

*All stand.*

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 VI**

**BCP 392**

*The Leader and the People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world, especially; Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and Andy, our mayor;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially St. James-Santee Episcopal Church in McClellanville; 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.

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

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, all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially;

*(See Prayer List Insert)*

We remember also in prayer our shut-ins, chronically ill and those who live alone, and others we name aloud or in our hearts.

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, especially Donna Bilby, Rudy Manke, and Duvy Spruill, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;

and so uphold us by your Spirit

that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

**I want to walk as a child of the light** (*Houston*)

**Hymnal 490**

1) I want to walk as a child of the light.

I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

*Refrain:*

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2) I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father.

*[Refrain]*

3) I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus.

*[Refrain]*

### **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**

All things come of thee, O Lord.  
***And of thine own have we given thee.***

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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.

**BCP 361**

*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 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**

**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 have received a letter regarding the **Stewardship Campaign**. Pledge cards and Estate Planning brochures were also included. Last Sunday there was a Parish Luncheon where the finances of the church were discussed. If you missed it or have questions, Senior Warden Phil Powell can help.
- ◆ Today, 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 started a new **Sunday School Bible Study** today, at 9:30am in the Chapel Library. We're studying the first seven chapters of First Samuel. You can bring your Bible or use the lesson handouts prepared for each of the six weekly sessions. Please come join us. We want to hear your ideas and we put no one on the spot. The class starts at 9:30 and we should finish by 10:10.
- ◆ The **Pee Dee Waccamaw Deanery** is making available an **Advent Bible Study** via Zoom. Charles Jordan, of Church of the Messiah in Myrtle Beach, will lead an Advent Study which is open to all members of our deanery. The topic of the study is a discussion of Matthew's Infancy Narrative in Matthew 1-2.

The meetings will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays beginning December 6th, from 8:00 to 9:00 pm. The link for the Zoom meeting is in this week's Newsletter, and will also be in a Facebook post on the Church Facebook page (**St. David's Episcopal Church, Cheraw, SC**). If neither of these work for you, call the Church Office and we can email you the login information.

- ◆ 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 hand, 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.

◆ 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 Episcopalians. 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. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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