



February 11, 2024

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Transfiguration Sunday

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Eucharistic Prayer C

*Welcome to*

St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Hymn in Procession

Father, we praise thee, now the night is over

Hymnal 1

*(Christe sanctorum)*

1) Father, we praise thee, now the night is over,  
active and watchful, stand we all before thee;  
singing we offer prayer and meditation:  
thus we adore thee.

2) Monarch of all things, fit us for thy mansions;  
banish our weakness, health and wholeness sending;  
bring us to heaven, where thy saints united  
joy without ending.

3) All-holy Father, Son, and equal Spirit,  
Trinity bless'd, send us thy salvation;  
thine is the glory, gleaming and resounding  
through all creation.

*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)*

Hymnal 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.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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:**

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

A Reading from the Second book of Kings.

<sup>1</sup>Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

<sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?”

And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?”

And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.

<sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.”

Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.”

<sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.”

<sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

<sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!”

But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalter:**

### **Psalm 50:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; \*  
*he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.*

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*  
*God reveals himself in glory.*

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*  
*before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.*

<sup>4</sup>He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
*to witness the judgment of his people.*

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
*those who have made a covenant with me  
and sealed it with sacrifice.”*

<sup>6</sup>Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
*for God himself is judge.*

## New Testament:

## 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 ESV

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

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

<sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

<sup>5</sup> For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

<sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## Gradual Hymn

### Swing Low Sweet Chariot

[*Refrain:*]

Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Swing low, sweet chariot,  
Coming for to carry me home.

1) I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
Coming for to carry me home.

A band of angels coming after me,  
Coming for to carry me home. Oh,

[*Refrain*]

2) If you get there before I do,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,  
Coming for to carry me home. Oh,  
[Refrain]

3) The brightest day that ever I saw  
Coming for to carry me home.  
When Jesus washed my sins away,  
Coming for to carry me home. Oh,  
[Refrain]

4) I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,  
Coming for to carry me home.  
But still my soul feels heav'nly bound,  
Coming for to carry me home. Oh,  
[Refrain]

## **The Holy Gospel:**

**Mark 9:2-9**

*All stand.*

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

2Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, 3and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

4And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.



<sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

<sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice,

“This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!”

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

*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 I**

**BCP 383**

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the  
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, especially All Saints Episcopal Church in

Hilton Head Island; the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan; 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; let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and David, our mayor; and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who live and work in the Upper Pee Dee region, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, and those for whom prayers have been requested:

*(Please see the Prayer List insert.)*

We remember in prayer our shut-ins, chronically ill and those who live alone, listed in the Prayer List, and any you wish to name aloud or in your heart...

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

Let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially Hank Brasington and Debbie Ingram, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

***Lord, have mercy.***

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

***Lord, have mercy.***

In the communion of Saint David and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

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

*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

BCP 376

*The Celebrant says*

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

*Psalm 50:14*

## Offertory Hymn

**Fairest Lord Jesus** (*St. Elizabeth*)

**Hymnal 383**

1) Fairest Lord Jesus,  
Ruler of all nature,  
O thou God of man the Son;  
    thee will I cherish,  
    thee will I honor,  
    thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

2) Fair are the meadows,  
fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
    Jesus is fairer,  
    Jesus is purer,  
    who makes the woeful heart to sing.

3) Fair is the sunshine,  
fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
    Jesus shines brighter,  
    Jesus shines purer,  
    than all the angels heaven can boast.

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

## The Great Thanksgiving

BCP 369

*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*

BCP 370

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:

## Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

(Powell)

Hymnal S-129

*Celebrant and People*

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

*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**

**BCP 363**

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**

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. 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.
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*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**

**Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve** (*Siroë*)

**Hymnal 546**

1) Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
and press with vigor on;  
a heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
and an immortal crown.

2) A cloud of witnesses around  
hold thee in full survey;  
forget the steps already trod  
and onward urge thy way.

3) 'Tis God's all-animating voice  
that calls thee from on high;

'tis his own hand presents the prize  
to thine aspiring eye.

4) Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve,  
and press with vigor on;  
a heavenly race demands thy zeal,  
and an immortal crown.

## **Dismissal**

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

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

## Announcements:

◆ Mark your calendar for our **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on **Tuesday, February 13**, at **5:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. St. David's Daycare & Preschool staff and families are invited, in addition to our congregation and families. To volunteer your help, contact Senior Warden Phil Powell.

◆ Our annual **Ash Wednesday** service will be on **Wednesday, February 14**, at **12:00 noon**. Please join us for this special service.

Immediately following the Ash Wednesday service, Fr. Jeff will be available for **Imposition of Ashes** for pedestrians and passers by, from about **12:45 to 2:00pm**, on the Huger Street side of the Church. He will be under the canopy tent.

◆ St. David's is offering several services of the very moving **Stations of the Cross**. Plan to attend at least one service; all will be on **Fridays**, at **12:00 noon**, on the following dates: **February 16** and **23**; **March 1, 8, 15, 22** and **29**. For more information, or to help with one or more services, contact Bob Mitchell.

◆ Our community is offering **Lenten Lunch** services, on **Wednesdays** at **12:00 noon**, on **February 21** and **28**, and **March 6, 13, 20**, and **27**. These lunch services will be at First Methodist Church and at First Baptist Church. Specifics will be included in next week's Bulletin, and in our Newsletter and Facebook page.

◆ Join us for our **Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. We'll enjoy a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.

◆ St. David's invites you to **Sunday School Bible Study** Sundays, in the Chapel Library. We're studying the Ark of the Covenant. Please come join us. The class starts at 9:30 and finish around 10:10.

- ◆ St. David's Daycare & Preschool has great long-sleeve **tee-shirts** with the school logo on the back and the school name on the front, in sizes from 2T to 3XL. See Jimmy Carol Avent for more information.
- ◆ Fr. Jeff has a weekly time of **conversation and prayer** with staff members and anyone who wishes to come, most **Tuesdays 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. Our next delivery dates are:  
 Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Feb 16**.....pick up on **Thursday, Feb 22** (12:30-3:30)  
 Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Mar 1**..... pick up on **Thursday, Mar 7** (12:30-3:30)  
 Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Mar 15** ....pick up on **Thursday, Mar 21** (12:30-3:30)  
 Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Mar 29** ..... pick up on **Thursday, Apr 4** (12:30-3:30)  
 Order by 5:00pm **Friday, Apr 12** .....pick up on **Thursday, Apr 18** (12:30-3:30)



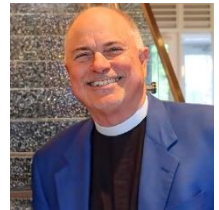
**ST. DAVID'S**  
**Episcopal Church**  
CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA

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

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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