



March 17, 2024

Holy Eucharist, Rite One  
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Welcome to*  
St. David's Episcopal Church

# The Word of God

## Hymn in Procession

**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.

*Celebrant*      Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.  
*People*         His mercy endureth for ever.

## Collect for Purity and Great Commandments

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it:

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

***Christ, have mercy upon us.***

Lord, have mercy upon us.

## The Collect of the Day

**BCP 325**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*        And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ

our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

**Old Testament:**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.*

<sup>31</sup>“The days are surely coming,” says the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband,” says the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>“But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” says the LORD:

“I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” says the LORD; “for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

**The Psalter:**

**Psalm 51:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
*in your great compassion blot out my offenses.*

- <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through from my wickedness, \*  
***and cleanse me from my sin.***
- <sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, \*  
***and my sin is ever before me.***
- <sup>4</sup>Against you only have I sinned \*  
***and done what is evil in your sight.***
- <sup>5</sup>And so you are justified when you speak \*  
***and upright in your judgment.***
- <sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
***a sinner from my mother's womb.***
- <sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
***and will make me understand wisdom secretly.***
- <sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
***wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.***
- <sup>9</sup>Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
***that the body you have broken may rejoice.***
- <sup>10</sup>Hide your face from my sins, \*  
***and blot out all my iniquities.***
- <sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
***and renew a right spirit within me.***
- <sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
***and take not your holy Spirit from me.***
- <sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
***and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.***

**New Testament:**

**Hebrews 5:5-10**

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.*

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

<sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered;

<sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**Gradual Hymn**

**O Love of God, how strong and true** (*Dunedin*)

**Hymnal 455**

1) O Love of God, how strong and true,  
eternal and yet ever new;  
uncomprehended and unbought,  
beyond all knowledge and all thought.

2) O wide-embracing, wondrous Love,  
we read thee in the sky above;  
we read thee in the earth below,  
in seas that swell and streams that flow.

3) We read thee best in him who came  
to bear for us the cross of shame,  
sent by the Father from on high,  
our life to live, our death to die.

4) We read thy power to bless and save  
e'en in the darkness of the grave;  
still more in resurrection light  
we read the fullness of thy might.

## **The Holy Gospel:**

**John 12:20-33**

*Please stand.*

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

*People*        Glory be to thee, O Lord.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some  
Greeks.

<sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to  
him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”

<sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told  
Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them,

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

<sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth  
and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much  
fruit.

<sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

<sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—

‘Father, save me from this hour?’

No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

<sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.”

Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”

<sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus answered,

“This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

<sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

<sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

<sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*Deacon*           The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*           Praise be to thee, O Christ.

**The Sermon: the Reverend Jeff Wallace**



## The Nicene Creed

BCP 326

*Please 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**

**BCP 328**

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

*After each paragraph of this prayer, the People may make an appropriate response, as directed.*

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, especially St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Charleston; The Church in Wales; 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, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; and David, our mayor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*(Please see the Prayer List insert.)*

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Nancy Wallace, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of St. David and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. ***Amen.***

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 330**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against thee  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved thee with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in thy will,  
and walk in thy ways,  
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him:

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the perfect offering for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## The Peace

BCP 332

*Please stand*

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*          And with thy spirit.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

*The Celebrant says*

BCP 343

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

*Ephesians 5:2*

### Offertory Hymn

#### My Faith Looks Up To Thee (*Olivet*)

Hymnal 691

1) My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!

Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine.

2) May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire.

3) While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day;  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

All things come of thee, O Lord.

***And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.***

*Please remain standing.*

**BCP 333**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*         And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant*      Lift up your hearts.

*People*         We lift them up unto the Lord.

*Celebrant*      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People*         It is meet and right so to do.

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**BCP 334**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*The people kneel or stand.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy

gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**



## The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

*The Celebrant then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***therefore let us keep the feast.***

*The following prayer may be said. The People may join in saying this prayer*

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.

But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. ***Amen.***

*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.

*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.

*The People may join in saying this prayer*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. ***Amen.***

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

**When I survey the wondrous cross** (*Rockingham*)

**Hymnal 474**

- 1) When I survey the wondrous cross  
where the young Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.
- 2) Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.
- 3) See, from his head, his hands, his feet  
sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?
- 4) Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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Announcements:

- ◆ We have a New **Bible Study**! Fr. Jeff and Jeff Buckner have begun a new study in discussion format (*No homework!*). Come at **9:15** each Sunday morning and participate in this enjoyable Bible chat.
- ◆ St. David's is offering the very moving **Stations of the Cross**. Plan to attend at least one service; they'll be on **Fridays**, at **12:00 noon**, on the following dates: **March 8, 15, 22 & 29**. To help with reading at one or more services, contact Bob Mitchell or Fr. Jeff.
- ◆ Our community is offering **Lenten Lunch** services, on **Wednesdays** at **12:00 noon**, in **February** and **March**. Each Lenten Lunch begins with a brief message from one of the participating churches, followed by a tasty lunch provided by another of the churches. The schedule will be available soon; watch for your St. David's Newsletter.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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, 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)



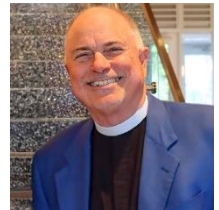
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CHERAW, SOUTH CAROLINA

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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