

# November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite Two Eucharistic Prayer C

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

### WELCOME VISITOR!

Welcome to St. David's! We are so glad that you have joined us today.

Is this your first time at St. David's or any Episcopal church? Our services change somewhat from week to week and from season to season, but in general this is what you can expect on a typical Sunday.

- We acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness, out loud and together. This is
  followed by an assurance that all our sins are indeed forgiven through the
  mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We look to Holy Scripture for guidance and usually hear four Bible passages; one from the Old Testament, one from the Book of Psalms, one from the New Testament, and one from the Gospels. Members of the congregation generally read all except the Gospel, which is read by the Priest, and the sermon is normally based on one of the Scripture passages.
- We declare our faith, publicly, speaking the words of either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.
- We do a lot of praying, out loud and together. Many of the prayers, drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, are led by members of the congregation rather than clergy.
- Most Sundays we receive Holy Communion as a tangible reminder that Christ died for all and all are welcome to receive communion at St. David's.

Episcopalians are comfortable with a wide variety of physical expressions of devotion during worship. You may see people bowing, making the sign of the cross, kneeling or standing; none of these gestures are expected of visitors. It's a personal choice.

In general, we sit to listen and learn, we stand to praise God in song and to affirm our faith, and we kneel or sit (or stand!) to pray. Again, it's a personal choice. You should feel free to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you.

You will find three important books at each pew: a black Holy Bible, a blue hymnal, and a red Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. You are invited to spend a little time in reading or reflection. Aside from the Sermon, all of the service, compiled from these three sources, is contained in this leaflet. All you need to do is follow along and join in.

Confused and need a buddy? Any of us will be happy to help you find your way.

There are Connect Cards in front of you; please feel free to use them to communicate if you like, or linger after service so we can greet you personally.

Again, we are glad to have you with us today and hope to see you back at St. David's soon.

# The Word of God

# Hymn in Procession: Come, thou fount of every blessing

Hymnal 686

I) Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2) Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:

prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

**BCP 355** 

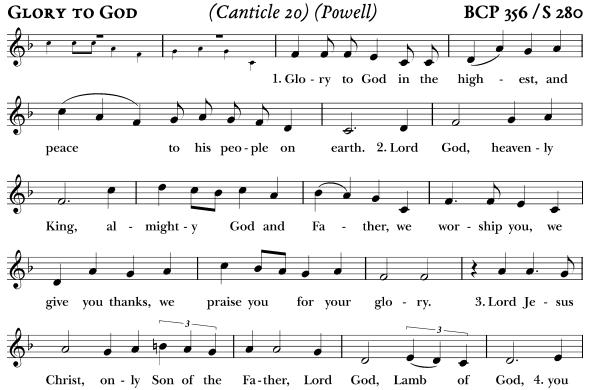
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

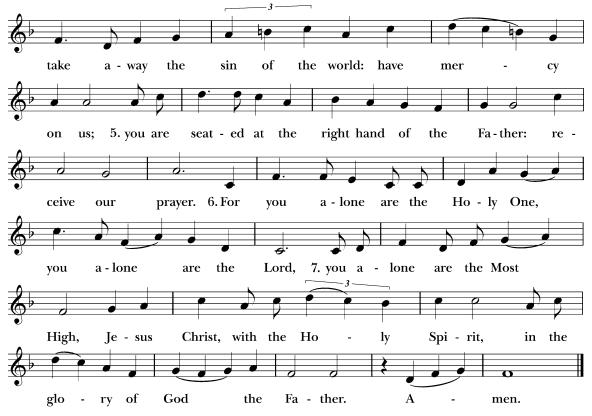
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### 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*.

The following is sung, all standing:





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### The Collect of the Day:

**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

Old Testament:

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

A Reading from the book of Ruth.

'Naomi her mother-in-law said to [Ruth,]

"My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you.

<sup>2</sup>Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking.

<sup>4</sup>When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do."

'She said to her,

"All that you tell me I will do."

4:13So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and

she bore a son.

<sup>14</sup>Then the women said to Naomi,

"Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! <sup>15</sup>He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him."

<sup>16</sup>Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse.

<sup>17</sup>The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi."

They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter: Psalm 127

'Unless the LORD builds the house, \*

their labor is in vain who build it.

<sup>2</sup>Unless the LORD watches over the city, \*
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

<sup>3</sup>It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \* vain, too, to eat the bread of toil, for he gives to his beloved sleep.

<sup>4</sup>Children are a heritage from the LORD, \* and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \* are the children of one's youth.

<sup>6</sup>Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*

He shall not be put to shame

when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

New Testament:

Hebrews 9:24-28

A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

<sup>24</sup>Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one,

but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

<sup>25</sup>Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own;

<sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world.

But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

<sup>27</sup>And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment,

<sup>28</sup>so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Gradual Hymn

TAKE MY LIFE, AND LET IT BE (Hollingside)

Hymnal 707

I) Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. 2) Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

### The Holy Gospel:

Mark 12:38-44

Please stand.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Mark.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

38 As [Jesus] taught, he said,

"Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,

<sup>39</sup>and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets!

<sup>4</sup> They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

<sup>41</sup>He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. <sup>42</sup>A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny.

<sup>43</sup>Then he called his disciples and said to them,

"Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. <sup>44</sup>For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace

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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 III

**BCP 387** 

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; *That we all may be one.* 

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Jeff, our priest;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for Joe, our president; Donald, our president-elect; Henry, our governor; Rob, our town manager; and David, our mayor, and for all in authority; *That there may be justice and peace on the earth.* 

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Margaret Plettinger Mitchell and Coles Jackson.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Conway; The Church of South India (United); the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare; and those for whom prayers have been requested.

Please see the Prayer List Insert.

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

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

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin BCP 359

The Celebrant says:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1: 8, 9

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

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.

### **Announcements**

# 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 US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER ON OUR KNEES

Hymnal 325

(Let Us Break Bread)

1) Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees;

[Refrain] when I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

- 2) Let us drink wine together on our knees; Let us drink wine together on our knees; Refrain
- 3) Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees 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.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

# By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

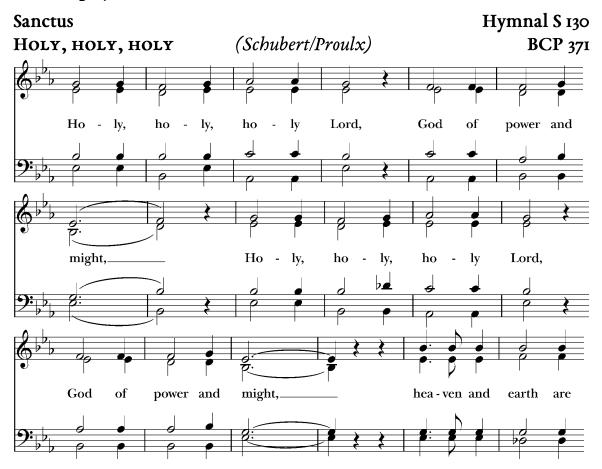
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

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

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:





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.

### The Celebrant continues:

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*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Celebrant and People:

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 the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

You may decline the bread and/or the wine by crossing your arms over your chest when offered to you at the altar. You may also choose to remain seated in your pew.

If you require a gluten-free wafer or if you find it difficult to get to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

The Elements of Bread and Wine are distributed.

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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.

# Recessional Hymn REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART, VV. 1, 3-5, 7 (Marion)

Hymnal 556

I) Rejoice, ye pure in heart!Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!Your glorious banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

[*Refrain*]
Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

- 3) Your clear hosannas raise, and alleluias loud; while answering echoes upward float, like wreaths of incense cloud. Refrain
- 4) Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go, from youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.

  Refrain
- 5) Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as warriors through the darkness toil, till dawns the golden day. Refrain
- 7) Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing! Your glorious banner wave on high the cross of Christ your King. Refrain

Dismissal BCP 366

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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#### **Announcements:**

- ◆ The Cheraw Arts Commission is presenting a Veterans Day Musical Tribute, with community singers and hosted by First United Methodist Church at 117 Third Street. The program is tomorrow, Monday, November 11, at 7:00PM, and is free for all ages. More information is available at 843.537.8420 XI2.
- ◆ The carnation at the pulpit today is from Hospice of Chesterfield County Foundation, to remind us of Hospice Sabbath and their 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trees of Celebration drive. The white carnation, in its simple elegance, symbolizes the hope and dignity which Hospice helps to ensure for individuals and their families. The Foundation makes available local end-of-life education events. There are a few brochures at the table in the Chapel foyer for more information about Hospice of Chesterfield County and this Celebration.
- ◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County *FoodShare* program. Get more information at their Facebook page, FoodShare-Chesterfield, or email foodsharecchc@gmail.com. Our upcoming delivery dates are:

Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Nov 11**.....pick up on **Thurs., Nov 14** (12:30-3:00) Order by 5:00pm **Tue., Nov 19**.....pick up on **Tues., Nov 26** (12:30-3:00) Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Dec 16** .....pick up on **Thurs., Dec 19** (12:30-3:00)



#### 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 glutenfree 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+

### St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry

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