

# ST. † DAVID'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### The Third Sunday of Advent ☩ December 13, 2020

*We greet you in the Name of the Risen Lord and welcome you to this Holy Place on this Holy Sabbath. We invite you into the silence as you prepare for your worship of Jesus Christ. May you have a blessed experience of worship. Please note that Hymn numbers refer to The Hymnal 1982. Service music (preceded by an S) is located in the front of the hymnal. Page numbers refer to The Book of Common Prayer.*

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**10:30 A.M.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Hymn:** Bless the King whose coming is in the name of God! (*verses 1, 2*)

Hymnal 74

- 1 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
For him let doors be opened, no hearts against him barred!  
Not robed in royal splendor, in power and pomp, comes he;  
but clad as are the poorest, such his humility!
- 2 Blest be the King whose coming is in the name of God!  
By those who truly listen his voice is truly heard;  
pity the proud and haughty, who have not learned to heed  
the Christ who is the Promise, who has atonement made.

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

*Celebrant:* On this third Sunday in Advent: We light one candle for hope. We light one candle for peace and we light one candle for joy. We have joy experiencing God's love for us and joy in sharing that love with others.

*People:* Our King and Savior draws nigh.

**Hymn:** O come, O come, Emmanuel (*said*)

Hymnal page 56 (vs 5)

O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high and close the path to misery.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **The Collect for Third Sunday Advent**

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: A Reading from Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

The spirit of the LORD GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion--- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the LORD GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Luke 1:46-55)**

Canticle 15

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; \*

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: \*

the Almighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him \*  
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, \*  
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, \*  
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, \*  
and the rich he has sent away empty.  
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, \*  
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,  
The promise he made to our fathers, \*  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

**The Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

*Lector* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon:** The Rev. C. Dean Taylor

**The Nicene Creed**

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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.

### **Prayers of the People (Form I)**

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With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "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,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, 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 the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, 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, 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.*

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

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of St. 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.*

*Silence.*

### **Concluding Collect**

*Celebrant:* Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Confession and Absolution**

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*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 Bishop when present, or 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**

*The Celebrant says to the people:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)**

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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.

*Then, 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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

**Sanctus** *(said)*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**The Lord's Prayer** *(said)*

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Blessing for those participating at home**

Gracious God, bless everyone gathered in their homes this morning as they join us by participating in the breaking of the bread and in their prayers.

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

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*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.

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn:** Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord

Hymnal 438

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
  
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age the same;  
his holy Name—the Lord, the Mighty One.

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
  
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

### **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

*People* Thanks be to God!

## **Prayer List for Week of December 13**

### **New Prayer Requests this Week**

Julia Buchholz, Steven Partner and his family, and Madeline Nix.

### **Please Pray for**

Ron Barden, Andrew, Jerry Ragsdale, Marty Scalia, Barbara Jones, Sue Goodall, Barbara and Mike Thompson, Bob Barker, Michael Guadagnoli, Philip Stadter, Angus Perkerson, Denise Skelton, Ann Crain, Ralph and Katy King, Helene Carter, the Thompson Family, Betty Shaw, Grace Deaton, Patrick Chase, and Nancy Milam.

### **Long Term Prayers Asked For** *(this list may only be printed once or twice a month, but will be on the church website each week at [www.stdavidchurch.org](http://www.stdavidchurch.org).)*

Laura Harrison Salsich, Patty Briguglio, Jimmy Walker, Gabrielle Felder, Amy Jo Clark, Theo, Anise Bailey, Caroline Howard, Amy Eliza Springer, Becky Beal, Mary Koenig, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. James E. Butler, U.S. Army, Clint Butler, Jack Wagner, Emmy Lou Faber, Joyce & Brian Heyer, Bill Thomas, and Sue Farner.

## **Announcements**

# Christmas Worship Schedule

## Wednesday, December 23rd

*Live Nativity: A Walk to the Manger*

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

## Christmas Eve, December 24th

*Outdoor Worship*

11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m.

For children on Christmas Eve, the children will go with Judy Hine, the Children's Minister, before the Gospel, for a special telling of the Christmas Story, and return for Communion at the 11:00, 2:00, and 4:00 p.m. Services

*Online Worship*

8:00 p.m.

With a special half-hour Prelude of Holiday Music starting at 7:30 p.m.

## Christmas Day

Online Worship

10:30 a.m.

Homily by John Bolton

**Drive Through Eucharist** - This Sunday – 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

This Sunday you will be able to receive Communion in one kind (bread only) following St. David's 10:30 Online Worship. The last Drive Through Eucharist for 2020 is next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will resume in the new year.

**Outdoor Worship** next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. in the back parking lot. Reservations and masks are required. Chairs will be provided. To make a reservation, contact Jan Georges at [Jan@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:Jan@stdavidchurch.org) by 9am. Friday morning.

**Reminders From the Finance Office –Get Your 2020 Pledge up to date and send your payment in before the end of the year!** The last date that checks, online donations and stock transfers can be received in order to claim a charitable tax contribution for 2020 is Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>. Checks that are received by St. David's after the 31<sup>st</sup> will not qualify for a 2020 donation, even if the check has been backdated to 2020. However, checks that are mailed and postmarked by December 31<sup>st</sup> will be deductible in 2020. Please note, the church office will close at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup> and not reopen until Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**We need your 2021 pledge** - Your financial commitment is a tangible display of Christian discipleship and is critically important to the life of St. David's, particularly considering the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. To date, we have received 199 pledge commitments totaling \$999,501. This is a great start, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$1.7 million. Your vestry and stewardship committee ask you to support St. David's by completing a pledge card. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact Rebecca Cline at [ParishAdmin@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:ParishAdmin@stdavidchurch.org) or make your pledge online through the St. David's app or website.

**St. David's Annual Meeting** will take place on December 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. viz Zoom. More information is in the Weekly Illumination and all information has been sent in a separate email Sunday morning.

**Family Advent Service TODAY** -This Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00pm, in the St. David's back parking lot. We'll circle up to celebrate the hope of the season; light the Advent wreath; pray together; and receive Communion. Please bring a-towel or chairs and your mask.

Sign up online: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0c44adac23a6f85-childrens>

Questions? Contact Michelle Ortiz, Associate Rector, [mortiz@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:mortiz@stdavidchurch.org) or Judy Hine, Director of Children's Ministry, [children@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:children@stdavidchurch.org).

**2020 North Fulton Community Charities Santa Shop** -St. David's participation in the 2020 North Fulton Community Charities Santa Shop is off to a great start. There is still time to support this event. The link to the registry is <https://www.myregistry.com/organization/st-david-s-santa-shop-2020-roswell-ga/2618063/giftlist> to shop for gifts or make an online donation through the app or website. From the online giving page, put in whatever amount you want to donate, select "NFCC Santa Shop" from the drop-down list and select "One Time" frequency. You can also send a check to St. David's and please add "NFCC Santa Shop" in the memo line. All funds received will be used to purchase gift cards.

We are also aware that navigating the registry website has been a challenge and is not very intuitive.

If you have difficulty with the registry, please feel free to purchase any gift of your choice from any outlet you prefer and have it shipped to Jacquie Tracy, North Fulton Community Charities, 11270 Elkins Road, Roswell, GA, 30076 or make a cash donation through St. David's. Once again, thank you for your support! Contact Robert Ward via email at [r\\_ward@bellsouth.net](mailto:r_ward@bellsouth.net) or via phone or text at 404-414-4935 if you have any questions.

**Rector's Forum Advent Drama** -Today, Sunday, December 13th. Join Father Dean for an Advent Drama titled *Herod Has a Bad Dream*. This will be posted to St. David's Facebook page and Youtube channel at 9:00 a.m.

**Reservations for Christmas Eve are open.** WE are delighted to announce that two more Outdoor Christmas Eve Services have been added! On Christmas Eve will hold FOUR Outdoor, Rite II, Intergenerational, In-Person Christmas Eve Services at 11: 00, 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., and 6:00 p.m. These Services will be held rain or shine since we will have a tent. At the 11:00, 2:00, and 4 p.m. Services, the children are invited to go with Judy Hine, Director of Children's Ministry, before the Gosple, for a special telling of the Christmas Story and Prayers, and will return at Communion. Please contact Jan Georges at [jan@stdavidchurch.org](mailto:jan@stdavidchurch.org) to book your reservation.

**Live Nativity: A Walk to the Manager** Wednesday, December 23rd, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. You are invited to walk to the manger along a candle lit path, see the animals of the stable, and a live Nativity. This will take place at the back Campus of St. David's and we encourage you to dress for walking, the weather,

wear a mask, and Social Distance. Sign up and attendance is staggered to allow for social distancing. Sign up here: [St. David's Family Ministry invites you to: Walk to the Manger \(signupgenius.com\)](https://www.signupgenius.com)  
The walk and experience should take about 30 minutes. Questions? Contact Michelle Ortiz, Associate Priest.

**Christmas Flowers** — Flowers and greens for Christmas services are made possible by your generous donations. The amount is voluntary but the usual contribution is \$50.  
<https://www.stdavidchurch.org/donations--offerings.html> or contact Rebecca Cline, Parish Admin.  
Please note: Your form needs to be **RECEIVED in the church office by Monday morning, December 21st** to be included in the Christmas bulletins.

**To contribute to the offering plate, please hold your mobile phone camera up to this code.** (no need to take a photo)

If your phone does not automatically recognize this code:

**Apple IOS** - go to **Settings, Camera** and toggle "**Scan QR Codes**"

**Android** - go to **Settings, System Apps, Camera** and toggle "**Scan QR Codes**"

