The Season of Gratitude



St. David's Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 4, 2026
19th Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 22
10:00 AM

GRACIOUS GOD,

You have brought us together to *Serve*
each other, your church, our community & the world.
With grateful hearts, we use our gifts of service,
exhortation & evangelism to build up your kingdom.
Fill us with *love* for each other, DEVOTION
to your mission, and *gratitude* for our call to ministry.

AMEN

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Prelude: for the Beauty if the Earth
Simple Gifts
Blest be the Ties that Bind 36 songbook

Entrance: For The Beauty Of The Earth

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
thy pure sacrifice of love,

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine
to the world so freely given,
faith and hope and love divine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven.

Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

The Liturgy of the Word

Presider: Blessed be God! Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
People: **And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and for ever! Amen!**

All: **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 Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collects of the Day

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Let us pray.

Search Prayer

All:
Gracious God, source of wisdom, comfort, and healing strength, we are grateful for your sustaining presence in this time of loss, transition, and rebirth. Lift us into the future you are preparing for us, granting discernment, patience, and unity to the Search team and to our congregation. Open our hearts to listen deeply to You and to one another. Strengthen us for the work ahead, and steady us when the path feels uncertain. We trust that you are already preparing our new priest; prepare us also to receive them with grace, hope, and joy. All this we ask in faith and gratitude. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Children's sermon

The Lessons

The First Reading: Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid, for the Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day: "Give thanks to the Lord; call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm: **Psalm 96:1-7**

Psalm Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.**

Psalm Leader: Sing to the Lord and bless his Name;
People: **proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

Psalm Leader: Declare his glory among the nations
People: **and his wonders among all peoples.**

Psalm Leader: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
People: **he is more to be feared than all gods.**

Psalm Leader: As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
People: **but it is the Lord who made the heavens.**

Psalm Leader: Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence!
People: **Oh, the power and splendor of his sanctuary!**

Psalm Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples;
People: **ascribe to the Lord honor and power.**

The Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us, abolishing the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone; in him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence hymn: Simple Gifts - Hymn 554

'Tis the gift to be simple,
'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down
where we ought to be,
and when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed,
to turn, turn, will be our delight
till by turning, turning we come round right.

The Gospel: Luke 10:1-9

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gratitude Talk

Hector Alonso

The Nicene Creed (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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Prayer Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work.

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

Prayer Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world.

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

Prayer Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: **For those who suffer hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

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

People: **For those who minister with those who are sick, alone, and in need.**

Prayer Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

Prayer Leader: For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Susan, our Bishop; for the people and purposes of the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia; for St. David's and all the local congregations. In our diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Peter's, Norfolk; St. Stephen's, Norfolk; for the Union of Black Episcopalians; and for all Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

People: **For all who serve you in the World and in the Church**

Prayer Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray this day for _____, and those we now name before you…
We pray for all serving in the armed forces, and for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including _____.
Hear us, Lord;

People: **For your mercy is great.**

Prayer Leader: We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially those thanksgivings we place before you now, either silently or aloud…

We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

Prayer Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. With special intention we remember before you this day _____, and those we now name before you…

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People: **Who put their trust in you.**

Prayer Leader: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
All: **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.**

Presider: 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

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**
The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace…

Announcements

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Offertory: All Things Bright And Beautiful - Hymn 405

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors,
he made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty
who has made all things well.

All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

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

Presider: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Loving God,

People: We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with David and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All: AMEN!

The Lord's Prayer

All:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

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
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
People: **Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!**
Presider: 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.

Communion hymns: Bread Of The World In Mercy Broken - Hymn 301

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
by whom the words of life were spoken,
and in whose death our sins are dead:
look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears by sinners shed;
and be thy feast to us the token
that by thy grace our souls are fed.

On Eagle's Wings

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge
My rock, in whom I trust!"

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings, your refuge
His faithfulness, your shield

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you
Near you it shall not come

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

For to His angels He's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways
Upon their hands they will bear you up
Lest you dash your foot against a stone

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand
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Prayer of Sending

All:
Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing hymn: Blest Be The Tie That Binds - Songbook 36

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above

Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers
Our fears our hopes our aims are one
Our comforts and our cares

When we asunder part
It gives us inward pain
But we shall still be joined in heart
And hope to meet again

The Dismissal:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In Our Prayers

Parishioners: Natalie Beaton, Cindy Bernstein, Jeff Bimmer, Adrian and Rita DeRosa, Tammy Feild, Kathy Fitzgerald, Tammy George, Cheyrl Lathrop, Suzie Livingston, Marty and Deb Merillat, Dinah Moses, Rich Nochisaki, Debbie Palsa

Friends and Family of Parishioners: Frank (Vee Hancock), Kristina, Kristen (Amy Huskey), Chip, Marion, Lynn, John, Lee (Malcolm Burn), Frank, Nancy (Kathy Love), Don (Bob Graham), Elaina (Jane Brock), Carol (Joanne Brothers), Brenda, George, Helen (Patti Musial), Keith (Mary Fenner), Kenny (Olive Wong), Quincy (Bob Graham), Sam (Patti Musial)

Serving Our Country: Nancy Brothers, Richard Effinger, Hector Estevez, Joshua Gotshall, Mark and Jenny Sarafin

For Those Celebrating Birthdays: Eldon Crick, Tricia Bimmer, Kay Gotshall, Stephen Hartka

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