



**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 7, 2025**

WELCOME!

You are invited to be a part of this community whether you're arriving for the first time or returning. This bulletin is intended to encourage and enable your enthusiastic participation.

The staffed Nursery is available for little ones during and following the 9:30 service.

St. David's Welcomes You

St. David's Episcopal Church is committed to following Jesus' example of practicing radical hospitality, seeking to find God in all people because they are of sacred worth. We welcome all persons, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic or marital status. All are invited as full participants in the life and ministries of our community of faith.

St. David's Mission Statement

We at St. David's Episcopal Church are devoted to loving and serving God, one another and the world. Honoring the dignity and freedom of all to seek God at their own pace, we connect our life stories with the teachings of Jesus. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we believe our actions transform the world and ourselves.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude *God Will Be Our Refuge (Dios es nuestro amparo)*

God will be our refuge, strength, and mighty fortress,
Ever-present help in our times of deep distress.
Though the mountains tremble and crumble into dust,
Though earth and seas are shaken, in God we put our trust.
Though earth and seas are shaken, in God we put our trust.

Cielos y tierra pasarán, mas tu palabra no pasará. 2x
(Heaven and earth may pass away, but your word will not pass away.)

¡No, no, no pasará! 2x
(No, no, never pass away!)

Streams of living water sparkle bright as crystal,
Making glad the city, the dwelling of the Lord.
God is its foundation, and so it never shakes.
God's strong right arm defends it as each new morning breaks.
God's strong right arm defends it as each new morning breaks. R

Though nations rage and bellow, kings and empires totter,
God speaks but a word and its thunder melts the earth.
Ever-present with us, through depth and height and length,
The Lord remains our refuge, our stronghold, and our strength.
The Lord remains our refuge, our stronghold, and our strength. R

See God's works of power, fearsome deeds before us,
Causing wars to cease, breaking bows and shatt'ring spears.
God will be exalted, whose ways are true and just:
For God is still our refuge, in whom we put our trust.
For God is still our refuge, in whom we put our trust. R

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Music: traditional

Opening Hymn

Gather Us In

Please stand as you are able.



1. Here in this place new light is stream-ing, Now is the dark - ness
 2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry, We are the old— who
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, Here we will take the



va - nished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____



Gath-er us in— the lost and for - sak - en; Gath-er us in— the
 Gath-er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty, Gath-er us in— the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the



blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; Nour-ish us well, and teach us to fa - shion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

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.

Song of Praise

Children are invited to process out for Godly Play (ages 3 - 6) and The Peace Table (ages 7 - 11), returning at the time of communion distribution.



Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your ho - ly name. —

Glor-y to God in the high-est and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, We

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for — your glor - y.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

Glo-ry, glo-ry, hal-le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your ho - ly name. —

You take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther, rec - eive our — prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord. You a-lone are the
Most High, Je-sus Christ, With the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le-lu - jah, Lord we praise your ho - ly name.
praise your ho - ly name. A - - - men.

from Mass for Grace, ©1992 Carl Haywood

Collect of the Day

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

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses said to all Israel the words which the Lord commanded him, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are

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

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Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Take Up Your Cross

Hymnal #675

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

The Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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.

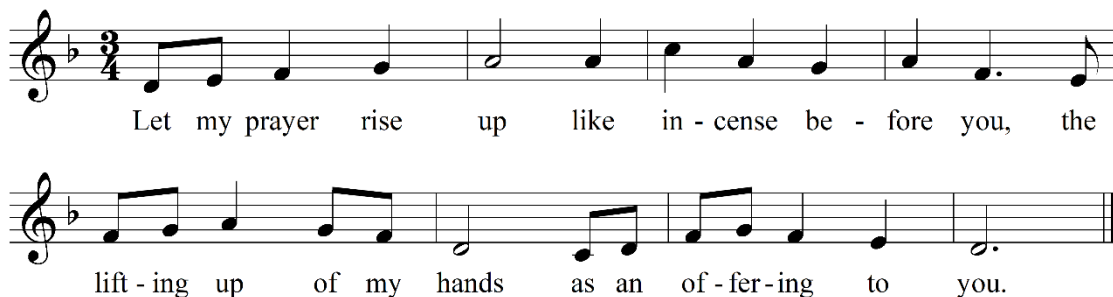
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom 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

The Leader and People pray responsively.



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Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.

All **God of all mercy,
 we confess that we have sinned against you,
 opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
 in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
 the evil we have done,
 and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
 through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the
 grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power
 of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

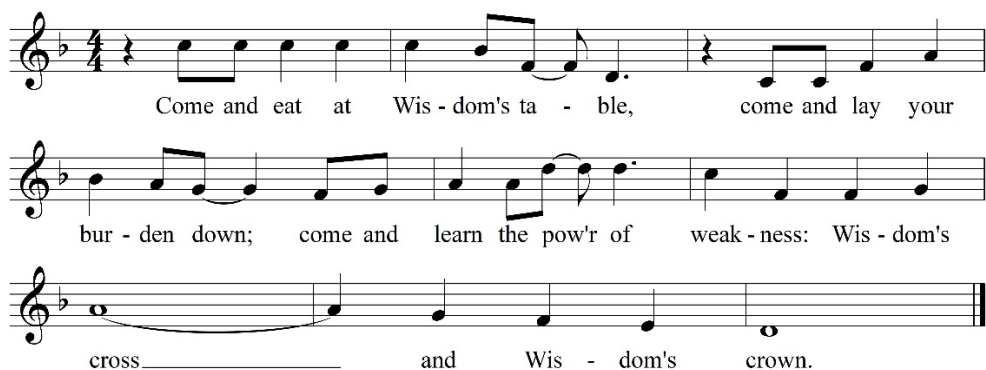
We Share in Holy Communion

Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are presented. You may be seated until the singing of the Doxology, when we ask that you stand once more.

Offertory

Wisdom's Table

In her house there is a table, richly laid with bread and wine.
fools and sages are invited; she calls all to come and dine.



In this world we all have trouble, sometimes comforters will fail;
smartest answers may seem useless when our questions are most real. R

There are roads that lead to nowhere, narrow paths that lead to life;
Wisdom leaves such choices open for the travelers she invites. R

Some look hard for signs and wonders, some seek what they're told is sure:
but for lovers of life's mystery, wisdom keeps an open door. R

Holy Spirit, source of Wisdom, summon us to share your feast,
where our hungry souls are nourished, and our faith and love increased. R

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Doxology

On the first Sunday of each month, we bring items forward to be donated to the ICA Food Shelf.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,____

Hea - ven and earth are full,____ full____ of your glo - ry,

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bles - sed is he who comes____ in the name of the Lord,____

Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

from Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with David and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

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

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er
of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re-deem-er, re-deem-er of the
world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

from Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

The Communion

Everyone, without exception and regardless of age or faith tradition, is invited to share in Holy Communion at the Lord's table. If you wish, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

On the first Sunday of each month, we offer wheat bread, with gluten-free wafers available. On the other Sundays, the communion bread offered to all is gluten-free.

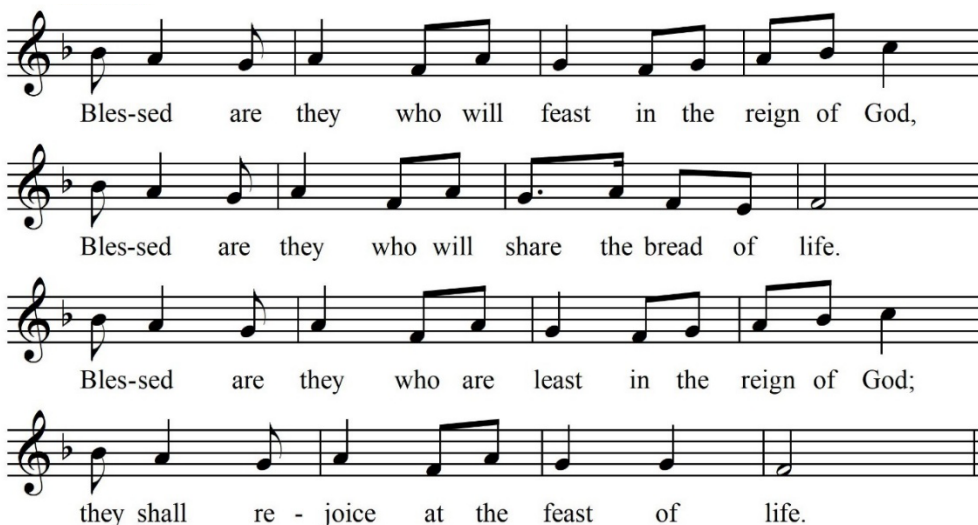
The wine is shared from a common cup; feel free to receive only the bread if you prefer. (For health reasons, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, you can indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

A prayer station is available in the All Saints' Chapel (Narthex) during the distribution of communion. Any who wish may ask for prayers for themselves or on behalf of others.

Communion Hymn

Within the Reign of God

1. Come now, the feast is spread; in Jesus' name we break the bread.
Here shall we all be fed within the reign of God.
Come take this holy food; receive the body and the blood.
Grace is a mighty flood within the reign of God.



2. Stand up and do not fear, for Christ is truly present here.
Heaven is truly near **within the reign of God.**
Now at the wedding feast, the greatest here shall be the least.
All bonds shall be released **within the reign of God. R**

3. Welcome the weak and poor, the sinner finds an open door,
none judged, and none ignored **within the reign of God.**
Here shall the weary rest, the stranger be a welcome guest.
So shall we all be blest **within the reign of God. R**

4. All fear and hatred ends and foes become our faithful friends,
just as our God intends **within the reign of God.**
All you who seek God's face are welcome in this holy place;
join in the feast of grace **within the reign of God. R**

5. Sing out the jubilee when those enslaved are all set free,
children of God are we **within the reign of God.**
No more can we forget the ones who bear life's crushing debt;
God's justice guides us yet **within the reign of God. R**

6. One earth, one holy band, one fam'ly as our God has planned,
all share the promised land **within the reign of God.**
Come now, the feast is spread, in Jesus' name we break the bread;
here shall we all be fed **within the reign of God. R**

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Sending Forth of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

On those days when the parish sends out Lay Eucharistic Visitors to those who cannot attend the liturgy, the Bread is presented to the Visitors at the altar, using this form.

Deacon In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy
 gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of
 Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we share the one bread
 and the one cup.**

Prayer after Communion

All **God of abundance,
 you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
 you have united us with Christ and one another;
 and you have made us one
 with all your people in heaven and on earth.
 Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
 that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
 and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, Sovereign of the universe, who in your steadfast love made a covenant with your people Israel and consummated it through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ: Let these servants' covenant promises be a sign of your mercy, forgiveness, and ardent desire; that through their common life, you may bind up the broken-hearted, and reconcile all things in heaven and on earth; in the power of your life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Blessing of Backpacks

Please come forward with your backpack, planner, briefcase, computer, or other school or work item to be blessed.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord Christ, yours is the knowledge that made the world and its ways, and in your death and resurrection the loving way of Wisdom is fully revealed: Bless these backpacks, planners, briefcases, and computers, and bless the people who carry them. Protect students, teachers, and all who work in our schools. Keep them from all harm as they enter a new school year. Protect each of us in our daily life and work. Grant us patience, kindness, and confidence as image bearers of the one true God. May we come to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbors as well as ourselves; in the power of the Holy Spirit, who knows and inspires all things. **Amen.**

Blessing for Cambria Bold, Postulant for the Priesthood

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious God, you gave life to Cambria and called her to service in your Church: Enlighten her mind with your wisdom and truth, deliver her from preoccupation with self while reminding her of the beauty of her radiant light, and confirm her daily to the image of your Son, that her ministry among your

people may be an offering of prayer and praise to you, for the upbuilding of your Church and the in-breaking of your reign of justice; through our Savior Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Departing

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1 & 4. I have de - cid - ed___ to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
2. Though no one join me,___ still I will fol - low, Though no one
3. The world be - hind me,___ the cross be - fore me, The world be -
cid - ed___ to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed___ to fol - low
join me,___ still I will fol - low, Though no one join me,___ still I will
hind me,___ the cross be - fore me, The world be - hind me,___ the cross be -
Je - sus, No turn - ing back,___ no turn - ing back.
fol - low, No turn - ing back,___ no turn - ing back.
fore me, No turn - ing back,___ no turn - ing back.

Text and music: Simon Kama Marak. (formerly attr. to Sadhu Sundar Singh)

Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Want to read more about what's going on at St. David's? Visit our website stdavidsparish.org or check out the weekly email for announcements!

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