



**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 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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Today we welcome the Rev. Nick Mezacapa as our celebrant.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

*Rhyfedd, Rhyfedd, gan Angylion
Wondrous, Wondrous to Angels*

trad. Welsh melody

Opening Hymn

At the Name of Jesus

Please stand as you are able.



1. At the name of Je - sus ev - ery knee shall bow,
2. Hum - bled for a sea - son, to re - ceive a Name
3. bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4. Name him, Chris - tians, name him, with love strong as death,



ev - ery tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;
from the lips of sin - ners, un - to whom he came,
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height
name with awe and won - der and with bat - ed breath;



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast;
he is God the Sa - vior, he is Christ the Lord,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - tor - ious, when from death he passed;
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
ev - er to be wor - shipped, trust - ed, and a - dored.

Text: Caroline M. Noel Music: KING'S WESTON, Ralph Vaughan Williams

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



1. Glo-ry to you, Lord God of the a - ges; you are wor-thy of praise;



glo-ry to you. 2. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance of your



ho-ly name; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for - ev - er.



3. Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem-ple; on the throne of your



ma - jes-ty, glo-ry to you. 4. Glo-ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the



cher - u - bim; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for - ev - er.



5. Glo-ry to you, be - hold-ing the depths; in the high vault of



heav-en, glo-ry to you. 6. Glo-ry to you, Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Spir-it; we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for - ev - er.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-11

The Leader and People pray responsively. Please join in reading the bold text.

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

Hymnal #711

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

The Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Nick Mezacapa

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.

Deacon You command us to love our neighbor as ourselves, let us offer prayers for all people in every place.

Leader For Christians, Jews, and Muslims, for all who know You by a different name or no name at all, we pray:

People **Lord, have mercy**

Leader For this holy gathering, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig, our Bishop, for all clergy and lay leaders, that we might live with courage and in hope, we pray:

People **Lord, have mercy**

Leader	For mercy, justice, and peace in the world, we pray:
People	Lord, have mercy
Leader	For farmers and a good harvest, for those on vacation, and for safety from violent storms, we pray:
People	Lord, have mercy
Leader	In thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives, for our families and friends, and for our community at St. David's.
	<i>Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.</i>
Leader	We pray:
People	Lord, have mercy
Leader	For those who travel roads of danger, for the sick, especially ... for the poor, the oppressed, and for all who are lonely, fearful, and anxious.
	<i>Please add your own prayers for those in need, either silently or aloud.</i>
Leader	We pray:
People	Lord, have mercy
Leader	For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, especially ...
	<i>Please add your own for those who have died, either silently or aloud.</i>
Leader	We pray:
People	Lord, have mercy
Leader	Lifting our voices with all creation, with David and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People	To you, O Lord
Celebrant	God of mercy and kindness, who gave us the great commandment of love, hear the prayers we offer this day and write your word in our mouth and in our heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
People	Amen.

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

The Kingdom of God



1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy, for Je - sus re -
2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace, the cap - tives are
3. The king-dom of God is chal-lenge and choice, Be - lieve the good
4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal, in Je - sus be -



stores what sin would de - stroy; God's pow - er and glo - ry ___ in ___
freed, the sin - ners find place, the out - cast are wel - comed, God's ___
news, re - pent and re - joice! God's love for us sin - ners brought
gun, in hea - ven made whole; the heirs of the king - dom shall ___



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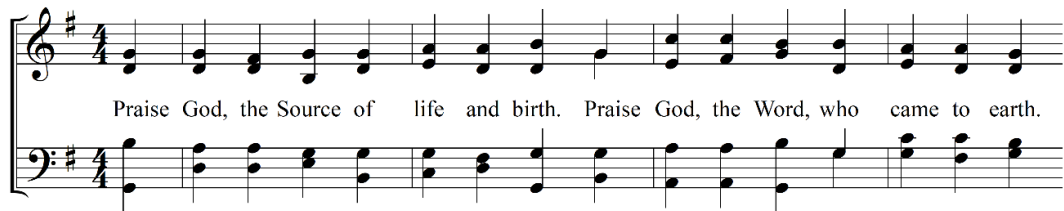


Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Christ to the cross, our cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
an - swer his call and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God, all in all.

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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, the Source of life and birth. Praise God, the Word, who came to earth.



Praise God, the Spir - it, ho - ly flame. All glo - ry, hon - or to God's name!

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The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

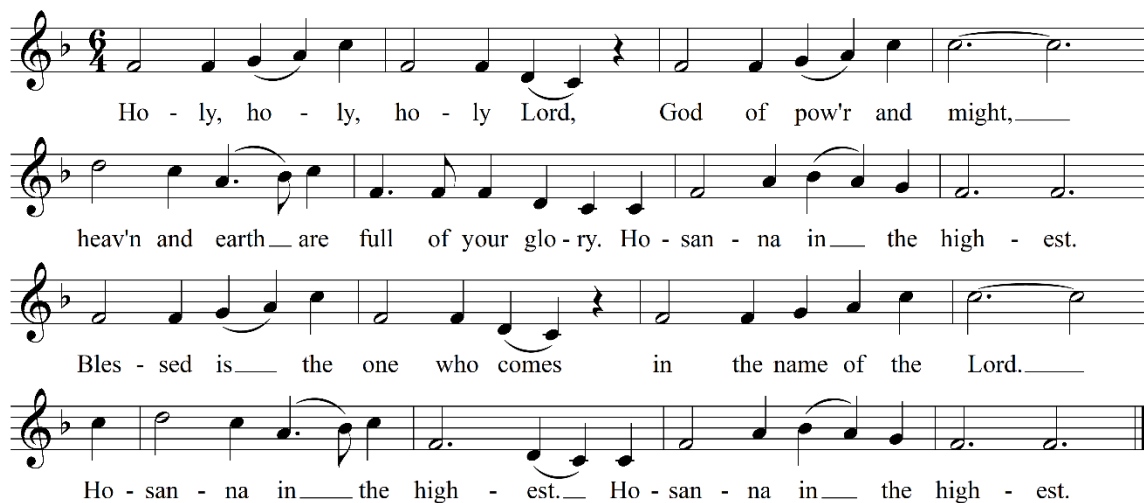
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,____
 heav'n and earth____are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in____the high - est.
 Bles - sed is____the one who comes in the name of the Lord.____
 Ho - san - na in____the high - est. Ho - san - na in____the high - est.

American folk melody, arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, © Church Pension Fund

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. David, St. Non, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins_ of the
world: have mer - cy on us._____ Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins_ of the world: have mer - cy on
us._____ Lamb of God, you take_ a - way the
sins of the world:_____ grant us_ peace._____

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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.

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.

Communion Hymns

Creating God

The texts of this hymn and of our final hymn were written by
the Right Rev. Jeffery Rowthorn, who died last week at the age of 91



1. Cre - a - ting God, your fin - gers trace the bold de -
2. Sus - tain - ing God, your hands up - hold Earth's mys - t'ries
3. Re - deem - ing God, your arms em - brace all now de -
4. In - dwell - ing God, your gos - pel claims one fam - 'ly

signs of far - thest space; let sun and moon and stars and light
known or yet un - told; let wa - ter's frag - ile blend with air,
spised for creed or race; let peace, de - scend - ing like a dove,
with a bil - lion names; Let ev - 'ry life be touched by grace

and what lies hid - den praise your might.
en - a - bling life, pro - claim your care.
make known on earth your heal - ing love.
un - til we praise you face to face.

Text: Jefferey Rowthorne, ©1979 Hymn Society of America (alt) Music: ©2002 Roger Stratton

All Who Hunger



1. All who hun-ger, ga - ther glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na is our bread.
2. All who hun-ger, ne - ver stran-gers, Seek - er, be a wel-come guest.
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wild - er - ness and wand-'ring. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full - ness, All a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat - tered In com - mun - ion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble Live their days in gra - ti - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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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.

Women of the Woods blessing

Gracious and lifegiving God, we give you thanks for the beauty of creation and for making each one of us in your divine image. Pour out your grace, we pray, on these adventuring women, that us in safety. All this we ask in the name of Jesus who teaches us to love you and to love one another. **Amen.**

The Blessing

Departing

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick___ and
2. Lord, you call us to___ your ser - vice: "In my name___ bap -
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bo - dy,
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what___ they
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with___ you



preach the word." Lest the Church ne - glect___ its mis - sion, and the
 tize___ and teach." That the world may trust___ your pro - mise, life a -
 this___ my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly
 do,___ for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure all that
 to___ the end." Faith and hope and love___ re - stor - ing, may we



Gos - pel go___ un - heard, Help us wit - ness to___ your pur - pose
 bun - dant meant for each, Give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 lift___ life heav - en - ward, Ask - ing that the world a - round us
 you___ so free - ly give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 serve as you___ in - tend, And, a - mid the cares that claim us,



with re - newed in - te - gri - ty; With the Spir - it's gifts em -
 clos - er in___ com - mu - ni - ty;
 share your child - ren's lib - er - ty;
 to a just___ so - ci - e - ty;
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty;



pow'r us for___ the work___ of mi - ni - stry.

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Dismissal

Deacon
People

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

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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