

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist | November 30, 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 respect the dignity of 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.

Loving God. Loving One Another.

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

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Please stand as you are able.

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:



*You called our ancestors to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.
may we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;*

for you are our light and our salvation.



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Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O Come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2. O Come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who
ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
or - ders all things might - i - ly; to us the path of
ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world.

People **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Trisagion

Children ages 7-11 are invited to process out for The Peace Table, returning at the time of communion distribution.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might-ty,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
 ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God,
 ho - ly and migh - ty, ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.
 Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
 the mountain of the LORD’s house
 shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
 and shall be raised above the hills;
 all the nations shall stream to it.
 Many peoples shall come and say,

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 779 in the Book of Common Prayer.



1. I re-joiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to the house of God."
2. Like a tem - ple of u - ni - ty is the ci - ty, Je - ru - sa - lem.
3. It is faith - ful to Is - rael's law, there to praise__ the name of God.
4. For the peace of all na - tions, pray: for God's peace__ with - in your homes.
5. For the love of my friends and kin I will bless you with signs of peace.



And__ now our feet are stand - ing in your gates, O Je - ru - sa - lem!
It is there all tribes will gath - er, all the tribes of the house of God.
All the judg - ment seats of Da - vid were set down in Je - ru - sa - lem.
May God's last - ing peace sur - round us; may it dwell in Je - ru - sa - lem.
For the love of God's own peo - ple I will la - bor and pray for you.

Sha - lom, sha - lom, the peace of God be here.

Sha - lom, sha - lom, God's just - ice be ev - er near.

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Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Hymnal #66

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

The Gospel

Matthew 24:36-44

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

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake

therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Guy Drake

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.

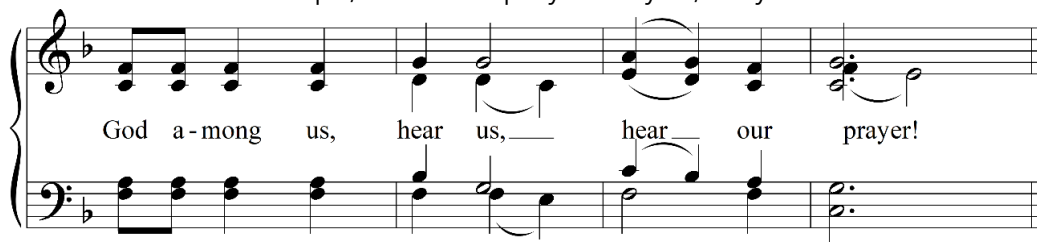
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom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

Prayers of the People

Deacon In Advent hope, we lift our prayers to you, Holy One.



God a-mong us, hear us, hear our prayer!

Leader We pray for the world: for justice, peace, reconciliation, and healing. We bring our anxiety and fears into the light of your love.

All sing **God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!**

We pray for the church: for boldness of vision, courage, compassion, creativity, joy, humility, and hospitality. We pray especially for the people of St. George's in these final weeks of worshiping together in their church in St. Louis Park. Help us taste your life and share your feast.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

We pray in gratitude: for love, community, life, and beauty. Give us eyes to see your gifts and remind us to celebrate your presence.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

We pray for healing: for all who are anxious, depressed, lonely, sick or suffering, especially for... . Help us to remember that you are a God of new life.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

We pray for those who have died, especially... We look for your light of life in our sorrow, grief and loss.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

Please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

May we ready our hearts to be born again in love.

Amen.

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

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.**

Absolution

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 As the Dark Awaits the Dawn



1. As the dark a - waits the dawn, _____ so we a - wait your light, _____
2. As the blue ex - pect - ant hour _____ be fore the silv - r'ing skies, _____
3. As the moon re - flects the sun _____ un - til the night's de - crease, _____
4. Shine your fu - ture on this place, _____ en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, _____



— O Star of prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing bright, —
 — We long to see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and wise, —
 — may we your heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing peace, —
 — that through us stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and blest; —



— til shades of fear are gone.
 — O Lu - cent Morn - ing Star.
 — un - to your ho - ly dawn.
 — come dawn, O Sun of grace.

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Doxology



To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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.

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

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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

By your will they were created and have their being.

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

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

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

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

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

All repeat each phrase after the cantor:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly. *God of pow'r and might,*
Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. *Ho - san-na in the high - est.*
Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the

Ho - san - na in the high - est. *rit.*
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, God of our Mothers; God of Hagar and Sarah, Rebecca, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

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

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

O Lamb of God, Em-man - u - el,

you take a - way the sins of the world.

O Lamb of God, Em - man - u - el,

Have mer - cy on___ us.

O Lamb of God, Em - man - u - el,

you take a - way the sins of the world. Grant us___ peace.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for 'O Lamb of God, Em-man - u - el,' with lyrics 'you take a - way the sins of the world.' The second staff continues the melody with lyrics 'Have mer - cy on___ us.' The third staff concludes the piece with lyrics 'you take a - way the sins of the world. Grant us___ peace.' There are triplets of eighth notes in the first and third staves.

Holy 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.

Gluten-free wafers are available. 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 Anthem

O Oriens

Healey Willan

*O rising orb of day, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness,
come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.*

Communion Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymnal #60

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 **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.**

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

Want to read more about what's going on at St. David's?
Scan this QR code to access the Weekly News:



The Blessing

Departing

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hymnal #59

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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