

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist | December 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 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 *Prepare the Way, O Zion (Bereden väg för Herran)* trad. Swedish

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:



Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
but in our days you speak through your Son

whom you have appointed the heir of all things.
 Grant us, your people, to walk in his light
 that we may be found ready and watching
 when he comes again in glory and judgement;

for you are our light and our salvation.



Bless-ed be God _____ for _____ ev - er.

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Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Please stand as you are able.



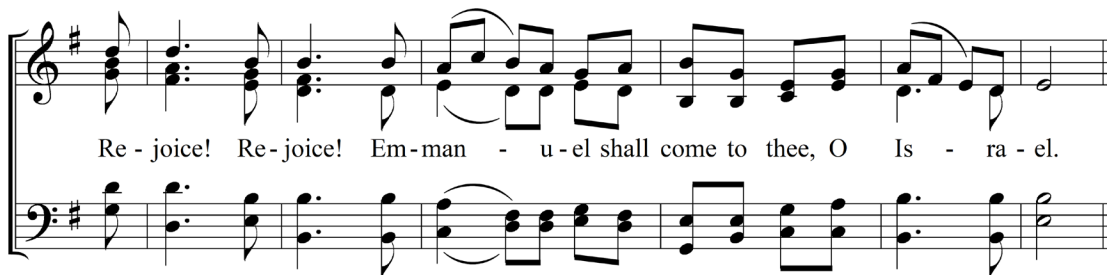
3. O come, O come, thou Lord _____ of might, who
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an



to thy tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst
 em - blem of thy peo - ple be; be - fore thee rul - ers



give _____ the law in cloud and ma - jes - ty _____ and awe.
 si - lent fall; all peo - ple on thy mer - cy call.



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! 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 3-6 are invited to process out for Godly Play, returning at the time of communion distribution.

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

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.
The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

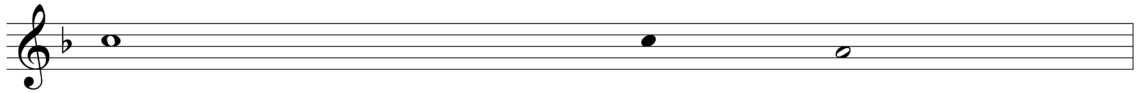
On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

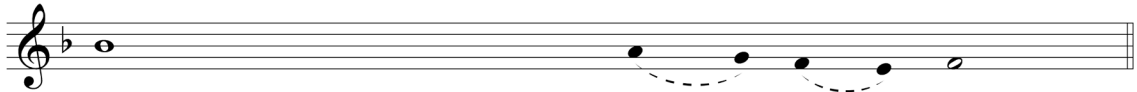
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 685 in the Book of Common Prayer.



1. Give the King your justice, O God,
2. That he may rule your people righteous - ly
3. That the mountains may bring prosperity to the peo - ple,
4. He shall defend the needy among the peo - ple;
5. He shall live as long as the sun and moon en - dure,
6. He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,
7. In his time shall the righteous flour - ish;
18. Blest are you, O God of Is - rael;
19. And blest is your glorious Name for ev - er!



1. and your righteousness to the King's - Son,
2. and the poor with justice;
3. and the little hills bring righteousness.
4. he shall rescue the poor and crush the op - pressor.
5. from one gene - ra - tion to an - other.
6. like showers that wa - ter the earth.
7. there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
18. you a lone do wond - rous deeds!
19. May all the earth be filled with your glory. A - men, a - men.

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Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

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Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

On Jordan's Bank
verses 1, 2 and 5

Hymnal #76

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

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Marilyn Clark, licensed lay preacher

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.

Prayers of the People

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

The image shows a musical score for a prayer. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff: "God a - mong us, hear us, — hear our prayer!". The accompaniment consists of block chords in the bass clef.

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

O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

Hymnal #597

Doxology

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



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 all 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.

Detailed description: This block contains the first line of musical notation for 'The Breaking of the Bread'. It is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. This is followed by another quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The final three notes (G4, A4, B4) are beamed together and marked with a '3' above them, indicating a triplet.

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

Have mer - cy on — us.

Detailed description: This block contains the second line of musical notation. It starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The final note (G4) is held over the bar line. This is followed by a repeat sign (double bar line with dots on both sides), then a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4.

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

Detailed description: This block contains the third line of musical notation. It begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. This is followed by another quarter rest, then a quarter note G4, an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note G4. The final three notes (G4, A4, B4) are beamed together and marked with a '3' above them, indicating a triplet.

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 Radix Jesse

Healey Willan

*O Root of Jesse, who standest for an ensign of the people,
Before whom kings shall keep their silence, to whom the nations shall offer their petitions:
come to deliver us; wait not any longer.*

Communion Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Hymnal #81

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

Getting to Know Our Commissioned Artwork

Laura Hensley

Announcements

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



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.

The Blessing

Departing

Comfort, Comfort Ye, My People

Hymnal #67

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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