



**The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost  
July 27, 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.

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# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## We Gather in God's Name

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*Father, We Praise Thee*

Hymnal #1

### Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glorify 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



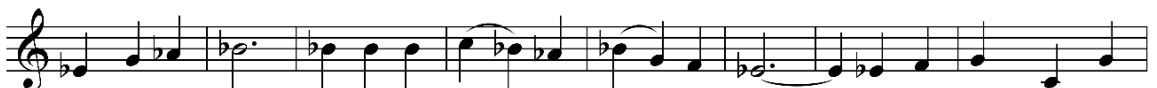
you. 2. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly name;



— 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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

### Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it

for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the Lord said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 138

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

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O God, with my whole heart; \*  
**before the gods I will sing your praise.**
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your Name, \*  
**because of your love and faithfulness;**
- 3 For you have glorified your Name \*  
**and your word above all things.**
- 4 When I called, you answered me; \*  
**you increased my strength within me.**
- 5 All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O God, \*  
**when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
- 6 They will sing of the ways of God, \*  
**that great is the glory of God.**
- 7 Although on high, God cares for the lowly \*  
**and perceives the haughty from afar.**

8      Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
          **you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;**  
          **your right hand shall save me.**

9      You will make good your purpose for me; \*  
          **O God, your love endures for ever;**  
          **do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## **Second Reading**

## **Colossians 2:6-15**

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

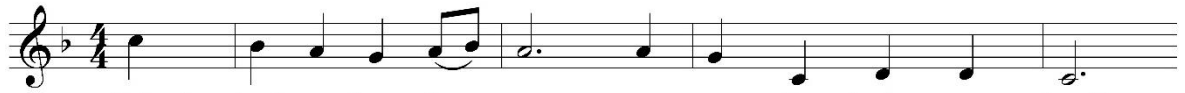
Reader   The Word of the Lord.

People   **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

## Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

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



1. Lord, teach us how to\_\_ pray as once the twelve you taught
2. Lord, teach us how to\_\_ pray when hearts are dull and dead,
3. Lord, teach us how to\_\_ pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
4. Lord, teach us how to\_\_ pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
5. Lord, teach us how to\_\_ pray; re - mind us day by day



For we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.  
Or when we feel no thirst for you and faith, once firm, has fled.  
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.  
Un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name!  
That you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

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## The Gospel

## Luke 11:1-13

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

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

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Give us each day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.  
And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even

though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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  
People        For mercy, justice, and peace in the world, we pray:  
**Lord, have mercy**
- Leader        For farmers and a good harvest, for those on vacation, for those attending the ECMN family camp this week, 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.
- Please add your own prayers of thanksgiving, either silently or aloud.*
- 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.
- Please add your own prayers for those in need, either silently or aloud.*
- Leader        We pray:
- People        **Lord, have mercy**
- Leader        For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, especially ...
- Please add your own for those who have died, either silently or aloud.*
- 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

## Let All Who Pray the Prayer Christ Taught



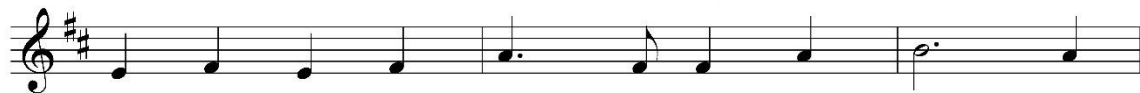
1. Let all who pray the prayer Christ taught first clear the cluttered  
2. Re - fine and test each pass - ing aim a - gainst this fi - nal  
3. Ex - am - ine how temp - ta - tion breeds in - side the mind's dark



heart. Make room to breathe the liv - ing thought those  
one: has your life hal - lowed heav - en's name and  
maze, ac - know - ledg - ing — that your life needs de -



well - worn words im - part. Dis - miss the fear that  
has God's will been done? Dis - card each venge - ful  
liv - 'rance from its ways. By faith - ful dis - ci -



this world drifts with no one in com - mand. Your  
hope that's fed the dreams of wars you'll win, then  
pline pre - pare an in - ward ho - ly space that



pulse and breath are — signs and gifts from God's at - ten - tive  
free - ly ask for — dai - ly bread and par - don from your  
when you of - fer — Je - sus' prayer your heart may fill — with



hand.  
sin.  
grace.

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## Doxology

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

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are: 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      Our Amma, Abba, Holy One



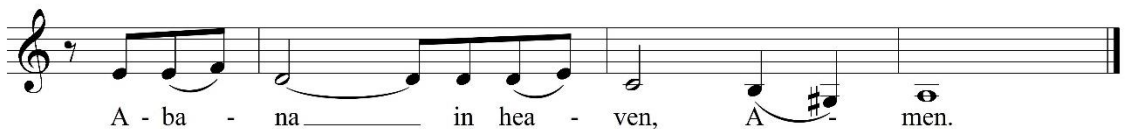
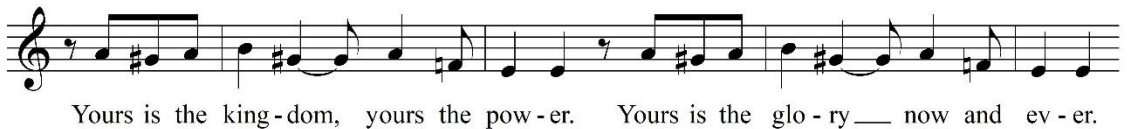
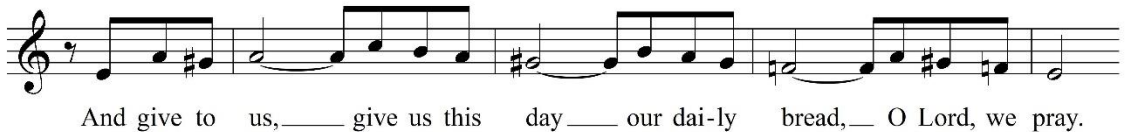
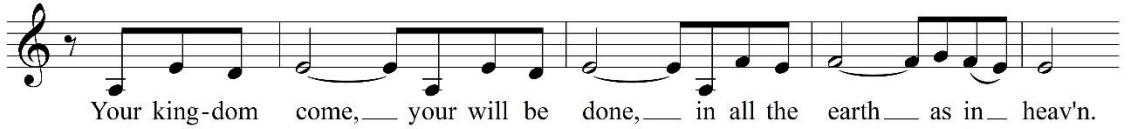
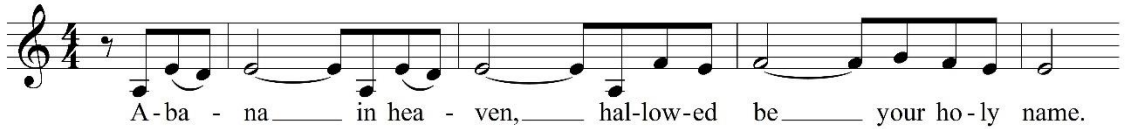
1. Our Am - ma, Ab - ba, Ho - ly One,      we praise you far and wide.
2. Grant us e - nough to eat to - day.      Re - lease us from our sin
3. Teach us to love and to for - give;      each dawn, be - gin a - gain.



In all the earth your will be done;      come close and be our guide.  
to find the free - doms of your way,      the mer - cies sown with - in.  
Your jus - tice, pow'r and glo - ry live      for - ev - er - more, a - men.

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Abana in Heaven



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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**

### **The Blessing**

### **Departing**

*O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand*

Hymnal #709

### **Dismissal**

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

People            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**



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