



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist | May 11, 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 Richard Clarke as our substitute organist.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing* Hymnal #205
Please stand as you are able for the Procession

Opening Acclamation

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| Celebrant | Alleluia! Christ is risen! |
| People | The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! |
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Song of Praise

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

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system, using a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing triplets. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The text is as follows:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace__ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly
King, al - might-y__ God and Fath - er, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glor - y. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fath-er, Lord
God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fath - er, re - ceive 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 Spi - rit in the
glo - ry of God__ the Fath - er. A - men.

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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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Please be seated.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Psalm 23

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 612 in the Book of Common Prayer.



1. My ___ Shep - herd, you sup - ply my need; most ho - ly
2. When I walk through the shades of death, your pre - sence
3. The ___ sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is your name._____ In pas - tures green you make me feed be -
 is my stay._____ One word of your sup - port - ing breath drives
 all my days._____ O may your house be my a - bode and
 side the liv - ing stream._____ You bring my wan - d'ring spir - it
 all my fears a - way._____ Your hand, in sight of all my
 all my work be praise!_____ There would I find a set - tled
 back when I for - sake your ways,_____ and lead me, for your
 foes, does still my ta - ble spread._____ My cup with bles - sings
 rest, while oth - ers go and come;_____ no more a stran - ger
 mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace._____
 ov - er - flows; your oil a - noints my head._____
 or a guest, but like a child at home._____

Text: Psalm 23, para. Isaac Watts Tune: RESIGNATION, Southern Harmony

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
 and thanksgiving and honor
 and power and might
 be to our God forever and ever!
 Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

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| Gospel Hymn | <i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i> | Hymnal #704 |
| <i>Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.</i> | | |

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| The Gospel | John 10:22-30 |
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| Deacon | The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. |
| People | Glory to you, Lord Christ. |

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

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| Deacon | The Gospel of the Lord. |
| People | Praise to you, Lord Christ. |

The Sermon

The Rev. Leonard Freeman

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 Amid the ashes of pain and loss, Jesus rises again to deliver hope and redemption. We offer our prayers to the God of life.

Leader We pray for St. David's and the Episcopal Church, for its members, for our clergy and bishop, and for all who love their neighbors and themselves.

All Lord, may we know you,
And the power of your resurrection.

We pray for our world, for the wellbeing of all people and for the whole creation, and for those who shape it to embody your justice and equity.

Lord, may we know you,
And the power of your resurrection.

We pray for peace and kindness in the face of violence and cruelty, and for justice and wisdom so that every day we see in others your divine image.

Lord, may we know you,

And the power of your resurrection.

We pray for victims of discrimination, poverty, despair, and brutality. We pray for love and healing.

Lord, may we know you

And the power of your resurrection.

We pray for those who suffer from all kinds of sickness and injury, especially... We honor their strength and courage, and we pray they may know your peace.

Lord, may we know you,

And the power of your resurrection.

We pray for the dead and the dying, especially... We pray that they may feel the depth of your love in the warmth of your arms.

Lord, may we know you,

And the power of your resurrection.

Celebrant

Take a deep breath and let the smell of new life wash over us. This truly is the aroma of Christ, given to us so that we may know the love and forgiveness that is offered to us by you. Allow us to go into this new world with greater compassion, courage, and kindness so we may fill it with your love and leave behind a more wonderful world than the one we entered. We pray this in the name of Jesus, our risen brother and savior. **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

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

1. Mo-ther - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright
2. Mo-ther - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing
3. Mo-ther - ing Spir - it, nur - turing one, in arms of

morn - ing of — this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry
me your food of light, grain of life, and grape of
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root — and

breath, you are my rain, my wind, — my sun.
love, your ve - ry bo - dy for — my peace.
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til — I know.

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Doxology

Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship God in hum-ble -
ness, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O praise the Fa - ther, praise the
Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

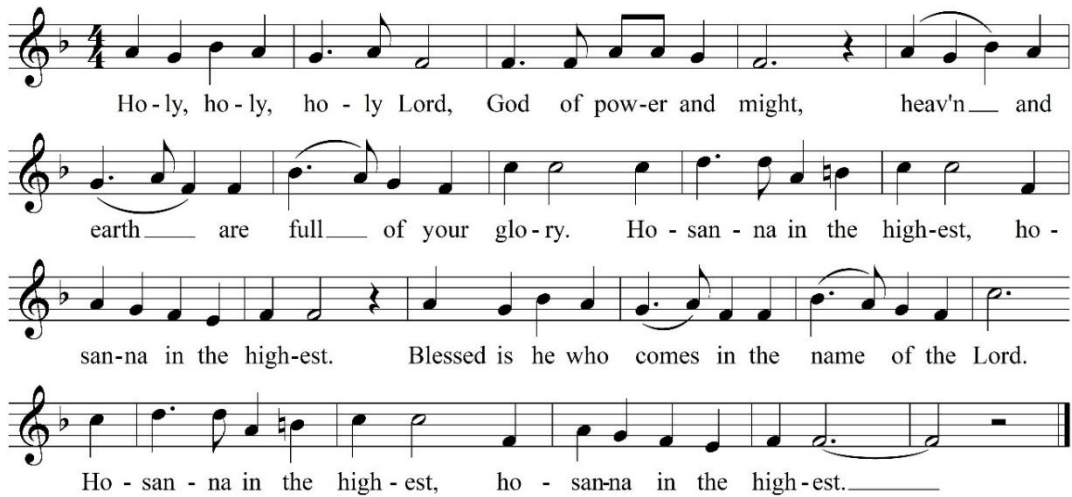
The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

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| Celebrant | The Lord be with you. |
| People | And also with you. |
| Celebrant | Lift up your hearts. |
| People | We lift them to the Lord. |
| Celebrant | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. |
| People | It is right to give God thanks and praise. |

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



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We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All **We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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

Be__ known to__ us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

1. The bread which we break, al-le - lu - ia,___ is a com-mun-ion of the bo-dy of Christ.

Be__ known to__ us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

2. One bo - dy are we, al-le - lu - ia,___ for though ma-ny, we share one bread.

Be__ known to__ us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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The Communion

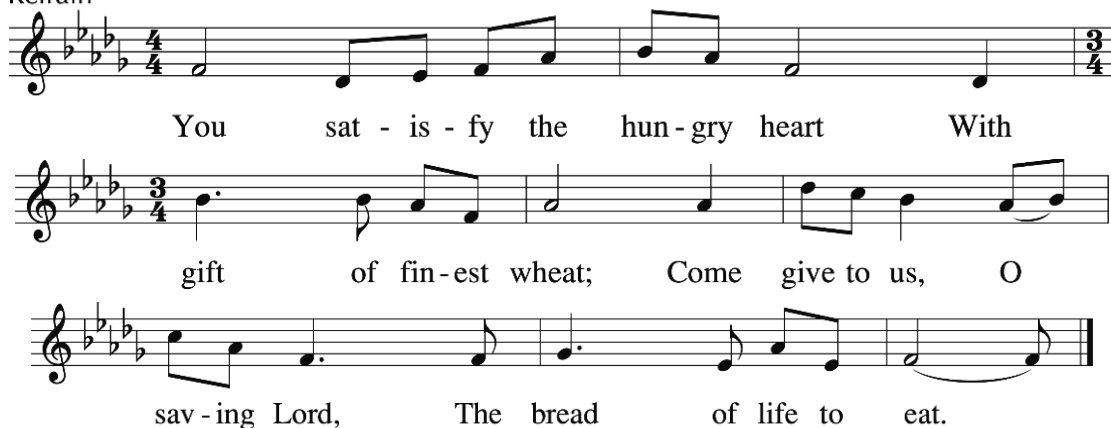
We invite all people regardless of age or denomination to share in the Holy Communion at the Lord's table. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine. When receiving from the common cup, please do not intinct (dip the bread in the wine). If you wish to receive only the bread, you may remain in place at the rail, crossing your arms across your chest when the chalice bearer presents the cup, or return to your seat after receiving the bread. If you will not be receiving communion you are invited to receive a blessing. Please indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest. 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.

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 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart With
gift of fin - est wheat; Come give to us, O
sav - ing Lord, The bread of life to eat.

Verses



1. As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, They
2. With joy - ful lips we sing to you Our
3. Is not the cup we bless and share The
4. The mys - t'ry of your pres - ence, Lord, No
5. You give your - self to us, O Lord; Then



know and heed his voice; So when you call your
 praise and grat - i - tude, That you should count us
 blood of Christ out - poured? Do not one cup, one
 mor - tal tongue can tell: Whom all the world can -
 self - less let us be, To serve each oth - er



fam - 'ly, Lord, We fol - low and re - joice.
 wor - thy, Lord, To share this heav'n - ly food.
 loaf, de - clare Our one - ness in the Lord?
 not con - tain Comes in our hearts to dwell.
 in your name In truth and char - i - ty.

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997
 Tune: BICENTENNIAL, CM with refrain; Robert E. Kreutz, 1922–1996
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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

Please stand as you are able.

All

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

We Go Out into the World

Announcements

The Blessing

Departing

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Hymnal #334

Dismissal

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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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