

First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist | February 22, 2026

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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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude *Faithful Cross, O Tree of Beauty*

Faithful cross, O tree of beauty, tree of Eden, tree divine!
Not a grove on earth can show us leaf and flow'r and fruit so fine.
Gently bearing Jesus' body, tree of life, salvation's sign!

Tree of life with limbs extended north to south and east to west,
cross of Christ with arms embracing all the world with its oppressed:
saints will seek in you their solace; sinners find in you their rest.

Tree of love beyond all telling, praised in poem, hymn, and psalm,
comfort of the sick and suff'ring, from your fruit comes healing balm,
binding up the bruised and broken, bringing wholeness, health, and calm.

Tree that bridges earth and heaven, sprung from seed of Paradise,
spread your branches, shade the weary, bowing down to beggars' cries,
lifting up with tender patience all who would from sin arise.

Christians, chant your grateful praises for the tree of triumph won,
proof of overflowing mercy and redemption in the Son.
To the cross of Christ give glory while the endless ages run! Amen.

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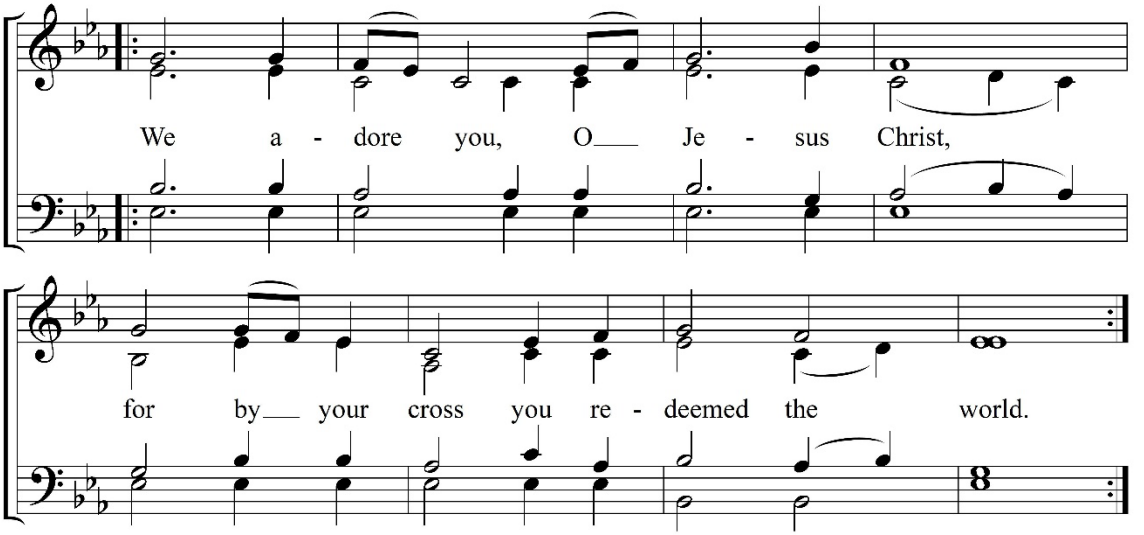
Welcome

Hymn *By Your Cross*



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Dedication of a Cross

Celebrant I present to you this cross to be set apart
for the service of Christ's holy Church.

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord;
People **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**
Celebrant Prosper the work of our hands;
People **Prosper our handiwork.**
Celebrant Show your servants your works;
People **And your splendor to their children.**

Celebrant Let us pray.
Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this cross to your praise and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
People **in whom is our salvation, our life, and resurrection.**
Celebrant Christ for us became obedient unto death:
People **Even death on a cross.**

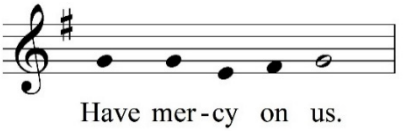
Celebrant Let us pray.

O gracious God, who in your mercy ordained that your Son should suffer death on a cross of shame: We thank you that it has become for us the sign of his triumph and the banner of our salvation; and we pray that this cross may draw our hearts to him, who leads us to the glory of your kingdom; where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Procession *The Great Litany*

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

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,

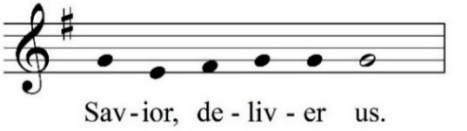


Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful, **have mercy on us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God, **have mercy on us.**

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;



From envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent, **Savior, deliver us.**

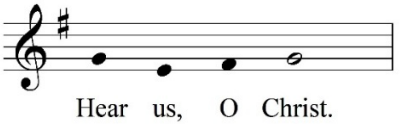
From selfishness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws, **Savior, deliver us.**

From tyranny, injustice and cruelty, **Savior, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment, **Savior, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your cross and resurrection, **Savior, deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Christ our God.



Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; **Hear us, O Christ.**

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Guard and protect all children who are in danger. **Hear us, O Christ.**

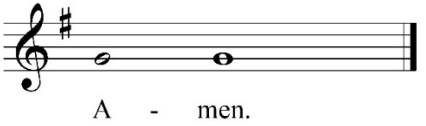
Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages, immigrants, refugees, and all who are in trouble. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially…
and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died, especially…
and grant us with them a share in your e ternal glory. **Hear us, O Christ.**

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.



Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

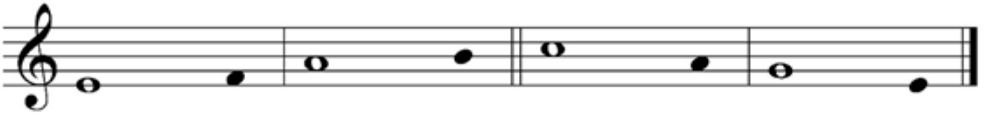
The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

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

Psalm 32 **St. Helena Psalter**

The Cantor and People sing responsively. All are invited to join in singing the bold text.



Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/-given *
and whose sin is put a-/-way!
Happy are they to whom God imputes no / guilt *
and in whose spirit there is no/ guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/-way, *
because of my groaning all day / long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and / night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to / you *
and did not conceal my / guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to / God;" *
then you forgave me the guilt of my / sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of / trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not / reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from / trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of de-/-liverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / go; *
I will guide you with my / eye.
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/-standing, *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay / near you."

Great are the tribulations of the / wicked, *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Most / High.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in / God; *
shout for joy, all who are true of / heart.

Second Reading Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

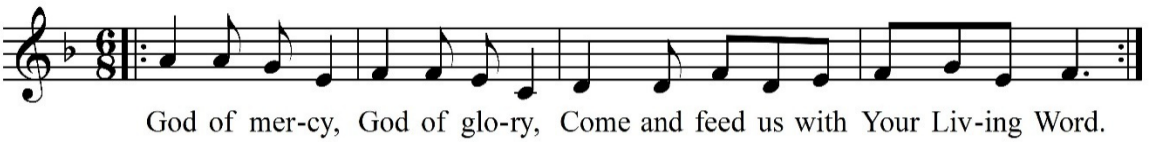
Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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

Refrain (all sing twice):



Verse (choir): No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All repeat the refrain.

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The Gospel Matthew 4:1-11

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

The Sermon The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

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 Peace

Celebrant — The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People — **And also with you.**

We Share in Holy Communion

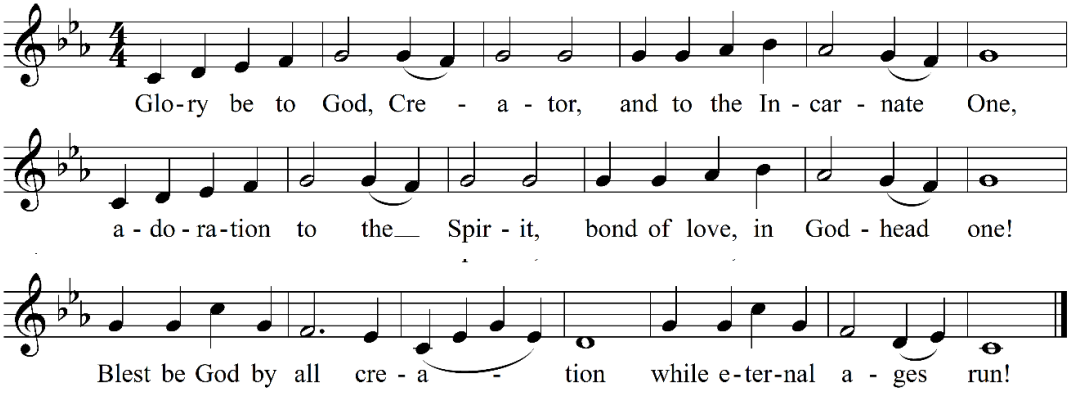
Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are brought forward.

Offertory — *Miserere Mei* — Antonio Lotti

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses. (Psalm 51:1)

Doxology

Please stand as you are able.



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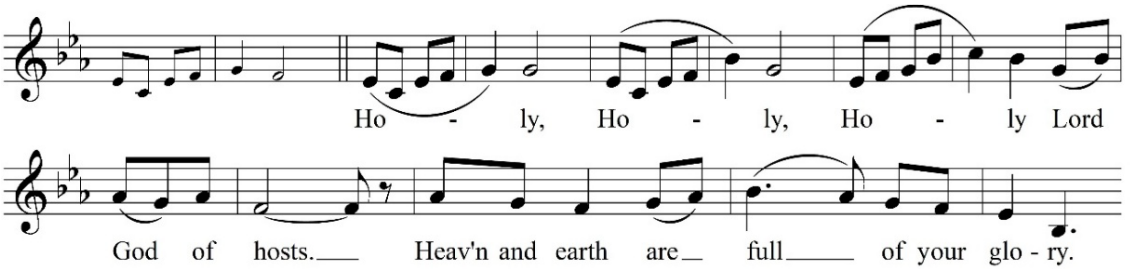
The Great Thanksgiving

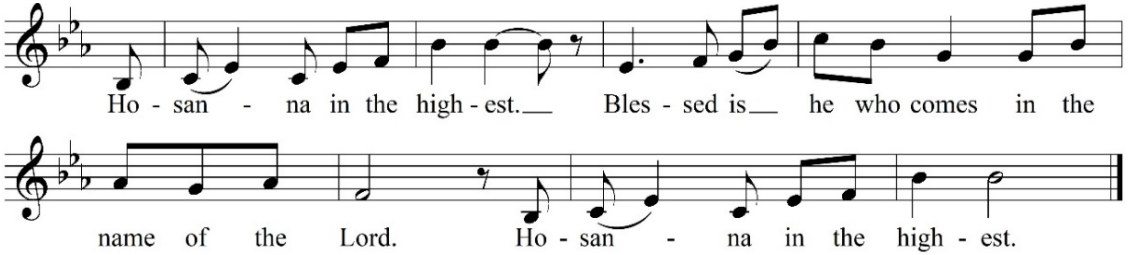
Remain standing as you are able.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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:



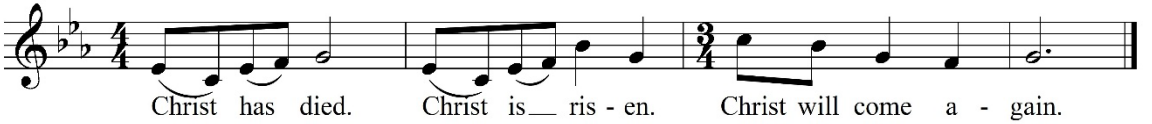


Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

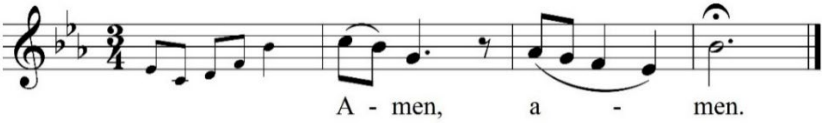
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

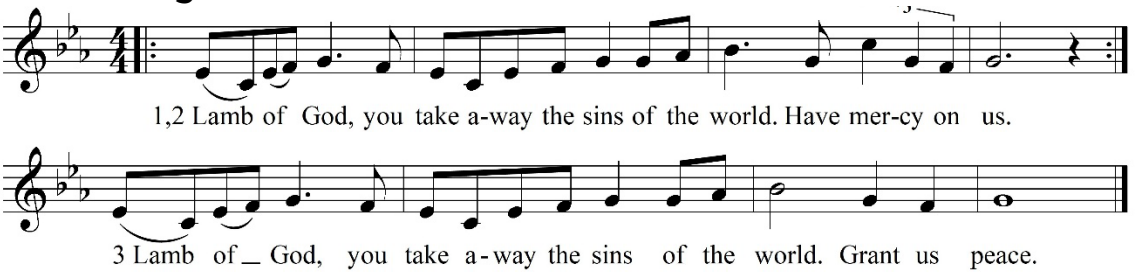
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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



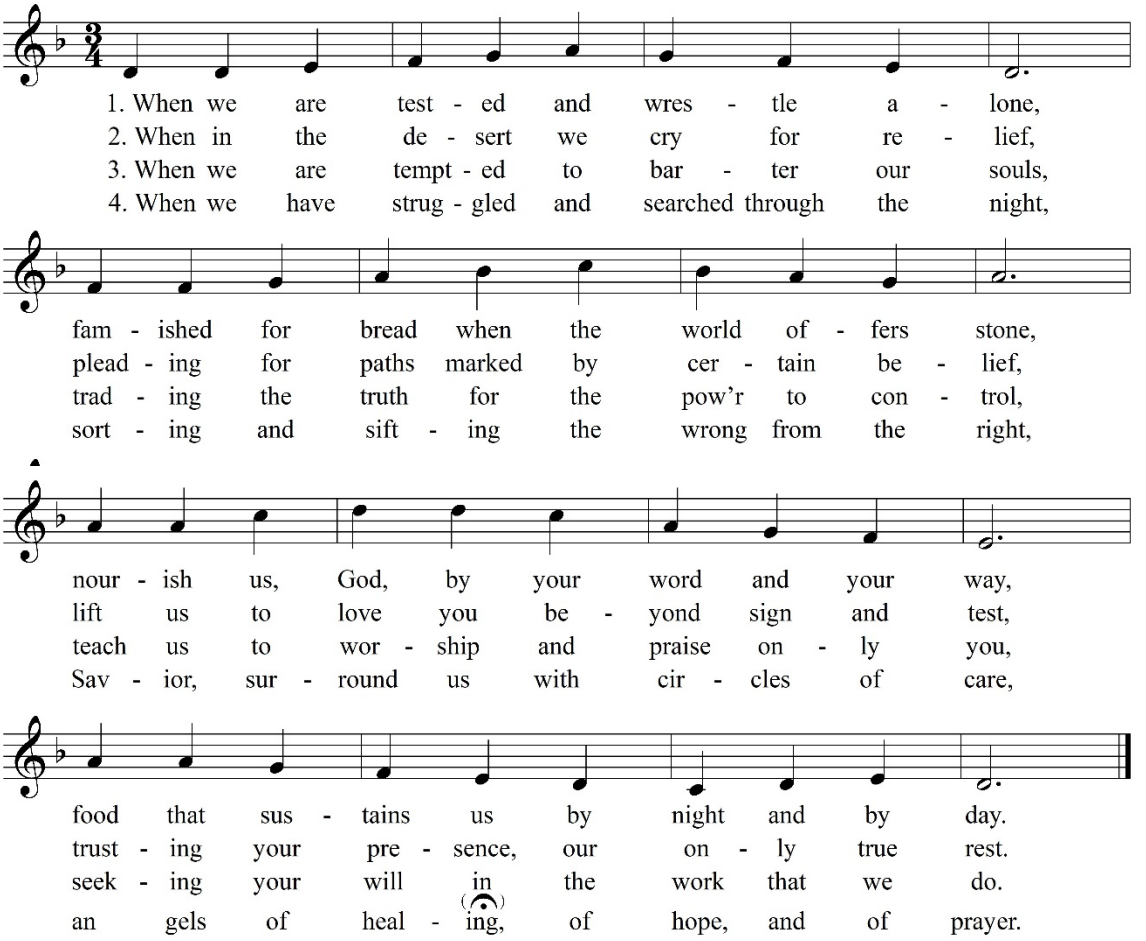
The Communion

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.

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 Hymns *When We Are Tested*



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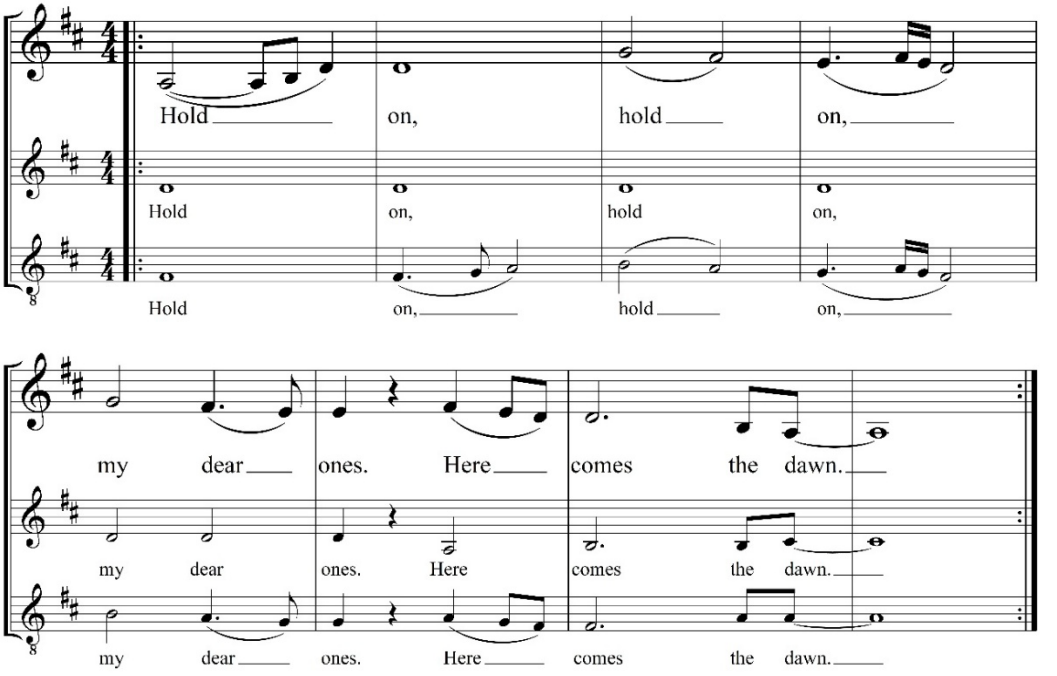

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Prayer after Communion

All **Loving God,**
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

Want to read more about what's going on at St. David's?
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The Blessing

Departing *Take Up Your Cross* **Hymnal #675**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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