



## **The Third Sunday of Easter**

Holy Eucharist | May 4, 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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# **THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

## **We Gather in God's Name**

*Note: Today's hymns use melodies from the Welsh tradition.*

*Tune names have been included, many of which indicate a location associated with the melody.*

### **Prelude**

*Rhyfedd, Rhyfedd Gan Angylion*  
(Wondrous, Wondrous to Angels)

Trad. Welsh

### **Opening Hymn**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (HYFRYDOL)*

Hymnal #657

*Please stand as you are able for the Procession*

## Opening Acclamation

Celebrant	Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People	<b>The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!</b>
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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.*

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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) on the staves. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined to indicate phrasing. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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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 blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## We Hear and Respond to God's Word

### First Reading

### Acts 9: 1-6

*Please be seated.*

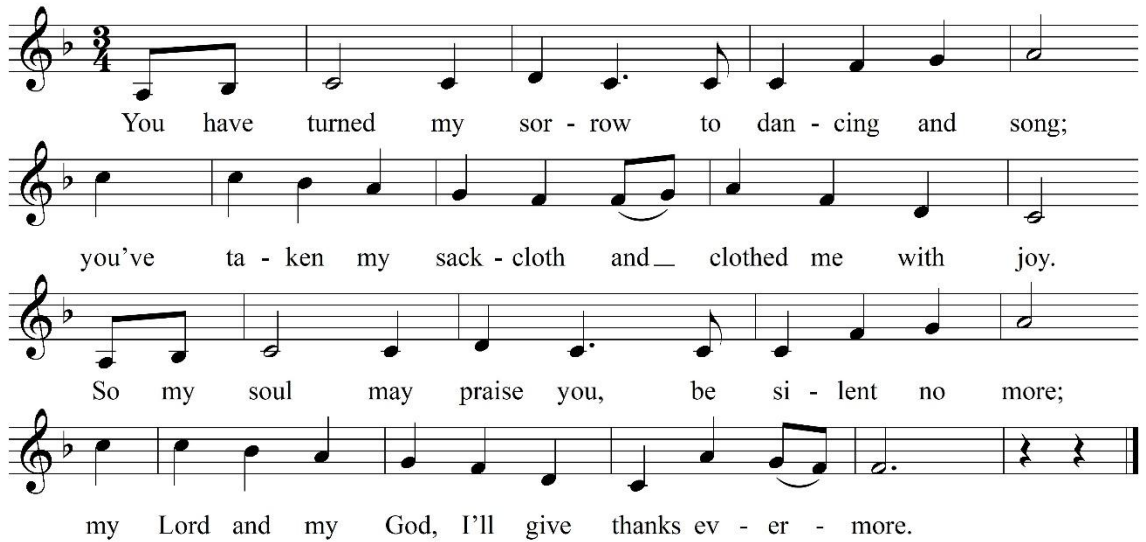
Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

Reader        The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 30

*At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 621 in the Book of Common Prayer.*



You have turned my sor - row to dan - cing and song;  
you've ta - ken my sack - cloth and — clothed me with joy.  
So my soul may praise you, be si - lent no more;  
my Lord and my God, I'll give thanks ev - er - more.

I will praise you, O God, for you've lifted me up;  
my foes did not triumph when I called you for help.  
You have healed me and lifted my soul from the pit,  
restored me to life, I'm contented and blessed. *℟*

Sing praise to the Lord, O you faithful in heart;  
give thanks to the Almighty, Creator of earth  
God's anger will last but a moment in time.  
I weep through the night but the morning brings light. *℟*

And if I am silent, then what will be gained?  
The dust will not praise you, it will not proclaim.  
But show me your love and your faithfulness.  
Be merciful to me, O Lord, be my help. *℟*

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Music: Green Grows the Laurel (trad. Irish)

## Second Reading

## Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

## Gospel Hymn      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (LLANFAIR)*

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

1. Christ, the Lord, is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!

All on earth with an - gels say, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams

## The Gospel

## John 21:1-19

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

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 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**

*God of Grace and God of Glory (CWM RHONDDA) Hymnal #594*

## Doxology

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

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!

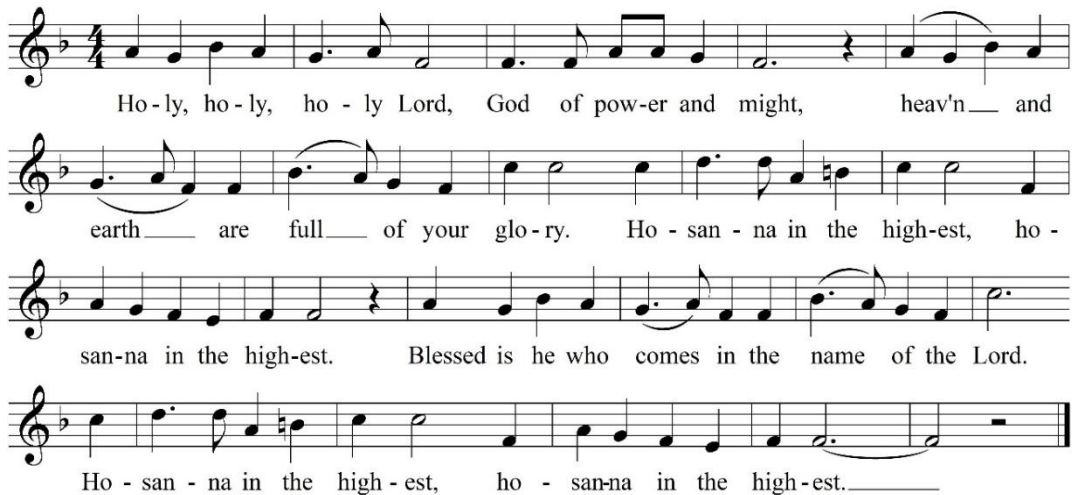
## The Great Thanksgiving

*Remain standing as you are able.*

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

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.***

## Communion Hymns

*For the Beauty of the Earth (LUCERNA LAUDONIAE)*

*Hymnal #416*

### *Rho Im Yr Hedd*

Rho im yr hedd, na wyr y byd am dano  
*Grant me that peace, beyond all understanding;*  
Hedd, nefol hedd a ddaeth trwy anfeidrol loes.  
*Peace, heaven's peace, which comes through God's own pain.*  
Pan fyddo'r don ar fenaïd gwan yn uro,  
*When angry waves on my weak soul are breaking,*  
Mae'n dawl gyda'r Iesu wrth y groes.  
*There's quietness with Jesus near the cross.*

O! am yr hedd sy'n llifo megis afon  
*Oh, for the peace that flows just like a river*  
Trwy ddinas Duw, dan gangau'r bywiol bren:  
*Through heaven's city, and past the tree of life.*  
Hedd wedi'r loes, i dyrfa'r pererinion;  
*Peace after pain, for all the host of pilgrims;*  
Heb gymwl byth na nos-tu hwnt i'r llen.  
*Never a cloud or darkness, through the veil.*

Text: H. Elvet Lewis Music: RHYS, W.J. Evans

## **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**

### **Birthday and Anniversary Prayers**

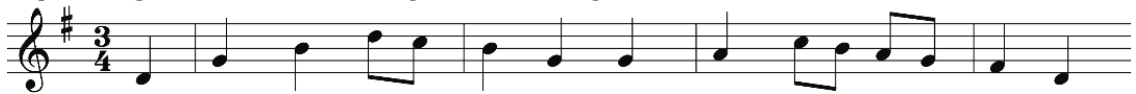
**O God, our times are in your hands. Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**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.**

## Blessing of Pilgrims

### The Blessing

#### Departing *Let All Things Now Living (THE ASH GROVE)*



1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks-giv - ing  
2. God rules all the forc - es: The stars in their cours-es



To God the Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
And sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
The hills and the moun-tains, The riv - ers and foun-tains,



And guides us with care to the end of our days.  
The deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be - fore us,  
We too should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic-ing;

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
With glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,  
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing:

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
"To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

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## 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



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