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First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist | March 9, 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

Prelude

Create in Me

Tom Keesecker

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and uphold me with your free Spirit.
(Psalm 51:10-12)

Opening Hymn

Forty Days and Forty Nights

Hymnal #150

Please stand as you are able.

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Wherever we travel
People **God is with us**

Celebrant Wherever we settle
People **God is in our midst**

Celebrant Whatever is ahead of us
People **God is there before us**

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor and ourselves.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie

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 in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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Collect of the Day

Please stand as you are able.

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

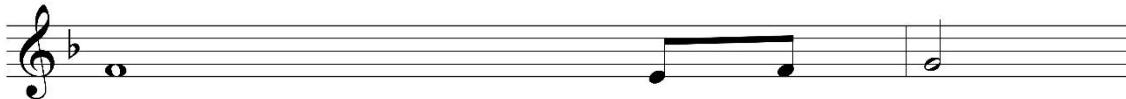
Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

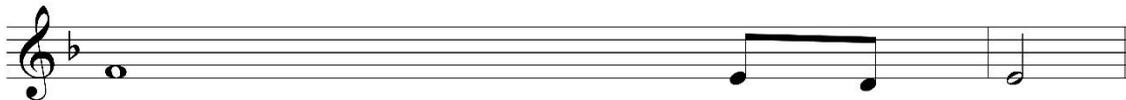
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

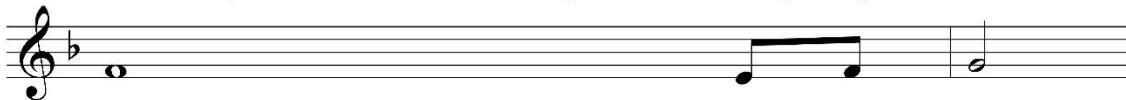
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16



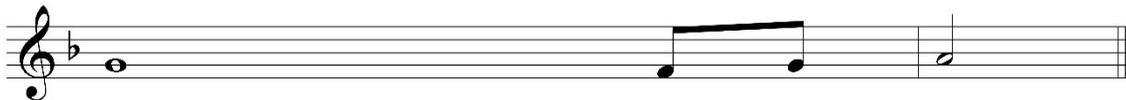
1. They who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
2. Because you have made God your refuge
3. For God shall give the angels charge ov - er you,
4. You shall tread upon the li - on and adder;
5. You shall call upon me, and I will answer you;



abide under the shadow of the Al - mighty.
and the Most High your ha - bi - tation,
to keep you in all your ways.
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent un - der your feet.
I am with you in trouble; I will rescue you and bring you honor.



They shall say to God, "You are my re - fuge, my stronghold,
There shall no evil hap - - - pen to you,
They shall bear you in their hands,
Because you are bound to me in love, therefore will I de - liver you;
With long life will I satisfy you



my God in whom I put my trust."
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.
I will protect you, because you know my Name.
and show you my sal - vation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart"

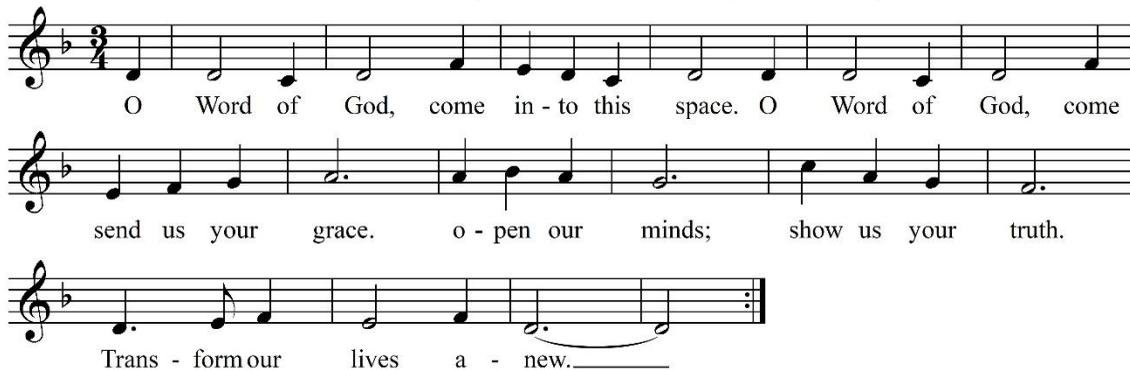
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

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



O Word of God, come in - to this space. O Word of God, come
send us your grace. o - pen our minds; show us your truth.
Trans - form our lives a - new.

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The Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

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

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

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

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

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

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'
and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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.

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Celebrant Most Holy Trinity, you surround us with the prayers of your saints, and through them you bring us into the warmth of your embrace: Bless these shawls woven with the gifts of the earth and the life of your comforting Spirit, that those who receive them may feel and see clearly your healing presence with them; for you are holy and the lover of all humankind, now and forever. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Leader God of love
hear the cry of those who yearn for love;
families in conflict, those who feel
neglected, unwanted, alone.

All God of love,
Hear our prayer

God of justice
hear the cry of those who yearn for justice;
persecuted and oppressed,
exploited, ill-treated, broken.

God of justice,
Hear our prayer

God of peace
hear the cry of those who yearn for peace;
in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and other battle zones,
frightened, fearful, anxious.

God of peace,
Hear our prayer

God of healing
hear the cry of those who yearn for healing
of body, mind or spirit.

We pray for...

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

God of healing,
Hear our prayer

God of mercy
Hear the cry of those who yearn for mercy;
convicted, in need of your grace,
contrite, humble, bowed down.

We pray for those who have died, especially...

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

God of mercy,
Hear our prayer

Celebrant

O God, who embraced us with perfect love and made us your people when we were yet strangers to you: be present with all refugees, immigrants, and displaced people throughout the world; may they know the consolation of your presence, and the liberating power of your love. Then give us grace, we pray, to extend ever wider your embrace in a world of exclusion, until all your children are knit together as beloved family in the perfect love that is your very heart, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was displaced among us, and who now lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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

When We Are Tested



1. When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2. When in the de - sert we cry for re - lief,
3. When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4. When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pre - sence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

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Doxology

Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, and to the In - car - nate One,
a - do - ra - tion to the Spir - it, bond of love, in God - head one!
Blest be God by all cre - a - tion while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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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, Father 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:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
 God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

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. Gluten-free wafers are available. 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.

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 By Your Cross

We a - dore you, O Je - sus Christ,

for by your cross you re - deemed the world.

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There Is a Longing

Refrain



There is a long-ing in our hearts, O Lord, for you to re-veal your - self to us. —



There is a long-ing in our hearts for love we on - ly find in you, our God.

Verses



1. For jus - tice, for free - dom, for mer - cy: hear our prayer. —
2. For wis - dom, for cour - age, for com - fort: hear our prayer. —
3. For heal - ing, for whole - ness, for new life: hear our prayer. —



In sor - row, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
In weak - ness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

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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

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

The Blessing

Departing

Eternal Lord of Love

Hymnal #149

Dismissal

Deacon
People

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

Postlude

Lux Aeterna

Nadia Boulanger

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