



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist | May 18, 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.

Today St. David's ministers travel to Hope Springs at Minnetonka (formerly Lake Minnetonka Care Center) to share both worship and friendship. Please continue to keep all our friends residing there in your prayers.

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.

Please note, this service is livestreamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Bell piece

Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King
verses 1 - 4

Hymnal #400

Please stand as you are able for the Procession

Opening Acclamation

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.

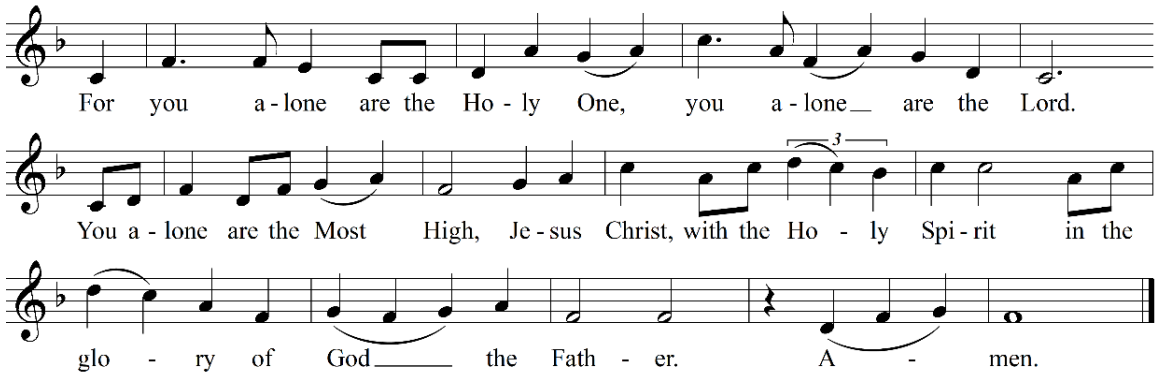
Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace — to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly

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.



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Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

Please be seated.

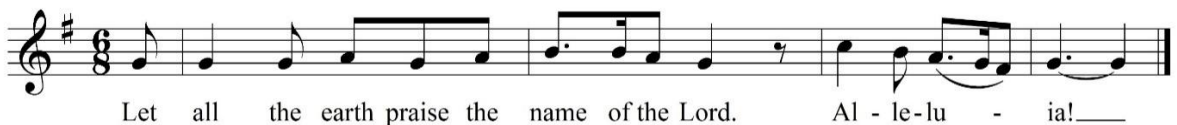
Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call

profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

Psalm 148

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 805 in the Book of Common Prayer.



Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise God in the heights.
Praise God, all you angels, praise God, all you host. *℟ℵ*

Praise God, sun and moon, praise God, shining stars.
Praise God, highest heavens and the waters above the heavens. *℟ℵ*

Praise the Lord from the earth, sea creatures and all oceans,
fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy winds that obey God's word; *℟ℵ*

all mountains and hills, all fruit trees and cedars,
beasts, wild and tame, reptiles and birds on the wing. *℟ℵ*

Let them praise the name of the Lord who alone is exalted.
The splendor of God's name reaches beyond heaven and earth. *℟ℵ*

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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.



Love one another as I have loved you; this is my new commandment.
By the love you show, all will know you are my disciples.

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The Gospel

John 13:31-35

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kerri Meyer

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.

The loose plate offering this morning (and every third Sunday) will go to the Rector's Discretionary Fund. Thank you for your offerings.

Offertory

Bell piece

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

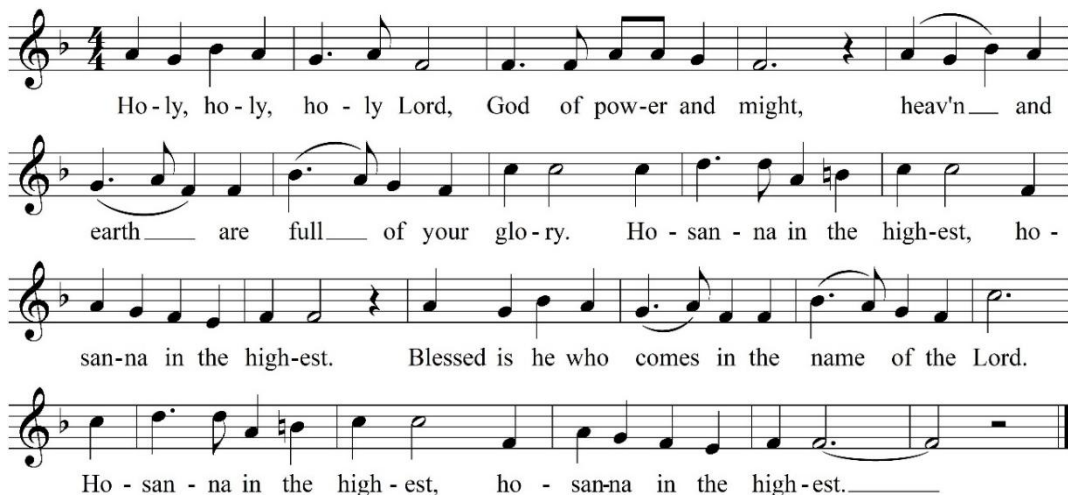
The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

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 Hymns

A New Commandment

A new com-mand-ment I give un - to you, that you love one an-oth-er, as I have loved you. that you love one an - oth-er, as I have loved you. By this shall all know that you are my di - sci-ples, if you have love one for an - oth - er. By this shall all know that you are my di-sci - ples, if you have love one for an - oth - er.

Text: John 13:34-35 Music: Roy Crabtree, Bryn Goleu Fellowship, Llanfairfechan, Wales

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 *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
4. All praise to the Fa - ther, from



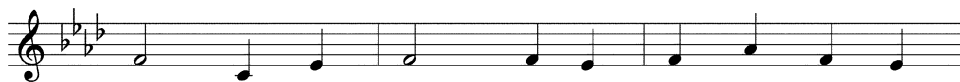
one in the Lord, We are one in the
walk hand in hand, We will walk with each
work side by side, We will work with each
whom all things come, And all praise to Christ



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord, And we
oth - er, we will walk hand in hand, And to -
oth - er, we will work side by side, And we'll
Je - sus, his on - ly Son, And all



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
guard hu - man's dig - ni - ty and save hu - man's
praise to the Spir - it, who makes us



stored:
land: And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our
pride:
one:



love, by our love, Yes, they'll know we are



Chris - tians by our love.

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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