



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist | December 22, 2024

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 respect the dignity of 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.

Loving God. Loving One Another.

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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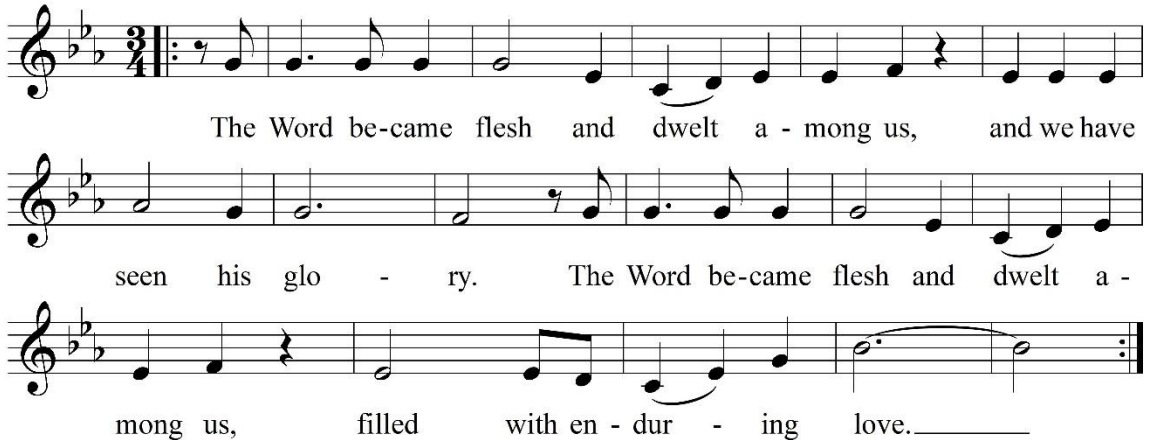
Cover art: Scott Clark. This artwork represents the nuanced triad of "war, famine and pestilence." In a shattered and fractured world someone finds a small space to spray paint Mary's words on a graffitied wall. These words are the light of faith and hope, but in equal measure, the willingness to hear and respond.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

The Word Became Flesh



The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a - mong us, and we have
seen his glo - ry. The Word be-came flesh and dwelt a -
mong us, filled with en - dur - ing love.

Text: John 1:14 Music: ©2005 Roger Stratton

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, merciful and gentle:



To you be praise and glo - ry for ev - er.

Your light has shone in our darkened world
through the child-bearing of blessed Mary;
grant that we who have seen your glory
may daily be renewed in your image
and prepared like her for the coming of your Son,

who is the Lord and Saviour of all.



Bless-ed be God for ev - er.

Text: from The Promise of His Glory Music: Malcolm Archer, ©2000 Oxford University Press

Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

7. O come, de - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
8. O Come, O come, Em - man - u - el, re - deem thy

hearts of hu - man - kind; O bid our sad di -
cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly

vi - sions cease, and be for us our king of peace.
ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a vocal melody in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the vocal line, with some lines split across two staves. The piano part consists of chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world.
People **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Trisagion

Children ages 3 - 6 are invited to process out for Godly Play, returning at the time of communion distribution.

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.
Ho - ly God, ho - ly and migh - ty,
ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us. Ho - ly God,
ho - ly and migh - ty, ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.
Ho - ly im - mor - tal one, have mer - cy on us.

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Collect of the Day

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; 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

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 702 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Refrain



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O Shepherd of Israel, hearken from your throne.
Upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Rouse your power, and come to save us, come and save us.

Once again, O Lord of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;
Take care of this vine, and protect,

protect what your right hand has planted
the Human One whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the one on your right hand,
with the Human One whom you yourself made strong.
Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

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Second Reading

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.
Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Savior of the Nations, Come

Hymnal #54

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

The Gospel

Luke 1:39-55

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

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

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

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.

This revised version of the Nicene Creed is part of the liturgy in the Expansive Language versions of the Eucharistic liturgies in the Book of Common Prayer that were approved at General Convention in 2018.

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.

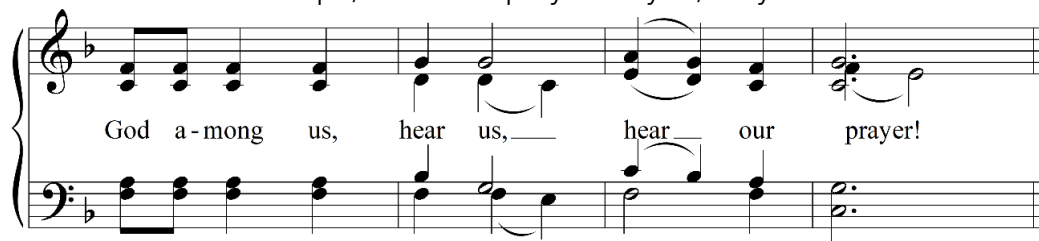
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom 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 In Advent hope, we lift our prayers to you, Holy One.



Leader We pray for the world. Especially we pray for justice, peace, reconciliation, healing. We bring our fears into the light of your love.

All sing **God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!**

We pray for the church. Especially we pray for boldness of vision, courage, compassion, creativity, joy, humility, hospitality. Help us taste your life and share your feast.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

We pray in gratitude. Especially we pray for love shared, community formed, the breath of life, beauty all around. Help us to see your gifts and presence before our eyes.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

We pray for healing. Especially we pray for ... We pray for all who are anxious, depressed or lonely. Help us to remember that you are a God of healing.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

We pray for those who have died. Especially we pray for ... We look for your light of life in our sorrow, grief and loss.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

Please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

God among us, hear us, hear our prayer!

May our hearts be ready to be born again in love.

Amen.

Confession

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

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.**

Absolution

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. **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.

You are invited to place prayer cards in the offering plates to be brought forward at the time of the doxology.

Offertory

Canticle of Mary

Robert Kreutz

My soul proclaims your greatness, O my God,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed;
God Almighty, you have done great things for me,
and holy, holy is your name.

You have mercy on those who revere you,
on those who revere you in ev'ry generation.
You have shown the strength of your arm,
you have scattered the proud, the proud in their conceit.
You have cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and have lifted, lifted up the lowly.

You have filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich you have sent, you have sent away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
the promise you made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory, glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Doxology



The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

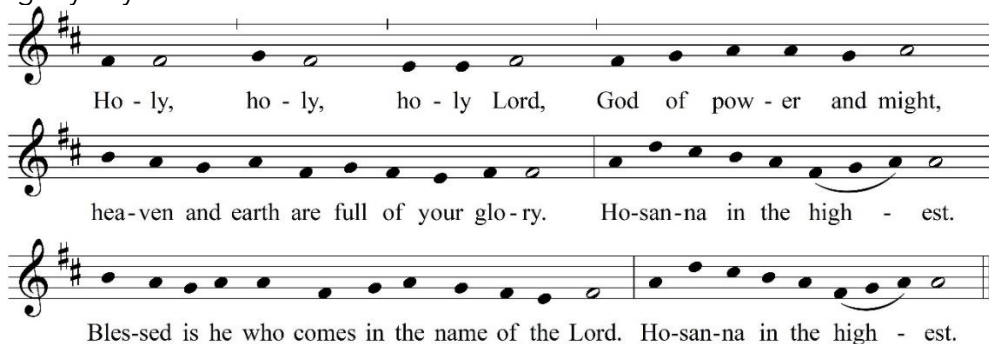
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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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Celebrant 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:

All **Christ has died.**
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, 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. **Amen.**

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

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant _____ us peace.

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Holy 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 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!
2. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, The won - drous gift is
3. O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us we pray;

A - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by;
giv'n! So God im - parts to hu - man hearts The bless - ings of his
cast out our sin and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
heav'n. No ear may hear his com - ing, But in this world of
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains three verses of the hymn. The second system continues the lyrics. The third system concludes the hymn with the final lines of the lyrics.

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
sin, Where meek souls will re - ceive him still The dear Christ en - ters
O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el!

Text: Phillips Brooks Music: ST LOUIS, Lewis Redner, harm. John D. Becker

Come and Fill

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Taizé Community Tune: Jacques Berthier © 1982, 1991, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

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

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We Go into the World in God's Name

Announcements

The Blessing

Departing

People, Look East



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the
2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more
3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the
4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more
5. An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who



crown - ing of the year. Make your house fair as you are
seed is plant - ed there: give up your strength the seed to
nest that must be filled. Ev - en the hour when wings are
light the bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the fros - ty
brings new life to earth. set ev' - ry peak and val - ley



a - ble, trim the hearth and set the ta - ble.
 nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may flour - ish.
 froz - en he for fledg - ing time has cho - sen.
 weath - er, bright as sun and moon to - geth - er.
 hum - ming with the word, the Lord is com - ing.



Peo - ple look East and sing to - day: Love the Guest is on the way.
 Peo - ple look East and sing to - day: Love the Rose is on the way.
 Peo - ple look East and sing to - day: Love the Bird is on the way.
 Peo - ple look East and sing to - day: Love the Star is on the way.
 Peo - ple look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, David Higham Assoc.Ltd. Music: BESANÇON, French folk melody

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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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