



First Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist | December 1, 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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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.
Lord God, let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:



You called our ancestors to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfillment.
may we be obedient to your call and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.



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Opening Hymn

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O Come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2. O Come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who
ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
or - ders all things might - i - ly; to us the path of
ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
know - ledge show, and teach us in her ways to go.
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

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

Psalm 25:1-9

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 614 in the Book of Common Prayer.



To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you I lift my soul.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me, for you are God my savior.
2. Remember your mercy, O Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.
3. The Lord is good and upright, showing the path to those who stray,
guiding the humble in the right path, and teaching the way to the poor.

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

Keep Your Lamps

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



Child - ren don't _____ get wea - ry, Child - ren don't _____ get wea - ry,

Child - ren don't _____ get wea - ry, 'til your work is _____ done.

D.C. al Fine

trad. Spiritual

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

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

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Anna Belz-Brock, Minister for Children and Youth

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

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



1. The King shall come when morn - ing__ dawns
2. Not, as of old, a__ lit - tle__ child,
3. And let the end - less__ bliss be - gin,
4. The King shall come when morn - ing__ dawns



and light tri - um - phant breaks,
to suf - fer and to die,
by wear - y saints fore - told,
and light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty__ gilds the eas - tern__ hills
But__ crowned with__ glor - y like the__ sun
When right shall__ tri - umph o - ver__ wrong,
Hail,__ Christ the__ Lord! Your peo - ple__ pray:



and life to joy — a - wakes.
 that lights the morn - ing sky.
 and truth shall be — ex - tolled.
 Come quick - ly, King — of kings.

text: John Brownlie, music: MORNING SONG

Doxology

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



To God Cre - a - tor, God the Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in One,



Praise, hon - or, might and glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 hea - ven 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.

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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

Communion Hymn

Creator of the Stars of Night

Hymnal #60

Communion Anthem

O Oriens

Healey Willan

O rising orb of day, splendor of light eternal and sun of righteousness,
come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

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

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.

The Blessing

Departing

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

Hymnal #59

Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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