

## **Third Sunday of Advent**

Holy Eucharist | December 15, 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.

*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 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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*In response to the question of whether John the Baptist the Messiah he said— "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire...." This painting anticipates a form of the "shekinah glory," defined as the majestic presence or manifestation of God which has descended to dwell among us.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

## We Gather in God's Name

### Prelude

*People of Zion*



Peo-ple of Zi-on, weep no more. The Lord hears your cry, — and the  
voice of the Lord will be heard in the joy of your hearts, the joy of your hearts.

Text: Isaiah 30:19 and Entrance Antiphon for Advent 2 Music: ©2024 Roger Stratton

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord , just and true:

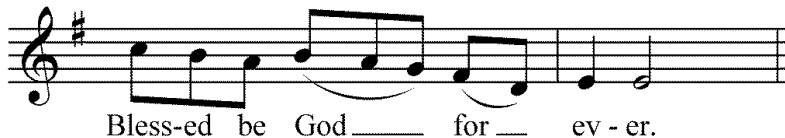


To you — be praise — and glo - ry for — ev - er.

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth  
as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light,  
and so be led to witness to him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom.

Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.



Bless-ed be God — for — ev - er.

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## Opening Hymn

### *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*



5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen  
6. O come, thou Day - spring come and cheer our spir - its



wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that  
by thine Ad - vent here; Dis - perse the gloom - y



leads on high, and close the path to mis - e - ry.  
clouds of night, And death's dark sha - dow put to flight.

Re - jice! Re - jice! 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# We Hear and Respond to God's Word

## First Reading

## Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.  
I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.  
And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.  
At that time I will bring you home,  
at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the Lord.

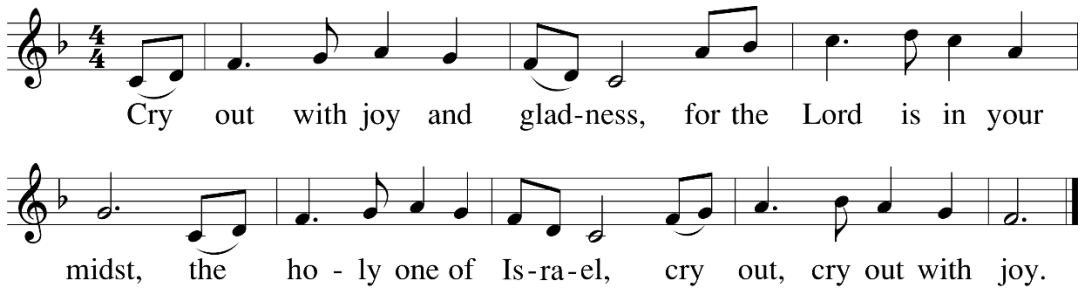
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle:

## Isaiah 12:2-6

*At 8:00, the canticle can be found at page 86 in the Book of Common Prayer.*



Cry out with joy and glad-ness, for the Lord is in your  
midst, the ho - ly one of Is-ra-el, cry out, cry out with joy.

### Verses

1. God indeed is my Savior, I will never be afraid,  
my strength and courage is the Lord, my Savior and my song.
2. Give thanks and praise the name of God, sing out to all the earth  
the wondrous deeds that God has done, our Savior and our song.
3. Shout with joy, O Zion, for dwelling in your midst  
is the Holy One of Israel, your Savior and your song.

Text: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 6; Marty Haugen  
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## Second Reading

## Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn

## Rejoice!

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

Re - joyce, re - joyce, re - joyce in the Lord. A - gain I say;  
Re - joyce, re - joyce, the Lord is near.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics, ending with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Text: Philippians 4:4-5 Music ©2023 Roger Stratton

## The Gospel

## Luke 3:7-18

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

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **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.**

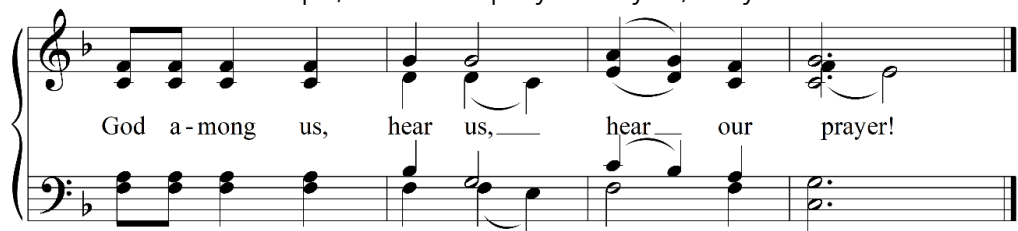
**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom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

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

### **Offertory**

*Rejoice in the Lord Always*

Anonymous (16c)

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice.  
Let your softness be known to all the world. The Lord is ev'n at hand.  
Be careful for nothing; but in all prayer and supplication  
let your petitions be manifest unto God with giving of thanks.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesu. Amen.

## Doxology



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.

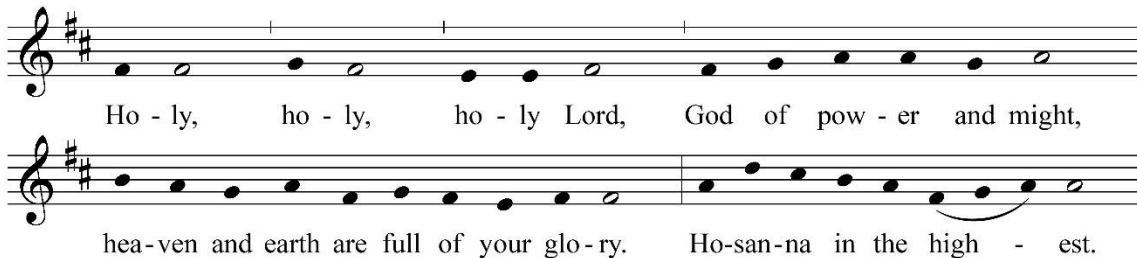
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

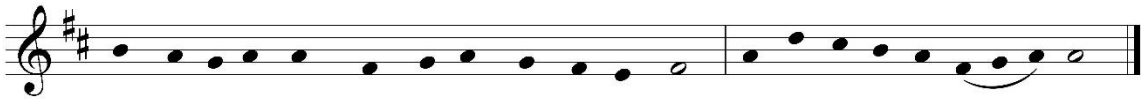
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 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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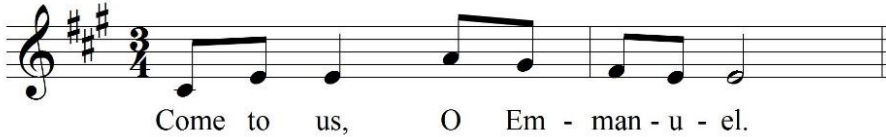
## Holy Communion

*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 Hymn

## Gift of God



Come, O Wisdom, breathe within us:

**Come to us, O Emmanuel.**

Come, O mighty tender Teacher:

**Come to us, O Emmanuel.**

Come, and show us how to live.

**Come to us, O Emmanuel.**

**Come to us, O Emmanuel.**

Come, O Lord of ancient Israel:

You who lead us through the desert:

Come, and set your people free.

Come, O Root of Jesse's lineage:

Come, O ruler of all nations:

Come, and be our Savior sure.

Come, O Holy Key of David:

Come, and open hearts to knowledge:

Come, and break the chains of death.

Come, O Radiant Sun of Justice:

Come, and shine on those in darkness:

All who dwell in shades of death.

Come, O Light of all the nations:

Come, bright Morning Star of new hope:

Come, and shine among us here.

Come O Living Flame of Freedom:

Living hope of our redemption:

Come, and lead us to new life.

## **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.**

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## **We Go into the World in God's Name**

**Announcements**

**Farewell Blessing**

**The Blessing**

## Departing

*Prepare! Prepare!*

Pre-prepare! Pre-prepare the way of the Lord. Pre-prepare! Pre-prepare the  
way of the Lord. O \_\_\_\_\_ Pre-prepare! Pre-prepare the  
way of the Lord. The Lord our God is coming soon.

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## Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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