



The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany February 1, 2026

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

As the Deer

Martin Nystrom, arr. Patricia Cota

The St. David's Handbell Choir

Opening Hymn

The Kingdom of God



1. The king-dom of God is jus - tice and joy, for Je - sus re -
2. The king-dom of God is mer - cy and grace, the cap - tives are
3. The king-dom of God is chal - lenge and choice, Be - lieve the good
4. God's king-dom is come, the gift and the goal, in Je - sus be -



stores what sin would de - stroy; God's pow - er and glo - ry ___ in ___
freed, the sin - ners find place, the out - cast are wel - comed, God's ___
news, re - pent and re - joice! God's love for us sin - ners brought
gun, in hea - ven made whole; the heirs of the king - dom shall ___



Je - sus we know, and here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
ban - quet to share, and hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
Christ to the cross, our cri - sis of judg - ment for gain or for loss.
an - swer his call and all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God, all in all.

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People

Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

Children ages 7-11 are invited to process out for The Peace Table, returning at the time of communion distribution.



My soul re - joic - es _____ in God, my Sav - ior.

Fine



My spir - it finds its joy in God the liv - ing God. _____

Verses



1. Your mer - cy flows through - out the land
2. You cast the might - y from their thrones
3. Just as you pro - mised A - bra - ham,

D.S. al Fine



and ev - 'ry ge - ne - ra - tion knows your love.
and raise the poor and low - ly to new life.
you come to free your peo - ple, Is - ra - el.

Text: Luke 1: 46-55, Owen Alstott Music: Owen Alstott, ©1984, 1991, OCP Publications, Inc.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

Reading

Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 599 in the Book of Common Prayer.



Lord, who shall be wel-come in your tent? Who may dwell on your ho-ly moun-tain?

Those who walk without blame, those who walk with the righteous,
who speak the truth from their heart: they will stand with the Lord forever. R

Those who do no harm, those who do not hurt their neighbor
who honor those who love the Lord: they will stand with the Lord forever. R

Those who keep their pledge, those who do not take advantage,
they take no bride against the pure: they will stand with the Lord forever. R

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided,

through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn

'Tis the Gift To Be Simple

Hymnal #554

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

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Guy Drake

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.

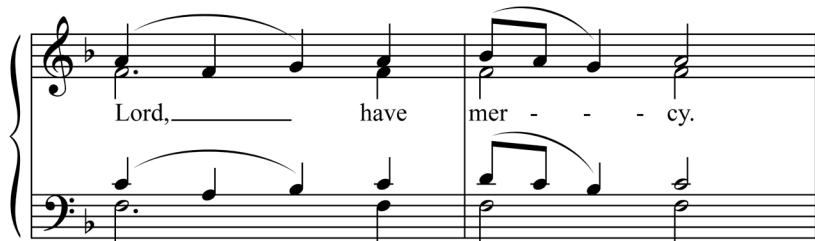
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Deacon You command us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Let us offer prayers for all people in every place.

All sing



Leader For this holy gathering, for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Craig, our Bishop, for all clergy and lay leaders, that we might live with courage and in hope, we pray:

All sing

Lord, have mercy

For mercy, justice, and peace in the world, we pray:

All sing

Lord, have mercy

Leader For our cities in these days of brutality and chaos; for asylum seekers, those in immigrant detention centers, and those living in fear of deportation; for peaceful resistance to all forms of oppression, we pray:

All sing

Lord, have mercy

Leader For elected leaders, that they be filled with wisdom and grace, that their hearts be turned toward compassion, that they respect the dignity of every human being, we pray:

All sing

Lord, have mercy

Leader For ourselves, that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness, we pray:

All sing

Lord, have mercy

Leader In thanksgiving for all the blessings of our lives, for our families and friends, and for our community at St. David's.

Please add your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

we pray:

All sing

Lord, have mercy

Leader For those who travel roads of danger, for the sick, especially ...

Please add your own petitions, silently or aloud.

for the poor, the oppressed, and for all who are lonely, fearful, and anxious, we pray:

All sing **Lord, have mercy**

Leader For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead, especially ...

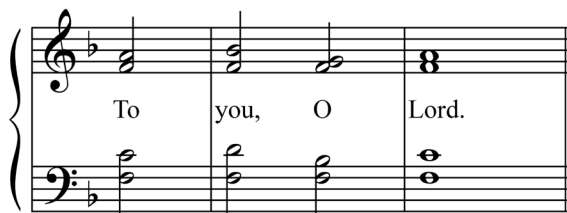
Please add your own petitions, silently or aloud.

we pray:

All sing **Lord, have mercy**

Leader Lifting our voices with all creation, with David and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

All sing



Celebrant God of mercy and kindness, who gave us the great commandment of love, hear the prayers we offer this day and write your word in our mouth and in our heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Confession

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

You are invited to be seated, to kneel or to remain standing.

All **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People

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 brought forward.

Offertory

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Paul McKlveen

Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

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

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

Praise God a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host: Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

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.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

9 Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might.____

17 Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry.____ Ho - san - na in the high-est.____

26 Bles - sed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.____ Ho -
san - na in the high - est,____ ho - san - na in the high-est.____

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Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with David and Non and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 up-on us. _____



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



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

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The Communion

Everyone, without exception and regardless of age or faith tradition, is invited to share in Holy Communion at the Lord's table. If you wish, please come forward to receive the bread and wine. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.

Gluten-free wafers are available. The wine is shared from a common cup; feel free to receive only the bread if you prefer. (For health reasons, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, you can indicate this desire by crossing your arms over your chest.

Communion Anthem

Give Me Jesus

arr. Susan Nelson

Communion Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Musical notation for the hymn 'Lord, I Want to Be a Christian'. It features a treble and bass clef, a key signature of three flats (Bbb), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are provided below the staff.

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart.
2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart.
3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart.
4. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. _____ ,

In my heart, _____ in my heart, _____
 In my heart, _____ in my heart, _____
 In my heart, _____ in my heart, _____
 In my heart, _____ in my heart, _____

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart. _____
 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart. _____

African-American Spiritual

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 **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

Want to read more about what's going on at St. David's?
Scan this QR code to access the Weekly News:



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

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
verses 1 - 4

Hymnal #556

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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