



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist | April 26, 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 flowers today are given by the Very Rev. Katherine Lewis
in celebration of the life of her father, Jim Lewis.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

We Gather in God's Name

Prelude

People of God, Flock of the Lord



Peo - ple of God, flock of the Lord, Al - le-lu-ia, sing to the Lord.

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Opening Hymn

Now the Green Blade Riseth

Hymnal #204

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.

The musical score is written on ten staves in a single system. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for children's voices. The lyrics are written below the notes. There are three-measure rests indicated by a '3' over a bracket. The score ends with a double bar line.

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.
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone___ are the Lord.
You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the
glo - ry of God___ the Fath - er. A - men.

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Collect of the Day

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

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

Please be seated.

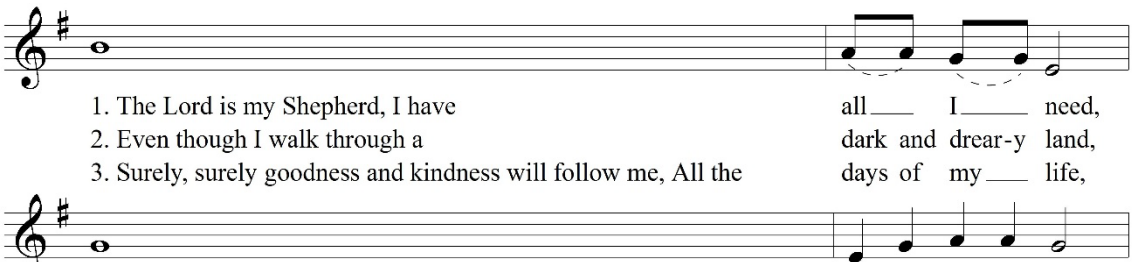
Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

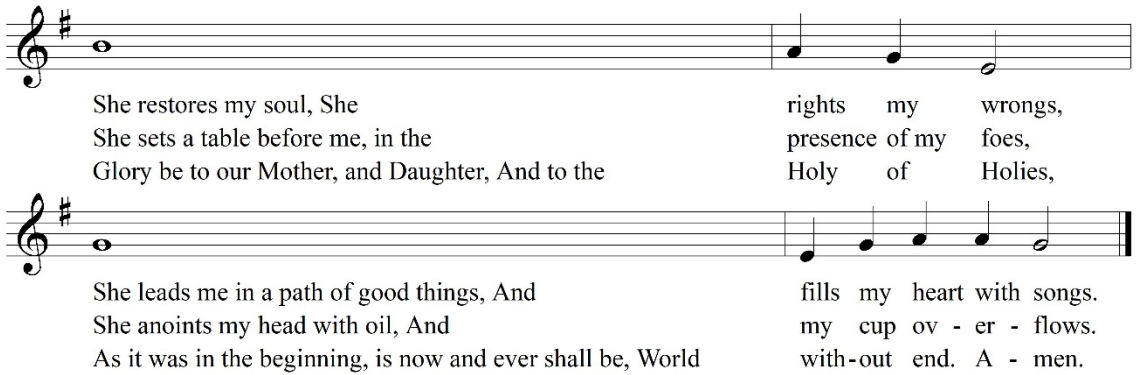
Psalm 23

At 8:00, the psalm can be found on page 612 of the Book of Common Prayer.



1. The Lord is my Shepherd, I have all ____ I ____ need,
2. Even though I walk through a dark and drear-y land,
3. Surely, surely goodness and kindness will follow me, All the days of my ____ life,

She makes me lie down in green meadows, Beside the still wa - ters, She will lead.
There is nothing that can shake me, She has said She won't forsake me, I'm in her hand.
And I will live in her house Forever, for ev - er and ev - er.



She restores my soul, She rights my wrongs,
 She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes,
 Glory be to our Mother, and Daughter, And to the Holy of Holies,
 She leads me in a path of good things, And fills my heart with songs.
 She anoints my head with oil, And my cup overflows.
 As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World with-out end. A - men.

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Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
 and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

Gospel Hymn

Easter Alleluia

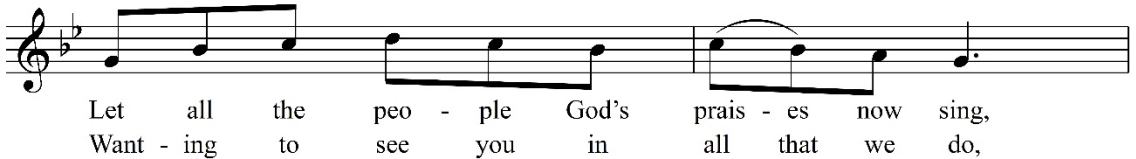
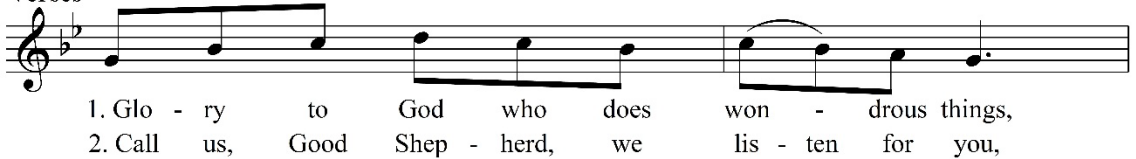
Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Hymn and reading of the Gospel.

Refrain

Fine



Verses



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The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Deacon
People

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Lindsay Hardin Freeman

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.

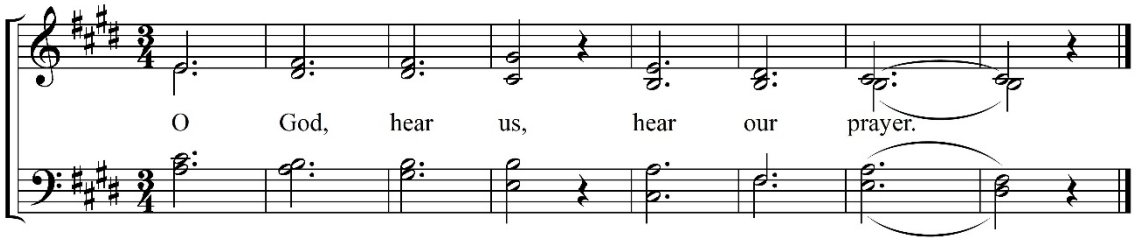
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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

From the tomb of pain and death, Jesus rises to deliver hope and redemption. We offer our prayers to the God of life.



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Leader

We pray for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our Presiding Bishop, Craig our bishop, for all clergy, for the people of St. David's, and for all who love their neighbors and themselves.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

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.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

We pray for peace, especially in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Iran, Sudan, and all places where war and violence steal life and hope; for justice and wisdom so that every human being is seen as created in your divine image.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

We pray for victims of discrimination, poverty, despair, and brutality. We pray for love and healing.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who suffer from all kinds of sickness and injury, especially...

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

We honor their strength and courage, and we pray they may know your healing and peace.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

We pray in thanksgiving for those who were confirmed at St. Mark's Cathedral yesterday, Ally Carda and Cooper Hensley, and for those received into the Episcopal Church, Bruce Schnack, Dayle Schnack, and Mary Stratton.

(Please offer your own thanksgivings, silently or aloud.)

We celebrate the Body of Christ as we deepen our roots of faith.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

We pray for the dead and the dying, especially...

(Please offer your own petitions, silently or aloud.)

We pray that they may know the depth of your love and the assurance of your presence.

All sing

O God hear us, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Creator God, source of all life: receive our prayers and strengthen us to walk in your ways, as we hold firm to the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ, 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

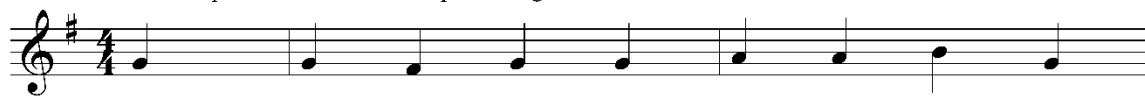
Please stand, as you are able, while the offerings of bread and wine are brought forward.

Offertory

Rejoice in God, All Earthly Lands (Psalm 100)

Verses 3 & 4 are sung in canon. Join in on any part.

Wait until all parts are finished before proceeding to the next verse.



1. Re - joice in God, all earth - ly lands, and
2. Know this: we serve the Ho - ly One, to
*3. Like sheep, we wan - der with - out aim un -
*4. On God, our Mak - er, we de - pend for



lift your hands in song and prayer. De - light to live by
whom our rest - less souls be - long. We have our breath through
less our shep - herd's voice is heard. In trust we call up -
love that's gra - cious, strong, and sure. God's faith - ful - ness shall



God's com - mands; sing joy - ful prais - es ev - 'ry - where.
God a - lone, to whom we raise our grate - ful song.
on God's name for dai - ly bread and gra - cious word.
nev - er end; from age to age it shall en - dure.

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Doxology

Please stand as you are able.



Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, And wor-ship God in hum-ble -



ness, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O praise the Fa-ther, praise the



Son, And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n__ and
earth__ are full__ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed 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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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,

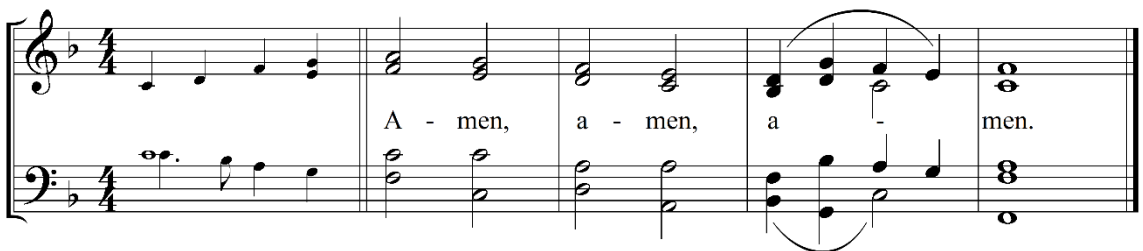
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**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

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.

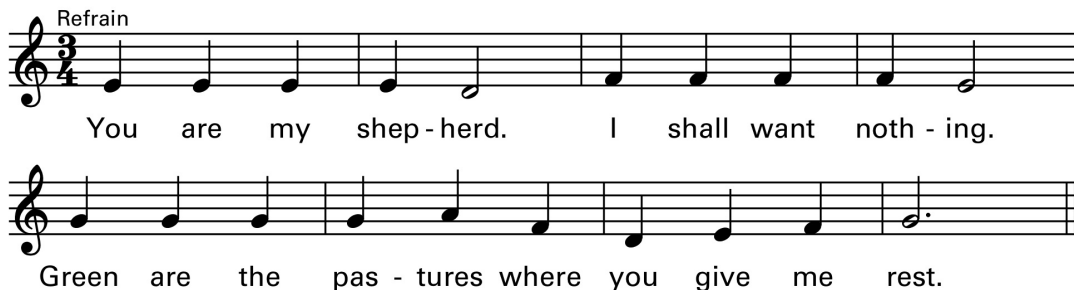
Be_ known to_ us, Lord Je - sus, in the break-ing of the bread.

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The Communion

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.

You Are My Shepherd

Verses

1. Restful waters where you lead me
to revive me, comfort my soul.
2. You will guide me on the right path;
you are always true to your name.
3. Though I stumble in the darkness,
you are with me; no evil I fear.
4. Surely goodness, loving kindness
will be with me all of my days.
5. In your presence life abundant,
dwelling with you forevermore.

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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

Want to read more about what's going on at St. David's?
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The Blessing

Departing

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing

Hymnal #334

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

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