

The Second Sunday after Christmas

Holy Eucharist | January 4, 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 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

A New Year Carol

Benjamin Britten

Here we bring new water from the well so clear
For to worship God with, this happy New Year
*Sing levy dew, sing levy dew, the water and the wine;
The seven bright gold wires and the bugles that do shine.*

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her toe,
Open you the West Door, and turn the Old Year go.
Sing levy dew...

Sing reign of Fair Maid, with gold upon her chin,
Open you the East Door, and let the New Year in.
Sing levy dew...

Opening Hymn

Brightest and Best

Hymnal #118

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant To us a child is born: O come let us adore him.
Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Angels We Have Heard on High
verses 1 and 3

Hymnal #96

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear and Respond to God's Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame, those with child and
those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the LORD.

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

Psalm 84 *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* **Hymnal #517**

At 8:00, the psalm can be found at page 707 in the Book of Common Prayer.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

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

Gospel Hymn *Once in Royal David's City* Hymnal #102

verses 1 and 2

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

The Gospel

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

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

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

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Celebrant 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

(All sing) **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Let us pray for those who have died. Especially we pray for ... and for those who have died from gun violence, war, and poverty. We look for your light of life in our sorrow, grief and loss.

(All sing) **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Please offer your own prayers, silently or aloud.

(All sing) **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

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

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

Jesus Entered Egypt



1. Je-sus en - tered E - gypt flee - ing Her - od's hand, liv - ing as an
2. Je-sus was a mi - grant liv - ing as a guest with the friends and
3. Je-sus cross - es bor - ders with the wand - 'ring poor, Search - ing for a



a - lien in a for - eign land. Far from home and coun - try
stran - gers who could of - fer rest. Do we hold wealth light - ly
re - fuge, for an o - pen door. Do our words and ac - tions



with his fa - mi - ly, was there room and wel - come for this re - fu - gee?
so that we can share shel - ter with the home - less, and a - bun - dant care?
an - swer Je-sus's plea: "Give the low - ly wel - come, and you wel - come me"?

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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.

Now to the Lord sing prais - es, all you with - in this place, and
with true love and cha - ri - ty each oth - er now em - brace; This ho - ly tide of
Christ - mas shall bring re - deem - ing grace. O tid - ings of com - fort and
joy, com - fort and joy, O tid - ings of com - fort and joy!

The Great Thanksgiving

Remain standing as you are able.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

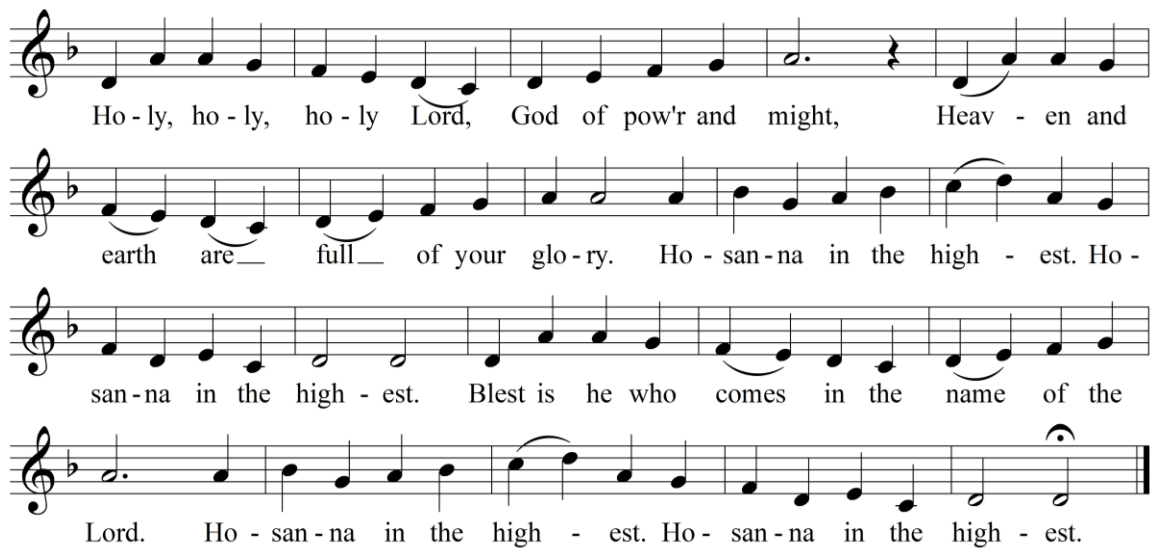
We lift them to the Lord.

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 gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfectly human of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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'r and might, Heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blest is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

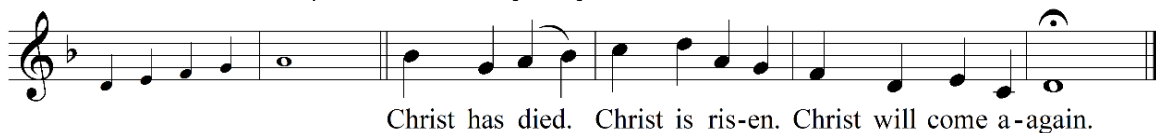
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and 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:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a-again.

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.

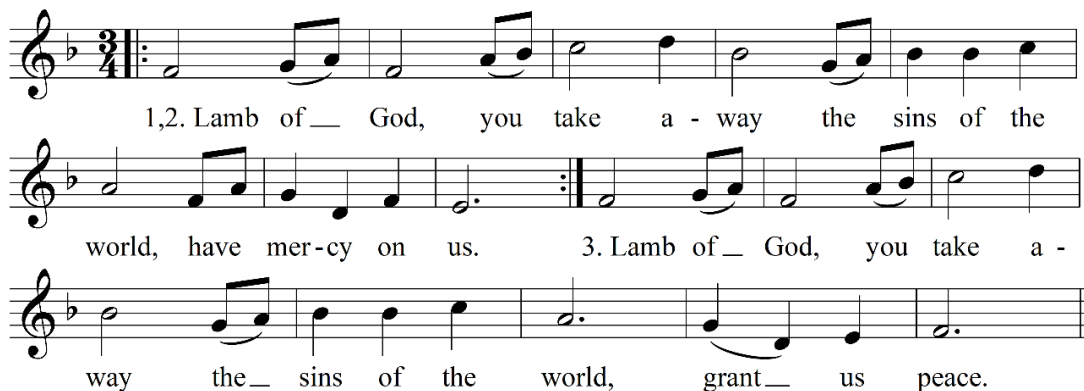
All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.



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



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 Hymns

What Child Is This?

Hymnal #124

Mary's Child

Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home;
Coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.

Clear shining light, Mary's Child, your face lights up our way;
Light of the world, Mary's Child, dawn on our darkened day.

Hope of the world, Mary's Child, you're coming soon to reign;
King of the earth, Mary's Child, walk on our streets again.

Born in the night, Mary's Child, a long way from your home;
Coming in need, Mary's Child, born in a borrowed room.

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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

Jesus, the Light of the World



1. Hark, the her - ald an - gels sing,
2. Joy - ful all ye na - tions rise,
3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace!



Je - sus, the light of the world.



1. Glo - ry to the new - born king,
2. Join the tri - umph of the skies;
3. Hail the Sun of Right - eous - ness!



Je - sus, the light of the world. We'll



walk in the light, beau-ti - ful light, come where the dew-drops of



mer - cy shine bright. Oh, shine all a - round us by



day and by night, Je - sus, the light of the world.

Text and music: George Elderkin, verses by Charles Wesley

Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Christmas flowers are given by:

- *Diane Curley in memory of Harrison & Dorothy Cary*
- *Anna & Erik Belz-Brock in memory of Carole Birch*
- *Mary Ellen Gardiner in memory of Peggy & Bill Gardiner*
- *Maureen Golden in memory of Tom Golden*
- *Virginia Haggart in memory of Ned Sorely, Harold Sorely, Mary Gale Smith, William L. Haggart, Marjorie R. Haggart, Tessa Bridal, James Simpson, and Steve Fisher*
- *Bill & Barbara Hise in thanksgiving for Matthew, Sydney, Will, and Nathan*
- *Gretchen Lord in memory of John and Dot Overbaugh*
- *Kimberly Lopac in memory of Charlie Lopac*
- *LaMar Popp in memory of Ed and Clara Popp*
- *Marty Scott in memory of Len and Mary Korbel, Collin Scott, and Lee Korbel*
- *Dan Schowengerdt and Jane Welch*
- *Roger Sonneysyn in celebration of missions for the local poor*
- *Becky Sweely in thanksgiving for family, friends, & the wonderful St. David's community*
- *Launa Tucker in thanksgiving for the St. David's family*
- *The Tsuchiya family in thanksgiving for children and grand children*
- *The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis in thanksgiving for the people of St. David's*

UPCOMING WORSHIP

Epiphany - Sunday, January 11 – one 9:30 service of Holy Eucharist with a special visit from the Magi

On Epiphany, we will be collecting goods for our annual "baby shower" for Reach and Restore, a nonprofit connecting people with needs to people with resources.

Here's an updated list of needs for this year:

- Baby Diapers (in small and larger sizes)
- Adult Winter Coats
- Winter Shoes - Hiking, Gym and Boots (all sizes/ ages)
- Sweatshirts and pants all sizes
- Underwear- all sizes - conservative in style and no graphics
- Socks- Boys
- Kitchen Utensils
- Can Openers
- Pots and Pans
- Cookie Sheets, 9x13 and 8x8 pans
- Dish Sets
- Cereal Bowls and Mixing Bowls
- Measuring Cups and Spoons
- Toasters, Crock Pots, Coffee Makers
- Kitchen Towels, Oven Mitts, Washcloths and Sponges
- Bed Sheets
- Women's Hygiene Products
- Razors, Shampoo, Soap, Body Wash, Toothpaste,
- Kid Toothbrushes
- Bath Towel Sets
- Shower Liners and Rings
- Basic Cleaning Products and Supplies
- Dollar Tree Gift Cards
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Gallon and Quart Size Kitchen Storage Bags for donated food
- Volunteers - flexible in nature

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