

*"The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down
in green pastures;*

*he leads me beside
still waters;*

*he restores my soul."
Psalm 23:1-3a*

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist | March 15, 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.

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 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

Opening Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky

Hymnal #7

Please stand as you are able.

A Penitential Order

Celebrant Wherever we travel
People **God is with us**

Celebrant Wherever we settle
People **God is in our midst**

Celebrant Whatever is ahead of us
People **God is there before us**

Celebrant Blessed be the God of our salvation:
People **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God, our neighbor and ourselves.

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.**

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

Kyrie

Please stand as you are able.

Children ages 3-6 are invited to process out for Godly Play, returning at the time of communion distribution.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Chri - ste e - lei - son.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in 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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

Psalm 23

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



Fresh and green are the pastures where you give me repose.
Near restful waters you lead me to revive my drooping spirit. *Refrain*

You guide me along the right path; you are true to your name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. *Refrain*

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. *Refrain*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

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

divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A Litany of Healing

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;
People **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;
We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;
Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders:
You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:
And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:
Heal us, and make us whole.

Celebrant

Gracious God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, and strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing

All who desire prayers are invited to come forward, forming a single line.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call an - swer me." and "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Music: Jacques Berthier, © 1982, Les Presses de Taizé

When You Call on Me

When you call on me, I will an-swer. I am with you in trou-ble.

When you call, I will an-swer. I am with you. ____

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by dashed lines to indicate phrasing.

Text: Psalm 91:15 ©2025 Roger Stratton

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God

Come, bring your bur-dens to God, come, bring your bur-dens to God,

come, bring your bur-dens to God for Je-sus will nev-er say no.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. The key signature has two sharps (D# and F#) and the time signature is 6/8. The melody is in the treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by dashed lines to indicate phrasing.

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Tune: South African melody; arr. by Welile Sigabi, © 2008, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

Come to Me

Musical score for 'Come to Me' in 2/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Come to me, come to me, weak and heav-y lad-en; lad-en;'

Musical score for 'Come to Me' continuation. The melody is in the treble clef and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'trust in me, lean on me. I will give you rest. give you rest.' The score includes a 'To repeat' section and a 'Last time' section.

Text: Matthew 11:28; John L. Bell, b.1949
 Tune: John L. Bell, b.1949
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Be Still and Know

Musical score for 'Be Still and Know' in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef. The lyrics are: 'Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Be still. Be.'

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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.

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

Offertory

Christ, Be Our Seed

God prints the name of Christ upon the spirit.
God leads the walk through hills and ocean sand.
God wills each one a heritage of riches
and holds all life inside a healing hand.

God is the source of daily health and healing,
God makes us well with medicines of life.
God is the spring, the fountain of thanksgiving,
all words of grace, all faith to heal our strife.

God knows the heart, the reasons we are crying.
God knows the mind, each feeling, new inside.
God knows old dreams, new things we want tomorrow,
God knows the fear a silent soul will hide.

God sends the light to wake the birth of seeding,
and gives old death an Easter day to rise,
God sends the rain, the seasons, then the harvest,
while tunes of glory fill all earth and skies.

Christ be our seed, to grow what God has given;
we do our work, as work in Jesus' name.
We lift our hope, our want, our need before thee.
You healed us then; heal, heal us once again.

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Doxology

Please stand as you are able.

Glo-ry be to God, Cre - a - tor, and to the In - car - nate One,
a - do - ra - tion to the Spir - it, bond of love, in God - head one!
Blest be God by all cre - a - tion while e - ter - nal a - ges run!

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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.

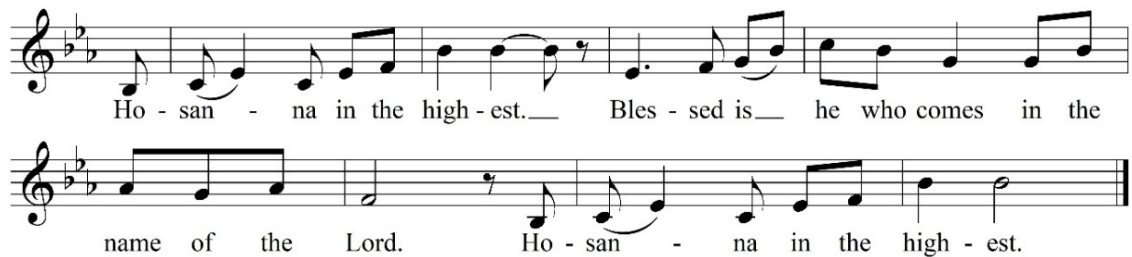
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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 hosts. Heav'n 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.

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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 all 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 - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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.



A - men, a - men.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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



1,2 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Have mer-cy on us.



3 Lamb of _ God, you take a-way the sins of the world. Grant us peace.

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.

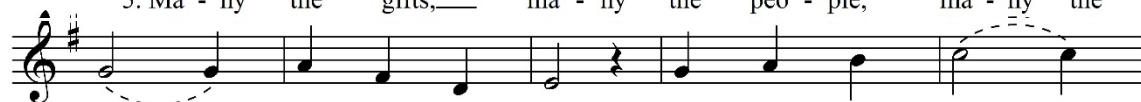
Gluten-free wafers are available. The wine is shared from a common cup; feel free to receive only the bread if you prefer. (For health reasons, we ask that you do not dip the bread in the wine.) If you would like to receive a blessing instead of communion, you can indicate this desire by crossing your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

Communion Hymns

Christ, Be Our Light



1. Long-ing for light,___ we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace,___ our world is troub - led. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food,___ ma - ny are hun - gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel - ter, ma - ny are home - less. Long-ing for
5. Ma - ny the gifts,___ ma - ny the peo - ple, ma - ny the



truth,___ we turn to you. Make us your own,___
hope,___ ma - ny des - pair. Your word a - lone___
wa - ter, ma - ny still thirst. Make us your bread,___
warmth,___ ma - ny are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see._____
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice._____
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed._____
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone._____
to one a - noth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come._____

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. Christ, be our



light! Shine in your church gath - ered to - day._____

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Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart'. It consists of three staves of music in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. Below the first staff are three numbered verses of lyrics. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The lyrics are: 1. E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal
2. E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal
3. Un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed
hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal pow'r, be my sup -
bright - ness, make me see; e - ter - nal Spir - it, give me
by your ho - ly word, at last I come be - fore your
port, e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise. _____
breath; e - ter - nal Sav - ior, come to me: _____
face to know you, my e - ter - nal God. _____

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Prayer after Communion

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?
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The Blessing

Departing

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved and set me free!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved,
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
3. The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
4. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come,
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
5. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Dismissal

Deacon
People

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

St. David's newcomer Deb Cooper wrote this poem in the aftermath of the bombing of the girls' school in Iran after seeing images of all the small coffins. The name of the school is Shajareh Tayyebah, which translates to "Good (or pure, sacred or blessed) Tree".

Minab

I want the names
of all the girls.

I want their faces.

I want to see the promise
that each father saw
when he looked
into her eyes

the hope
in every mother's heart,
stirred into bowls
of soup or rice

in every good night kiss,
each blanket tucked.

I want to know what
woke each daughter
in the night

what might've soothed her

what made each daughter
stomp her feet
in rage

the trick to calm her.

I want the sound
of every single voice.

I want it singing,
laughing,
whispering a prayer.

I want it calling
and her mother came.

I want it calling
and her mother came.

I want that it had
been that way

not this.

I want the way
that each small hand
would feel in mine

if she were living

her quiet heartbeat
in my palm,
safe.

I want to brush
the tangles
from her hair

and hers.

I want to wash
each face.

I want to know
her favorite place

the dress she danced in

what she kept
inside her pocket,
what it meant.

I want to know
what it meant.

I want to know
what for.

I want to know
what for?

Tell me.

I dare you to try.

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