



## **Second Sunday of Advent**

Holy Eucharist | December 8, 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.

# 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.

**Please note, this service is livestreamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.**

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*This painting represents John the Baptist beginning the prophecy of Isaiah "preparing the way of the Lord." The two horizontal yellow lines are the valleys being filled and the mountains being made low, both representing preparation. John the Baptist, the "voice on one crying in the wilderness" is seen here moving to the waters of baptism with the glory of God welling up in the sky like a storm. Advent is not just wistful longing but active preparation.*

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## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

### We Gather in God's Name

**Prelude**

*Advent Promise*

*arr. Paige*

### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Please stand as you are able.*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true:



Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets  
 but in our days you speak through your Son  
 whom you have appointed the heir of all things.  
 Grant us, your people, to walk in his light  
 that we may be found ready and watching  
 when he comes again in glory and judgement;  
 for you are our light and our salvation.



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## Opening Hymn

## *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who  
 4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se's tree, an  
 to thy tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst  
 em - blem of thy peo - ple be; be - fore thee rul - ers  
 give the law in cloud and ma - jes - ty and awe.  
 si - lent fall; all peo - ple on thy mer - cy call.  
 Re - joice! Re - joice! 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 7-11 are invited to process out for The Peace Table, 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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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

## Baruch 5:1-9


Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,  
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.  
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;  
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;  
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.  
For God will give you evermore the name,  
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."  
Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;  
look toward the east,  
and see your children gathered from west and east  
at the word of the Holy One,  
rejoicing that God has remembered them.  
For they went out from you on foot,  
led away by their enemies;  
but God will bring them back to you,  
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.  
For God has ordered that every high mountain  
and the everlasting hills be made low  
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,  
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.  
The woods and every fragrant tree  
have shaded Israel at God's command.  
For God will lead Israel with joy,  
in the light of his glory,  
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## Canticle: The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

At 8:00, the canticle can be found at page 92 in the Book of Common Prayer.



1. Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, Who comes in love and  
2. Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant God res - cues us from  
3. In ten - der mer - cy, God will send The day-spring from on

pow'r, Who rais - es from the roy - al house De -  
fear, That we might live in ho - li - ness and  
high, Our ris - ing sun, the light of life For

li - v'rance in this hour. Through ho - ly pro - phets  
peace from year to year. And you, my child, shall  
those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our

God has sworn to free us from a - larm, To save us from the  
go be - fore, to - preach, to pro - phe - sy, That all may know the  
way to peace, That death shall reign no more. Sing prais - es to the

hea - vy hand Of all who wish us harm.  
ten - der love, The grace of God most high.  
Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore.

Text: Luke 1: 68-79, Ruth Duck, ©1992 GIA Publications, Inc. Music: FOREST GREEN

## Second Reading

## Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all

of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Hymn**

*On Jordan's Bank  
verses 1, 2 & 5*

Hymnal #76

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

## **The Gospel**

### **Luke 3:1-6**

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

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## The Sermon

The Very Rev. Katherine Lewis

### 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.



God a-mong us, hear us, hear our prayer!

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.*

## Offertory

*Wiegenleid, (Cradle Song)*

*arr. Young*

## 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.**

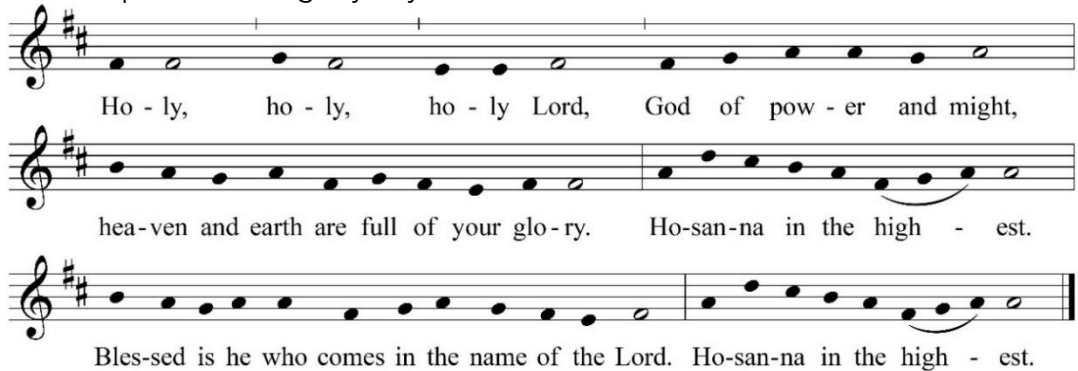
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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

*Prepare the Way, O Zion*



Pre- pare the way, O Zi- on, — Pre- pare the way of the Lord.

Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, — pre - pare! —

1. Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!
2. Every valley shall be filled, every mountain made low.
3. The glory of the Lord shall be revealed.
4. Go up onto a high mountain, herald of glad tidings.
5. Say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God!

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## Communion Anthem

*There's a Star in the East*

*arr. Young*

## **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.**

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

### **Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

**Departing**                      *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*                      Hymnal #75

### **Dismissal**

Deacon            Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
People            **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**                      *As Lately We Watched*                      *arr. Kinyon*

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