



June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Morning Prayer, Rite Two

*Welcome to*  
**St. David's Episcopal Church**

# The Word of God

*The Officiant says:*

**BCP 78**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 1:2*

## **Hymn In Procession**

**God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest** (*Russia*)

**H 569**

- 1) God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest  
thunder thy clarion, the lightning thy sword;  
show forth thy pity on high where thou reignest:  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
- 2) God the All-merciful! earth hath forsaken  
thy ways all holy, and slighted thy word;  
bid not thy wrath in its terrors awaken:  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
- 3) God the All-righteous One! earth hath defied thee;  
yet to eternity standeth thy word,  
falsehood and wrong shall not tarry beside thee:  
give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
- 4) God the All-provident! earth by thy chastening  
yet shall to freedom and truth be restored;  
through the thick darkness thy kingdom is hastening:  
thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

## **Confession of Sin**

**BCP 79**

*The Officiant says to the people:*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in

heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling:*

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.

*The Officiant remains kneeling and says:*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **The Invitatory and Psalter**

**BCP 80**

*Please stand.*

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The earth is the Lord's, for he made it: Come let us adore him.

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks giving, \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- ‡5 The sea is his and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

*(Gloria Patri may be added)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, \*  
and to the Holy Spirit:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, \*  
and will be for ever. Amen. [Ant.]

‡Second half of double chant.

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; \*

*before the gods I will sing your praise.*

<sup>2</sup> I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, \*

*because of your love and faithfulness;*

<sup>3</sup> For you have glorified your Name \*

*and your word above all things.*

<sup>4</sup> When I called, you answered me; \*

*you increased my strength within me.*

<sup>5</sup> All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*

*when they have heard the words of your mouth.*

<sup>6</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*

*that great is the glory of the Lord.*

<sup>7</sup> Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*

*he perceives the haughty from afar.*

<sup>8</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*

*you stretch forth your hand against the fury of  
my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.*

<sup>9</sup> The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
*O Lord, your love endures for ever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.*

## The Lessons

**Old Testament:**

1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15

A Reading from the First book of Samuel.

<sup>4</sup>All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, <sup>5</sup>and said to him,

“You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.”

<sup>6</sup>But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.”

Samuel prayed to the LORD, <sup>7</sup>and the LORD said to Samuel,

“Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them.

<sup>8</sup>Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you.

<sup>9</sup>Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

<sup>10</sup>So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said,

“These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; <sup>12</sup>and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots.

<sup>13</sup>He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers.

<sup>14</sup>He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers.

<sup>15</sup>He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.

<sup>16</sup>He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work.

<sup>17</sup>He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves.

<sup>18</sup>And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

<sup>19</sup>But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said,

“No! but we are determined to have a king over us,  
<sup>20</sup>so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

<sup>14</sup>Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.”



<sup>15</sup>So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

**First Canticle**

**BCP 86**

**Canticle 10: The Second Song of Isaiah**    *Quaerite Dominum / Isaiah 55:6-11*

*Officiant and People together:*

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found;  
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways  
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion,  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens  
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth,  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth;

it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed,  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**New Testament:**

**2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in  
accordance with scripture —“I believed, and so I  
spoke” — we also believe, and so we speak,

<sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord  
Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with  
you into his presence.

<sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it  
extends to more and more people, may increase  
thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer  
nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being  
renewed day by day.

<sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us  
for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure,

<sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what

cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

*Silence may follow.*

## Second Canticle

**BCP 92**

**Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus Dominus Deus / Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

*he has come to his people and set them free.*

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

*born of the house of his servant David.*

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies, \*

*from the hands of all who hate us.*

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

*and to remember his holy covenant.*

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

*to set us free from the hands of our enemies,*

Free to worship him without fear, \*

*holy and righteous in his sight*

*all the days of our life.*

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*  
*for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,*

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*  
*by the forgiveness of their sins.*

In the tender compassion of our God \*  
*the dawn from on high shall break upon us,*

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*  
*and to guide our feet into the way of peace.*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

**The Holy Gospel:**

**Mark 3:20-35**

A Reading from Mark.

<sup>20</sup>The crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and his disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.”

<sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

<sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables,

“How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

<sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.

<sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

<sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” —<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”

<sup>33</sup>And he replied,

“Who are my mother and my brothers?”

<sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said,  
“Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever  
does the will of God is my brother and sister and  
mother.”

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

## Hymn

**Before the Lord's eternal throne** (*Winchester New*)

**H 391**

- 1) Before the Lord's eternal throne,  
ye nations, bow with sacred joy;  
know that the Lord is God alone;  
he can create, and he destroy.
- 2) His sovereign Power without our aid  
formed us of clay and gave us breath;  
and when like wandering sheep we strayed,  
he saved us from the power of death.
- 3) We are his people, we his care,  
our souls, and all our mortal frame:  
what lasting honors shall we rear,  
almighty Maker, to thy Name?
- 4) We'll crowd thy gates with thankful songs,  
high as the heavens our voices raise;  
and earth, with her ten thousand tongues,  
shall fill thy courts with sounding praise.
- 5) Wide as the world is thy command,  
vast as eternity thy love;

firm as a rock thy truth must stand,  
when rolling years shall cease to move.

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

### **Offertory**

*The Officiant says*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

### **Doxology (Old 100<sup>TH</sup>)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

All things come of thee, O Lord,

*And of thine own have we given thee.*

## **The Sermon**

### **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP 96**

*Officiant and People together, all standing:*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The people stand or kneel.*

**BCP 97**

*Officiant*        The Lord be with you.

*People*            And also with you.

*Officiant*        Let us pray.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant and People:*

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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Suffrages

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. *And grant us your salvation.***
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. *Let your people sing with joy.***
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. *For only in you can we live in safety.***
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.***
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. *Your saving health among all nations.***
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.***
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. *And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.***

### A Collect for Sundays

**BCP 98**

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Peace

**BCP 99**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants,

in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Collect for Grace**

**BCP 100**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A Prayer For Mission**

**BCP 100**

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**The Prayers Of The People, Form III**

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Jeff, our priest;

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; David, our mayor; Rob, our town manager; and for all in authority;

*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; especially Lib Eddins, Rev. Len Williams, Shenelle Malloy, Lillian Stubbs, Tammy Watkins Mainwaring, and Dennis Pressley.

*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center; St. Thomas Episcopal Church in North Charleston; Province de L'Eglise Anglicana Du Congo; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare; and those for whom prayers have been requested.

*Please see the Prayer List Insert.*

We remember also our shut-ins, chronically ill, and those who live alone, and any you wish to name aloud or in your heart.

*Members of the congregation may add their own petitions or thanksgivings.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**BCP 101**

*Officiant and People:*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;

but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**BCP 102**

*Officiant and People:*

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

### **Recessional Hymn**

**God of grace and God of glory** (*Cwm Rhondda*)

**H 594**

1) God of grace and God of glory,  
on thy people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient Church's story;  
bring her bud to glorious flower.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour.

2) Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise:  
    grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
    for the living of these days.

3) Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
    Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
    lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4) Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
    Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
    serving thee whom we adore.

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*The officiant says:*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the  
fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. ***Amen.***

*2 Corinthians 13:14*

## Announcements:

- ◆ Last week Fr. Jeff added to the regular worship schedule a **Said Service**; a Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer service with no music, at **8:30 am** on the **first Sunday** of each month. It will not conflict with the Sunday Bible Study group that meets in the Library at 9:30.
- ◆ Our new **Bible Study** recently started. Join us **Sunday mornings at 9:30** as Fr. Jeff and Jeff Buckner lead conversations about various Bible topics. Participate as much or as little as you like; you'll certainly learn something and we hope you'll enjoy the small-group fellowship.
- ◆ Our **Bishop Rt. Reverend Ruth Woodliff-Stanley** is scheduled to visit our church on **September 22, 2024**. This is a special event, and more details will be coming as the day draws near.
- ◆ **St. Francis Day** comes around on **October 4, 2024**, and we are planning have a **Blessing of the Animals**. Details to follow.
- ◆ Join us for our **Social Time** between Sunday School and our service, and again following the service. We'll enjoy a light snack and pleasant chat in the Chapel. This will also help preserve the quiet of the Sanctuary.
- ◆ St. David's Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program, which makes fresh produce available to local citizens at reasonable cost. Get more information at their Facebook page, **FoodShareChesterfield**, or email [foodsharecchc@gmail.com](mailto:foodsharecchc@gmail.com).

Our next delivery dates are:

- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Jun 10**..... pick up on **Thurs., Jun 13** (12:30-3:15)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Jun 24** ..... pick up on **Thurs., Jun 27** (12:30-3:15)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Jul 8** ..... pick up on **Thurs., Jul 11** (12:30-3:15)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Jul 22**.....pick up on **Thurs., Jul 25** (12:30-3:15)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Aug 5** ..... pick up on **Thurs., Aug 8** (12:30-3:15)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Aug 19**..... pick up on **Thurs., Aug 22** (12:30-3:15)



Welcome!

Regardless of whether or not you regularly attend here, we are happy to have you as one of us today! Feel free to come up close, and kneel before our Lord's altar and receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. If you need a gluten-free wafer, then please indicate this to one of the ushers.

Of course, if you prefer to remain seated during Eucharist, we are fine with that as well. We merely hope that your experience with us today is divinely positive and truly meaningful.

As Priest-in-Charge, I would be glad for us to have a conversation during the coffee hour or to have a scheduled appointment for another time. I love answering questions about why we do what we do and about who we are as Episcopalian Christians. If you have a confidential matter to voice, I can be trusted as a priest and as a certified grief counselor.



Again, I am very happy that you have chosen to be with us this day. Feel free to contact me personally. On Sunday afternoons, I am only available for pastoral emergencies.

Blessings, Father Jeff+

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### St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry

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