

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite Two Eucharistic Prayer B

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

Processional Hymn How wondrous and great

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise

Hymnal 533

(Lyons)

- 1) How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways! O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name? Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.
- 2) To nations of earth thy light shall be shown; their worship and vows shall come to thy throne: thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad, till earth's every people confess thee their God.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The following is sung, all standing:

Glory to God

(Canticle 20) (Powell)

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The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Old Testament:

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it,

in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.

I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *

and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

²To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *

and of your faithfulness in the night season;

- ³On the psaltery, and on the lyre, * and to the melody of the harp.
- ⁴For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; * and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.
- ¹¹The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, * and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
- ¹²Those who are planted in the house of the Lord * *shall flourish in the courts of our God;*
- ¹³They shall still bear fruit in old age; *

 they shall be green and succulent;
- ¹⁴That they may show how upright the Lord is, * my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

New Testament:

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

⁶We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—

⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight.

⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences.

¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart.

¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.

¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Hymnal 296

(Engelberg)

- 1) We know that Christ is raised and dies no more. Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold, and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!
- 2) We share by water in his saving death. Reborn, we share with him an Easter life as living members of our Savior Christ. Alleluia!
- 3) The God of splendor clothes the Son with life. The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God. Baptized, we live with God the Three-in-One. Alleluia!
- 4) A new creation comes to life and grows as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.

 The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia! Amen.

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 4:26-34

Please stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head.

²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it;

³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ. People

The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace

Please stand.

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

The Prayers Of The People, Form III

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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 Bob McAlpine and George Ellison. *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. Augustine's Episcopal Church in Wedgefield; Iglesia Anglicana de Chile; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church, St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. Bartholomew'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.

Confession of Sin BCP 359

The Celebrant says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

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 Priest stands and says

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

Please stand.

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

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

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

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth

Hymnal 598

(Mit Freuden zart)



Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentille", 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquiante de David, 1547, and Kirchengesang darinnen die Heubtartickel des Christlichen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing.

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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 him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

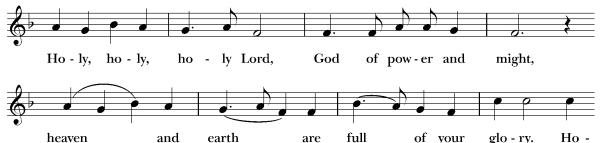
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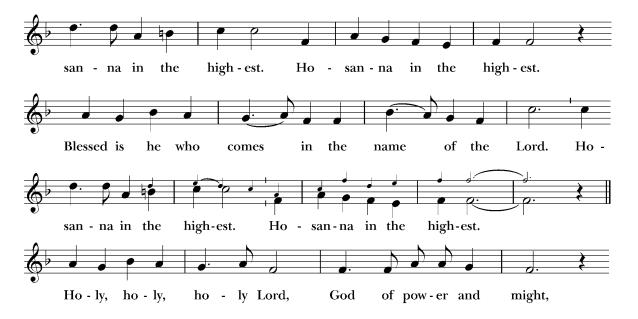
Holy, holy, holy

(Proulx)

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Celebrant and People





The People stand or kneel.

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The Celebrant continues

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

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 St. David and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; 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. *AMEN*.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Celebrant

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Celebrant says:

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist.

You may decline the bread and/or the wine by crossing your arms over your chest when offered to you at the altar. You may also choose to remain seated in your pew.

The Elements of Bread and Wine are distributed.

After Communion, the Celebrant says: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, blesses the people.

Recessional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling (Hyfrydol)

Hymnal 657

- 1) Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
- 2) Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be alway blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 3) Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation

perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Dismissal BCP 366

Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements:

- ◆ Beginning June 2nd, Fr. Jeff, has added to the regular worship schedule a **Said Service**; a Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayer service (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; you can do both!
- ◆ Our **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 you didn't know before, 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. Much-needed details will be available as the date draws nearer.
- ◆ The Vestry has begun long-range planning to do a **BBQ Cooking** on **Oct 19, 2024**, which is during **JazzFest weekend**. The plan is to have tickets sold in advance. There are several variables remaining, so if you would like to be involved in the planning and execution, please speak with Senior Warden Phil Powell or a member of the Vestry.
- ◆ 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 *foodshareche@gmail.com*.

Our next delivery dates are:

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)
Order by 5:00pm Mon. , Sep 2	pick up on Thurs. , Sep 5 (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+

St. David's Episcopal Church Vestry

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