



August 18, 2024

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer, Rite Two

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

The Officiant says:

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

Philippians 1:2

BCP 78

Hymn In Procession

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

Hymnal 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,
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,
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,
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,
serving thee whom we adore.

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

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 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.

¹Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *

in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

³His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

⁴He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

⁵He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

⁶He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

⁷The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

⁸They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

⁹He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *
*those who act accordingly have a good
understanding; his praise endures for ever.*

The Lessons

First Lesson:

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

A Reading from the First book of Kings.

¹⁰David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David.

¹¹The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

¹²So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

^{3:3}Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places.

⁴The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask what I should give you.”

⁶And Solomon said,

“You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in.

⁸And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern

between good and evil; for who can govern this
your great people?”

¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this.

¹¹God said to him,

“Because you have asked this, and have not asked
for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of
your enemies, but have asked for yourself
understanding to discern what is right, ¹²I now do
according to your word.

Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no
one like you has been before you and no one like
you shall arise after you.

¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both
riches and honor all your life; no other king shall
compare with you.

¹⁴If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes
and my commandments, as your father David
walked, then I will lengthen your life.”

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.

Second Lesson:

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,

¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil.

¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves,

singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Hymn

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart (*Slane*)

Hymnal 488

- 1) Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
all else be nought to me, save that thou art, --
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2) Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be;
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.
- 3) High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Third Lesson

John 6:51-58

A Reading from the book of John

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³So Jesus said to them,

“Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day;

⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God

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

The Officiant says

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

Offertory Hymn

O praise ye the Lord (*Laudate Dominum*)

Hymnal 432

1) O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word,
ye angels of light;
ye heavens, adore him
by whom ye were made,
and worship before him,
in brightness arrayed.

2) O praise ye the Lord!
Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord,
all ye of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you
his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you
to sing of his love.

3) O praise ye the Lord!
All things that give sound;
each jubilant chord
re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory
forth tell in deep tone,

and sweet harp, the story
of what he hath done.

4) O praise ye the Lord!
Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured
all ages along!
For love in creation,
for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation,
O praise ye the Lord!

Doxology (*Old 100TH*)

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 V

BCP 389

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop elect; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, especially the staff of St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center; the Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community in Charleston; The Anglican Church of Melanesia; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families; that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust, especially Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; David, our mayor; and Rob, our town manager; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in the Upper Pee Dee region, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, and those for whom prayers have been requested; that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, especially *(See Prayer List Insert)*

For our shut-ins, chronically ill and those who live alone, and any we wish to name aloud or in our heart;

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

...we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church and those whose faith is known to you alone, especially Chad Hinton and Angela Antonucci; that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed St. David and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The officiant 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.

The officiant may offer a blessing

Recessional Hymn

When in our music God is glorified (*Engelberg*)

H 420

- 1) When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried
Alleluia!
- 2) How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!
- 3) So has the Church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Alleluia!
- 4) And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the Light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight,
Alleluia!

5) Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!
Amen.

Dismissal:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements:

- ◆ The first Sunday of each month, 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**. Join us on September 1 when we again have this special service.
- ◆ Our **Bible Chat** continues on **Sunday mornings at 9:30** as Fr. Jeff and Jeff Buckner lead the chat about various Bible topics. Have a cup of coffee, participate as much or as little as you like, and enjoy the small-group fellowship.
- ◆ 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. Francis Day** comes around on **October 4, 2024**, and we are planning have a **Blessing of the Animals**. Details to follow.
- ◆ The South Carolina Jazz Festival, in mid-October, is coming fast. St. David's is scheduled to host an **Afternoon Jazz Concert** on **Sunday, October 20**, at 2:00pm. Further details will be posted as received.
- ◆ 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.

Our next delivery dates are:

- 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)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Sep 16**..... pick up on **Thurs., Sep 19** (12:30-3:00)
- Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Sep 30**pick up on **Thurs., Oct 3** (12:30-3:00)



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

- Phil Powell, Senior Warden
- Sarah Spruill, Junior Warden
- Margaret Plettinger-Mitchell, Secretary
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