



September 8, 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
Eucharistic Prayer A

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

Hymn in Procession

O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)

- 1) O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!
- 2) My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth
abroad the honors of thy Name.
- 3) Jesus! the Name that charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.
- 4) He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.
- 5) Hear him, ye deaf; ye voiceless ones,
your loosened tongues employ;
ye blind, behold, your Savior comes;
and leap, ye lame, for joy!
- 6) Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

The people standing, the Celebrant says

BCP 355

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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1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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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.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

Old Testament:

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,

and favor is better than silver or gold.

²The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.

⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

⁹Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.

²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;

²³for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

¹Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, *

which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

²The hills stand about Jerusalem; *

so does the Lord stand round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

³The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *

so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.

⁴Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good *

and to those who are true of heart.

⁵As for those who turn aside to crooked ways, the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; *

but peace be upon Israel.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?

²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in,

³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,”

⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor.

Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors.

¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.”

Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.

¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you?

¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food,

¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that?

¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn
Surely it is God who saves me



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the



Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

VERSE

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

REFRAIN

VERSE

Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN

VERSE

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,
ring out your joy,
For the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN (sung twice)

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 7:24-37

Please stand.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there.

Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet.

²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

²⁷He said to her,

“Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.”

²⁸But she answered him,

“Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.”

²⁹Then he said to her,

“For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.”

³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue.

³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,

“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”

³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.

³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying,

“He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace

The Nicene Creed

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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 VI

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In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; Christ Episcopal Church in Denmark SC; The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma); the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; and St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare staff and families;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Justin, the archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding bishop; Sean, our presiding bishop elect; Ruth, our bishop; Jeff, our priest; and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, 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.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

The Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader and People:

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

in your compassion forgive us our sins,

known and unknown,

things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

BCP 360

The Celebrant 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

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

Precious Lord Take My Hand

1. Pre-cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand— I am
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near— When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thro' the storm, thro' the night, Lead me
 life is al - most gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light— Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand lest I fall— Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

All things come of thee, O Lord,
And of thine own have we given thee.

**The Great Thanksgiving
 Eucharistic Prayer A**

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Please remain standing.

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:

Celebrant and People:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy (*Schubert/Proulx*) **Hymnal S 130 / BCP 362**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, _____ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, _____ hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues:

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:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

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.**

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP 363

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.

If you require a gluten-free wafer or if you find it difficult to get to the altar and would like to receive communion at your seat, please let an usher know.

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

All people that on earth do dwell

Hymnal 377

- 1) All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.
- 2) Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid he did us make:
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.
- 3) O enter then his gates with praise,
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his Name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
- 4) For why? the Lord our God is good,
his mercy is for ever sure;

his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

5) To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
the God whom heaven and earth adore,
from men and from the angel host
be praise and glory evermore.

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements:

- ◆ This weekend, grandparents everywhere will be standing in the gap together for our grandchildren, just as Esther stood in the gap for her people in a desperate time. Join us at **9:00 tomorrow** morning in the Parish Hall for St. David's School's **Grandparent's Day** to join with other grandparents in prayer for the sake of the next generations. (There could be doughnuts involved.)
- ◆ The **School Board** will have their next regular meeting on **Monday, September 9**, at 4:00pm. If you have questions contact Vickie Buckner.
- ◆ The annual Big **St. David's School Flower Sale** is underway! See the bulletin board by the Parish Office for details, or see Jimmy Carol Avent.
- ◆ Fr Jeff will be away next week, **Sept. 15**, but we'll still have church. Plan to join us for a service of **Morning Prayer** led by members of the lay worship team. See Jeff Buckner, Sally Powell, or Fr Jeff.
- ◆ There will be a **Parish Meeting** on **Sunday, Sept. 22**, right after church. Vestry will report, and elect delegates to Diocesan convention. Depending on the condition of the grills, Rob Wolfe and his brother *may* be barbecuing a pig on September 21, overnight into the 22nd, so hopefully that will be the main course for lunch. We'll need sides and desserts.
- ◆ 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., 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)
Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Oct 14**..... pick up on **Thurs., Oct 17** (12:30-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Oct 28** pick up on **Thurs., Oct 31** (12:30-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm **Mon., Nov 11**.....pick up on **Thurs., Nov 14** (12:30-3:00)

◆ **St Francis Day** blessing of the animals is coming on **Saturday, October 5**, from 10:30 to 11:30. More details will follow shortly.

◆ The South Carolina Jazz Festival comes in mid-October. Old St. David's Church, just a few blocks from our current church home, is scheduled to host an **Afternoon Jazz Concert** on **Sunday, October 20**, at 2:00pm. Further details will be posted as received.



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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