



September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

The Officiant says:

BCP 78

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

Psalm 122:1

Hymn In Procession

Rise up, ye saints of God (*Festal Song*)

Hymnal 551

1) Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

2) Rise up, ye saints of God!
His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love
and end the night of wrong.

3) Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

Please stand.

BCP 80

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.

Antiphon

The Officiant says:

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

Invitatory

Venite

Psalm 95:1-7 BCP 80

Officiant and People together:

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The Psalter:

Psalm 19

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, *

and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *

the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
*then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.*

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

At the end of the Psalm is sung or said:

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.

The Lessons

First Lesson:

Proverbs 1:20-33

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

²⁰Wisdom cries out in the street;
in the squares she raises her voice.

²¹At the busiest corner she cries out;
at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

²²“How long, O simple ones, will you love being
simple?

How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing
and fools hate knowledge?

²³Give heed to my reproof;
I will pour out my thoughts to you;
I will make my words known to you.

²⁴Because I have called and you refused,
have stretched out my hand and no one
heeded,

²⁵and because you have ignored all my counsel
and would have none of my reproof,

²⁶I also will laugh at your calamity;
I will mock when panic strikes you,

²⁷when panic strikes you like a storm,
and your calamity comes like a whirlwind,
when distress and anguish come upon you.

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

James 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

²For all of us make many mistakes.

Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

³If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies.

⁴Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire.

The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

⁷For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

⁸but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

⁹With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs?

No more can salt water yield fresh.

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

Silence may follow.

Hymn

The Church's one foundation (*Aurelia*)

Hymnal 525

1) The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
 from heaven he came and sought her
 to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her,
 and for her life he died.

2) Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 one holy Name she blesses,
 partakes one holy food,
 and to one hope she presses,
 with every grace endued.

3) Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
 yet saints their watch are keeping,
 their cry goes up, "How long?"

and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4) Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

5) Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

Third Lesson:

Mark 8:27-38

A Reading from Mark.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of
Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his
disciples,

“Who do people say that I am?”

²⁸And they answered him,

“John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

²⁹He asked them,

“But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answered him,

“You are the Messiah.”

³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said,

“Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them,

“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

The Sermon

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

Offertory Hymn

Take my life, and let it be *(Hollingside)*

Hymnal 707

1) Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

 Take my hands, and let them move
 at the impulse of thy love;
 take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

2) Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

 Take my will, and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

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 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

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, B

BCP 98

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your Name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Collect of the Day

BCP 98

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace

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

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 Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all

the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Prayer For Mission

BCP 100

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

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; especially Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston; the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion); 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.

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

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand *(National Hymn)* Hymnal 718

1) God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2) Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3) From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4) Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

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

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Announcements:

- ◆ 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.
- ◆ There will be a **Parish Meeting** on **Sunday, Sept. 22**, right after church. Vestry will report, and will elect delegates to Diocesan convention. Rob Wolfe and his brother are planning to barbecue a pig on September 21, overnight into the 22nd, so 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)
- ◆ In honor of **St Francis Day**, we will have a blessing of the animals on **Saturday, October 5**, at 10:00. Lemonade and light refreshments will be served. This is to be a community event, so invite your friends and neighbors. 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+

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