



September 22, 2024

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

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

The Word of God

Hymn in Procession

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation **Hymnal 390**

(Lobe den Herren)

- 1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:
join the great throng,
psaltery, organ, and song,
sounding in glad adoration.
- 2) Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen
how all thou needest hath been
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3) Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love doth befriend thee.
- 4) Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly for ever adore him.

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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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, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

First Reading:

Proverbs 31:10-31

A Reading from the book of Proverbs.

¹⁰A capable wife who can find?
 She is far more precious than jewels.

- ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
- ¹²She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
- ¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
- ¹⁴She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
- ¹⁵She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
- ¹⁶She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- ¹⁷She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
- ¹⁹She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
- ²⁰She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.

- ²¹She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- ²²She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- ²³Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- ²⁴She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- ²⁵Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
- ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
- ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- ²⁸Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
- ²⁹“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”
- ³⁰Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

³¹Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Psalter:

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the wicked, *

*nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!*

²Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *

and they meditate on his law day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not
wither; *

everything they do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so with the wicked; *

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, *

nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

New Testament:

James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you?

Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth.

¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish.

¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind.

¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy.

¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.⁴

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from?

Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder.

And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts.

You do not have, because you do not ask.

³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God.

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Silence may follow.

Gradual Hymn

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord (*Lyons*)

Hymnal 637

1) How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2) "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3) "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4) "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5) "The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 9:30-37

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples] passed through Galilee.

He did not want anyone to know it;³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,

“The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

“What were you arguing about on the way?”

³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.

³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,³⁷

“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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; especially the Church of North India (United); 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.

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.

The Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.

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. **BCP 376**
Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

Sing praise to God who reigns above (*Mit Freuden zart*) **Hymnal 408**

1) Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,

the God of our salvation;
with healing balm my soul he fills,
and every faithless murmur stills:
to God all praise and glory.

2) What God's almighty power hath made,
his gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade
his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of his might,
lo! All is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory.

3) Let all who name Christ's holy Name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who know his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
the Lord is God, and he alone:
to God all praise and glory.

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 Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A**

BCP 361

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

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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

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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 praise to thee, for thou, O King divine (*Engelberg*)

Hymnal 477

1) All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine.
Alleluia!

2) Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought;
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought.
Alleluia!

3) Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
who wast a servant that we might be free,
humbling thyself to death on Calvary.
Alleluia!

4) Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.
Alleluia!

5) Let every tongue confess with one accord
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
and God the Father be by all adored.
Alleluia! Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of
the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

- ◆ There will be a **Parish Meeting** today, **Sunday, Sept. 22**, right after our 10:30 church service. 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.
- ◆ The annual Big **St. David's School Flower Sale** is underway! Orders need to be received by **Monday, September 23**. See the bulletin board by the Parish Office for details, or see Jimmy Carol Avent.
- ◆ In honor of **St Francis Day**, we will have a **Blessing of the Animals** on **Saturday, October 5**, at 10:00. We'll meet outside, on the Market Street side of the yard. Lemonade and light refreshments will be served. This is to be a community event, so invite your friends and neighbors.
- ◆ The South Carolina Jazz Festival comes in mid-October. Historic 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**, featuring Mark Rapp, whose trio performed a wonderful concert in our current church last year. They will present "Bebop's Ballads & Blues" beginning at 2:00pm. This is a Free Concert; tell your friends!
- ◆ 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 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)



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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