

October 2, 2024

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

Welcome to
St. David's Episcopal Church

WELCOME VISITOR!

Welcome to St. David's! We are so glad that you have joined us today.

Is this your first time at St. David's or any Episcopal church? Our services change somewhat from week to week and from season to season, but in general this is what you can expect on a typical Sunday.

- We acknowledge our sins and ask for forgiveness, out loud and together.
- We look to Holy Scripture for guidance and usually hear four Bible passages every Sunday; one from the Old Testament, one from the Book of Psalms, one from the New Testament, and one from the Gospels. Members of the congregation generally read all of them except the Gospel, which is read by the Priest, and the sermon is normally based on one of the Scripture passages.
- We declare our faith, publicly, speaking the words of either the Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed.
- We do a lot of praying, out loud and together. Many of the prayers, drawn from the Book of Common Prayer, are led by members of the congregation rather than clergy.
- Most Sundays we receive Holy Communion as a tangible reminder that Christ died for all and all are welcome to receive communion at St. David's.

Episcopalians are comfortable with a wide variety of physical expressions of devotion during worship. You may see people bowing, making the sign of the cross, kneeling or standing.

In general, we sit to listen and learn, we stand to praise God in song and to affirm our faith, and we kneel or sit (or stand!) to pray. You should feel free to participate in whatever way is comfortable for you.

You will find three important books at each pew: a black Holy Bible, a blue hymnal, and a red Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. You are invited to spend a little time in reading or reflection. Aside from the Sermon, all of the service, compiled from these three sources, is contained in this leaflet. All you need to do is follow along and join in.

Confused and need a buddy? Any of us will be happy to help you find your way.

There are Connect Cards in front of you; please feel free to use them to communicate if you like, or linger after service so we can greet you personally.

Again, we are glad to have you with us today and hope to see you back at St. David's soon.

The Word of God

Hymn in Procession O worship the King, all glorious above, vv. 1-3, 5

Hymnal 388

(Hanover)

- 1) O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love! Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
- 2) O tell of his might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3) The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old, hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 5) Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; thy mercies, how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

The people standing if able, the Celebrant says:

BCP 355

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

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

Amen.

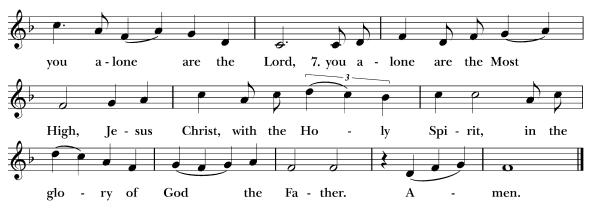
The Celebrant may say:

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:





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The Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Old Testament:

Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10

A Reading from the book of Job.

¹There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

^{2:1}One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD.

²The LORD said to Satan,

"Where have you come from?"

Satan answered the LORD,

"From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it."

³The LORD said to Satan,

"Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason."

⁴Then Satan answered the LORD,

"Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. ⁵But stretch out your hand now and

touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face."

⁶The LORD said to Satan,

"Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

⁷So Satan went out from the presence of the LORD, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. ⁸Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him,

"Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die."

¹⁰But he said to her,

"You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?"

In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

The Psalter: Psalm 26

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; * *I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.*

- ²Test me, O LORD, and try me; * *examine my heart and my mind.*
- ³For your love is before my eyes; * *I have walked faithfully with you.*
- ⁴I have not sat with the worthless, *
 nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- ⁵I have hated the company of evildoers; * *I will not sit down with the wicked.*
- ⁶I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, * that I may go in procession round your altar,
- ⁷Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving * and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸LORD, I love the house in which you dwell * and the place where your glory abides.
- ⁹Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
 nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

- ¹⁰Whose hands are full of evil plots, *

 and their right hand full of bribes.
- ¹¹As for me, I will live with integrity; *

 redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
- ¹²My foot stands on level ground; *

 in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.

New Testament:

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,

²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds.

³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control.

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father.

For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,

in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

The head that once was crowned with thorns, vv.1-3 Hymnal 483 (St. Magnus)

- 1) The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glory now; a royal diadem adorns the mighty victor's brow.
- 2) The highest place that heaven affords is his, is his by right, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's eternal Light;
- 3) the joy of all who dwell above, the joy of all below, to whom he manifests his love and grants his name to know.

The Holy Gospel:

Mark 10:2-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according

to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked,

"Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

³He answered them,

"What did Moses command you?"

⁴They said,

"Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

⁵But Jesus said to them,

"Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female. ⁷For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them,

"Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them,

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop Ruth, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy.*

For the leaders of the nations, especially for Joe, our president; Henry, our governor; Rob, our Town Manager; and David, our mayor, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in the upper Pee Dee region, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the particular 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.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Bobby Rogers and Dean Jackson, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of St. David and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

Silence

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

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:

BCP 376

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Psalm 50:14

Offertory Hymn My song is love unknown, vv.1-2, 6-7 (Love Unknown) Hymnal 458

1) My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.

O who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

2) He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow, but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.

But O my friend, my friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend.

6) In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have; in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.

> What may I say? Heaven was his home; but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

7) Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine;

never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.

This is my friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

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 B

The People 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.

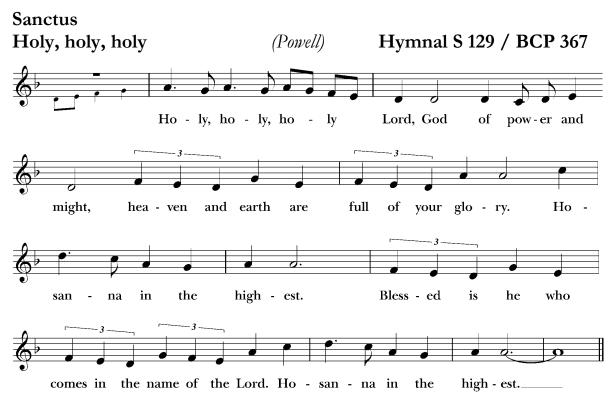
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

BCP 367

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:



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

BCP 364

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

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

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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 hail the power of Jesus' Name, vv.1-3, 6 (Coronation) Hymnal 450

- 1) All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!
- 2) Crown him, ye martyrs of our God, who from his altar call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!
- 3) Hail him, the Heir of David's line, whom David Lord did call, the God incarnate, Man divine, and crown him Lord of all!
- 6) Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Dismissal BCP 366

Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements:

- ◆ The great St. David's Daycare & Preschool Flower Sale was a tremendous success! Sales were in excess of our most optimistic predictions; so much so that delivery was delayed while our supplier hustled to fill the order. THANK YOU to everyone who ordered flowers and helped to further beautify the Prettiest Town in Dixie.
- ◆ 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 *foodsharechc@gmail.com*. Our upcoming delivery dates are:

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)
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Order by 5:00pm Tue., Nov 19... pick up on Tues., Nov 26 (12:30-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon., Dec 16... pick up on Thurs., Dec 19 (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

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