



December 29, 2024

First Sunday after Christmas
Morning Prayer Rite I

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. This is followed by an assurance that all our sins are indeed forgiven through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- We look to Holy Scripture for guidance and usually hear four Bible passages; 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 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; none of these gestures are expected of visitors. It's a personal choice.

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. Again, it's a personal choice. 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

The Officiant says:

Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ
the Lord.

Luke 2:10, 11

Hymn in Procession:

GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE (*In dulci jubilo*)

Hymnal 107

1) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today;
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.

Christ is born today!

Christ is born today!

2) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye hear of endless bliss;
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He hath opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.

Christ was born for this!

Christ was born for this!

3) Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save!

Christ was born to save!

Confession of Sin

BCP 41

The Officiant says to the people:

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and People together, all kneeling:

Almighty and most merciful Father,

*we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our
own hearts,*

we have offended against thy holy laws,

*we have left undone those things which we ought to
have done,*

*and we have done those things which we ought not to
have done.*

But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,

spare thou those who confess their faults,

restore thou those who are penitent,

*according to thy promises declared unto mankind
in Christ Jesus our Lord;*

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

*that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
to the glory of thy holy Name.*

Amen.

The Officiant remains kneeling and says:

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Please stand.

BCP 42

Officiant: O Lord, open thou our lips.

People: *And our mouth shall show forth thy 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.

Jubilate

*O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.*

*Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; *
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.*

*O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise; *
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.*

*For the Lord is gracious;
his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.*

A Reading from the book of Psalms.

¹³Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;

¹⁴For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.

¹⁵He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

¹⁶He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.

¹⁷He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

¹⁸He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?

¹⁹He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

²⁰He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

²¹He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments.
Hallelujah!

*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.*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*



The Lessons

Canticle 3: The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

BCP 50
Luke 1:46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord, *
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded *
the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth *
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, *
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him *
throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; *
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, *
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, *
*as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed for ever.*

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.

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

^{62:1} For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

² The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Second Lesson

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

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

²³Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and
guarded under the law until faith would be revealed.

²⁴Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until
Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

²⁵But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject
to a disciplinarian.

^{4:4}But when the fullness of time had come, God sent
his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

⁵in order to redeem those who were under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.

⁶And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit
of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

⁷So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child
then also an heir, through God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 105

GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN (*God Rest You Merry*)

1) God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ our Savior
was born on Christmas Day,
to save us all from Satan's power
when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy!

2) From God our heavenly Father
a bless'd angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same:
how that in Bethlehem was born
the Son of God by name.

Refrain

3) "Fear not, then," said the angel,
"Let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Savior
of a pure virgin bright,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's power and might."

Refrain

4) Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,

and with true love and charity
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
doth bring redeeming grace.

Refrain

Third Lesson:

John 1:1-18

A Reading from John.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

²He was in the beginning with God.

³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,

¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

¹⁸No one has ever seen God.

It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart,
who has made him known.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

BCP 53

Officiant and People together, all standing:

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.*

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

*He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.*

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

*I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

The Peace

Officiant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: ***And also with you.***

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

Announcements

The Officiant says:

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalms 96: 8-9

Offertory Hymn

OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN (*Divinum mysterium*) **Hymnal 82**

- 1) Of the Father's love begotten,
ere the worlds began to be,
he is Alpha and Omega,
he the source, the ending he,
of the things that are, that have been,
and that future years shall see,
evermore and evermore!
- 2) O that birth for ever bless'd,
when the Virgin, full of grace,
by the Holy Ghost conceiving,
bore the Savior of our race;
and the Babe, the world's Redeemer,
first revealed his sacred face,
evermore and evermore!
- 3) Let the heights of heaven adore him;
angel hosts, his praises sing;

powers, dominions, bow before him,
and extol our God and King;
let no tongue on earth be silent,
every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore!

4) Christ, to thee with God the Father,
and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving,
and unwearied praises be;
honor, glory and dominion,
and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore!

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.*



The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 54

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 55

V. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage;

R. *Govern them and lift them up for ever.*

V. Day by day we magnify thee;

R. *And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.*

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;

R. *O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.*

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;

R. *As our trust is in thee.*

V. O Lord, in thee have I trusted;

R. *Let me never be confounded.*

Collect of the Day

BCP 56

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them;

that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word,

we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,

which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;

who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Collect for Sundays

BCP 56

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Peace

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord,
in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,
whose service is perfect freedom:

Defend us, thy humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies;
that we, surely trusting in thy defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries;
through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Grace

BCP 56

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power;

and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger;
but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer For Mission

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

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially; Sean, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Jeff, our priest;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
for Joe, our president; Donald, our president-elect; Henry, our governor;
Rob, our town manager; and David, our mayor, and for all in authority;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially; all priests and
deacons, retired clergy, spouses and surviving spouses of The Diocese of
South Carolina; The Episcopal Church; the congregations of St. David's
Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; the staff and families
of St. David's Episcopal School & Daycare; and those for whom prayers
have been requested.

Please see the Prayer List Insert.

We remember also our shut-ins, chronically ill, and those who live alone,
and any you wish to name aloud or in your heart.
Members of the congregation may add their own petitions or thanksgivings.

The Officiant adds a suitable Collect.



The General Thanksgiving

BCP 58

Officiant and People:

*Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all men.*

*We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

BCP 59

Officiant and People:

*Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord
to make our common supplication unto thee,*

and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son

that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us;

granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen* *Ephesians 3:20-21*

The Officiant may offer a blessing.

Recessional Hymn

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING (*Mendelssohn*)

Hymnal 87

1) Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!

Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim
Christ is born in Bethlehem!

[*Refrain:*]

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King!

2) Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb.

Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail the incarnate Deity.
Pleased as man with man to dwell;
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Refrain

3) Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth.

Risen with healing in his wings,
light and life to all he brings,
hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!***

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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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