



January 12, 2025

The First Sunday after the Epiphany
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:

The Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 60:3

Hymn in Procession:

SONGS OF THANKFULNESS AND PRAISE (*Salzburg*)

Hymnal 135

- 1) Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
 branch of royal David's stem
 in thy birth at Bethlehem;
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 2) Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding-guest,
in thy Godhead manifest;
 manifest in power divine,
 changing water into wine;
 anthems be to thee addressed,
 God in man made manifest.
- 3) Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight,
quelling all the devil's might;

manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill;
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in man made manifest.

4) Manifest on mountain height,
shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe
thy transfigured glory saw.

When from there thou leddest them
steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest
God in man made manifest.

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. Alleluia. Amen.*

The Lord hath manifested forth his glory: O come, let us adore him.

- 1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, *
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- 3 For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are all the corners of the earth, *
and the strength of the hills is his also.
- †5 The sea is his and he made it, *
and his hands prepared the dry land. [Ant.]
- 6 O come, let us worship and fall down *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
- 7 For he is the Lord our God, *
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand. [Ant.]
- 8 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, *
and with righteousness to judge the world
and the peoples with his truth. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be added)

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. [Ant.]



¹Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

²Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *

worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

³The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;

the God of glory thunders; *

the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *

the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

⁵The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *

the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *

and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

⁷The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;

the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *

the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

⁸The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *

and strips the forests bare.

⁹And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King forevermore.

¹¹The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
*the Lord shall give his people the blessing of
peace.*

*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:

Isaiah 43:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.

²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.

³For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

⁴Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.

⁵Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;

⁶I will say to the north, “Give them up,”
and to the south, “Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—

⁷everyone who is called by my name,

whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle: A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine*
Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34

BCP 49

*Blessed art thou, O Lord God of our fathers; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Blessed art thou for the name of thy Majesty; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Blessed art thou in the temple of thy holiness; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

Blessed art thou that beholdest the depths,
*and dwellest between the Cherubim; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Blessed art thou on the glorious throne of thy kingdom; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Blessed art thou in the firmament of heaven; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

*Blessed art thou, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; **
praised and exalted above all for ever.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶

(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus).

¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Hymnal 686

1) Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2) Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3) Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Third Lesson:

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

A Reading from Luke.

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying,

“I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

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

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER, VV.I, 2, 4 (*Hanson Place*)

1) Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

[*Refrain*]

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

2) On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day.

Refrain

4) Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

Refrain

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.

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,
People: *And of thine own have we given thee.*



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.*

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. *And grant us thy salvation.*
- V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. *For only in thee can we live in safety.*
- V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. *And guide us in the way of justice and truth.*
- V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. *Thy saving health among all nations.*
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. *Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.*
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. *And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.*

The Collect of the Day

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Officiant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit:

Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;

who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *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; Stephen,
Archbishop of York; 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; especially Jimmy Carter and Jim Wilson;
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; The Church of the Province of West Africa; 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 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.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.* *Romans 15:13*

The Officiant may offer a blessing.

Recessional Hymn

Hymnal 448

O LOVE, HOW DEEP, HOW BROAD, HOW HIGH, VV.1-3, 6

(Deus tuorum militum)

1) O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
how passing thought and fantasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

2) For us baptized, for us he bore
his holy fast and hungered sore;
for us temptations sharp he knew;
for us the tempter overthrew.

3) For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought:
by words and signs and actions, thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

6) All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad;
the Trinity whom we adore
for ever and for evermore.

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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Announcements:

- ◆ The **Homelessness Work Group** will meet on this **Tuesday, January 14**, in our Parish Hall. The meeting begins at **6:00PM**, and anyone interested in this challenging problem is welcome to attend.
- ◆ The Diocese will take part in the **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade** in Charleston on **Monday, January 20**. Members and friends from any congregation are welcome to participate; just reach out to Rev. McCall, at rmccall@episcopalchurchsc.org so we know to expect you. If walking is not feasible, we can enter a car or two in our group and help coordinate rides. The parade starts at 9 am on Monday, January 20, at Burke High School, and concludes at Mother Emanuel AME Church on Calhoun Street. Everyone traveling with our group should arrive by 8 am.
- ◆ Following the January 26 service, there will be a **reception** for **Fr Jeff Wallace**. Details will be provided in coming days.
- ◆ St. David’s Episcopal Church is a distribution point for the Chesterfield County **FoodShare** program. Get more information at their Facebook page, **FoodShare-Chesterfield**, or email foodsharecchc@gmail.com. Our upcoming delivery dates are:

Order by 5:00pm **Mon, Jan 20**.....pick up on **Thurs., Jan 23** (12:15-3:00)
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Order by 5:00pm **Mon, Apr 14**pick up on **Thurs., Apr 17** (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm **Mon, Mar 28**..... pick up on **Thurs., May 1** (12:15-3:00)

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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