

January 26, 2025

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Holy Eucharist Rite II - Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Hymn in Procession CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S TRUE LIGHT (St. Joan)

Hymnal 542

- I) Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation, the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.
- 2) In Christ all races meet, their ancient feuds forgetting, the whole round world complete, from sunrise to its setting:

 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall forsake their fear, to ploughshare beat the sword, to pruning-hook the spear.
- 3) One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

The people standing, the Celebrant says:

BCP 355

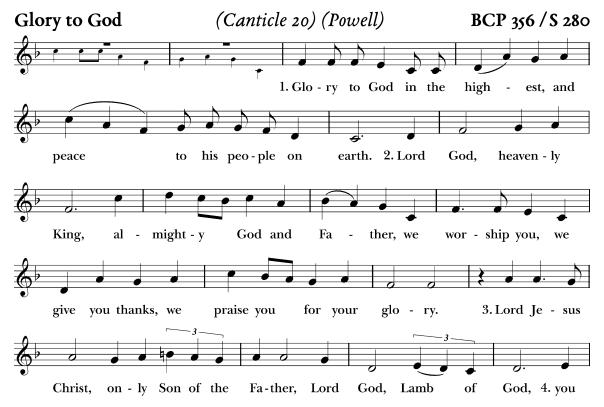
Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

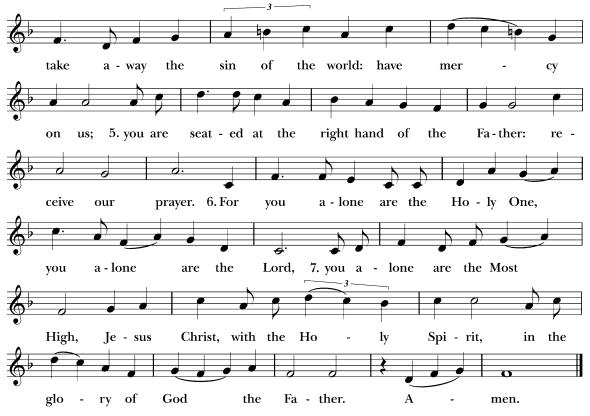
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The Lessons

Old Testament:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Nehemiah.

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month.

³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand;

and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

'And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered,

"Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands.

Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people,

"This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep."

For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law.

¹⁰Then he said to them,

"Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalter:

Psalm 19/BCP 606

¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *

and the firmament shows his handiwork.

²One day tells its tale to another, *

and one night imparts knowledge to another.

³Although they have no words or language, * and their voices are not heard,

⁴Their sound has gone out into all lands, *

and their message to the ends of the world.

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

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;

it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

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

nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

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

 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom

 to the innocent.
- ⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *

 the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives

 light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *

 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous
 altogether.
- ¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *

 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- "By them also is your servant enlightened, *

 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²Who can tell how often he offends? * cleanse me from my secret faults.
- ¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *

 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

New Testament:

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body

—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

15If the foot would say,

"Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,"

that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁶And if the ear would say,

"Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,"

that would not make it any less a part of the body.

¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be?

If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.

¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be?

²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

²¹The eye cannot say to the hand,

"I have no need of you,"

nor again the head to the feet,

"I have no need of you."

²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with

greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect;

²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body,

giving the greater honor to the inferior member,

²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but
the members may have the same care for one another.

²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;
if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers?

Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Hymnal 533

HOW WONDROUS AND GREAT THY WORKS, GOD OF PRAISE

- I) How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise! How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways! O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name? Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.
- 2) To nations of earth thy light shall be shown; their worship and vows shall come to thy throne: thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad, till earth's every people confess thee their God.

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 4:14-21

Please stand.

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Luke.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom.

He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down.

The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him.

²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Reverend Jeff Wallace

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

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 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 Donald, our president; 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 Saluda Johnson; 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, St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Kingstree; The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; 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 Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

The Celebrant says:

BCP 359

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.

I John 1: 8, 9

The Deacon or Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 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.

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The Holy Communion

The Celebrant says:

BCP 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory Hymn

For the bread which you have broken (Omni die) Hymnal 341

I) For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.

- 2) By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.
- 3) As our bless'd ones adore you, seated at our Father's board, may the Church still waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.
- 4) In your service, Lord, defend us; in our hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you send us let your kingdom come, O Lord.

Doxology

(Old 100^{TH})

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 Great Thanksgiving

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.

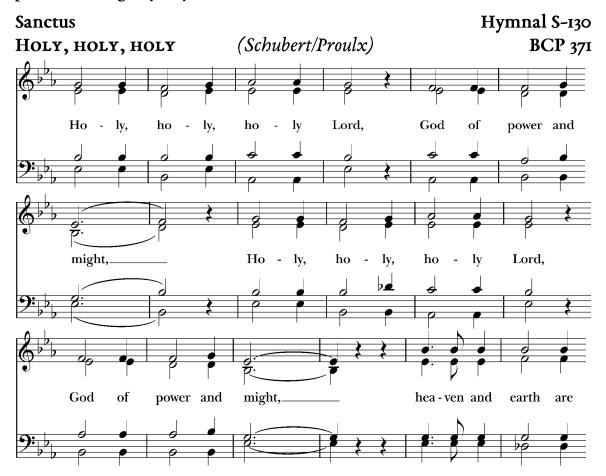
Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds:

BCP 361

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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

BCP 362

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

BCP 363

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

BCP 363

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

BCP 364

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.

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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 Thou, whose almighty word (Moscow)

Hymnal 371

- I) Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light!
- 2) Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind, let there be light!
- 3) Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight! Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place, let there be light!

4) Holy and bless'd Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might; boundless as ocean's tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world, far and wide, let there be light!

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

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Announcements:

- ◆ Following today's service, there will be a reception for Fr Jeff Wallace in the Parish Hall. Please join us in bidding farewell to Fr. Jeff.
- ◆ The Homelessness Work Group will meet again in our Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:00pm, if you have an interest in this ministry.
- ◆ It is pretty far out in the misty future, but mark your calendar for Sunday, April 13 (Palm Sunday), when Bishop Ruth will again visit St. David's Episcopal Church.
- ◆ 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:



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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