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February 23, 2025

The Seventh 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:

I was glad when they said unto me, “We will go into the house of the Lord.”

*Psalm 122:1*

# Hymn in Procession: Hymnal 390

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation

# *(Lobe den Herren)*

1) Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation:  
join the great throng,  
psaltery, organ, and song,  
sounding in glad adoration.

2) Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth:  
borne as on eagle-wings, safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen  
how all thou needest hath been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3) Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy way and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee;  
ponder anew  
what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4) Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen  
sound from his people again;  
gladly for ever adore him.

# 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**

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| 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.*

# Invitatory: BCP 45

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.

# Psalm: *Confitebor tibi* Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 / BCP 633 & 636

1Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
 ***do not be jealous of those who do wrong.***

2For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
 ***and like the green grass fade away.***

3Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
 ***dwell in the land and feed on its riches.***

4Take delight in the Lord, \*  
 ***and he shall give you your heart’s desire.***

5Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
 ***and he will bring it to pass.***

6He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
 ***and your just dealing as the noonday.***

7Be still before the Lord \*  
 ***and wait patiently for him.***

8Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
 ***the one who succeeds in evil schemes.***

9Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
 ***do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.***

10For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
 ***but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.***

11In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
 ***you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.***

12But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
 ***they will delight in abundance of peace.***

41But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
 ***he is their stronghold in time of trouble.***

42The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
 ***he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,  
 because they seek refuge in him.***

*At the end of the Psalm is sung or said:*

***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:  Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

3Joseph said to his brothers,

“I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?”

But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

4Then Joseph said to his brothers,

“Come closer to me.”

And they came closer. He said,

“I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt.

5And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life.

6For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.

7God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

8So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

9Hurry and go up to my father and say to him,

‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

10You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

11I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ”

15And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* ***Thanks be to God***

# Canticle:

# The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce, Deus* Isaiah 12:2-6

***Surely, it is God who saves me; \****

***I will trust in him and not be afraid.***

***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \****

***and he will be my Savior.***

***Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \****

***from the springs of salvation.***

***And on that day you shall say, \****

***Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;***

***Make his deeds known among the peoples; \****

***see that they remember that his Name is exalted.***

***Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \****

***and this is known in all the world.***

***Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \****

***for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.***

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \****

***as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

# Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 5:35-38, 42-50

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

35Someone will ask,

“How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”

36Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

37And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.

38But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

42So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable.

43It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power.

44It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body.

45Thus it is written,

“The first man, Adam, became a living being”;

the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

46But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual.

47The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

48As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven.

49Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

50What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this:

flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord

*People:* ***Thanks be to God***

**Hymn**

# I come with joy to meet my Lord *(Land of Rest)* Hymnal 304

1) I come with joy to meet my Lord,  
forgiven, loved, and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall  
his life laid down for me.

2) I come with Christians far and near  
to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love  
in Christ's communion bread.

3) As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,  
each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one,  
and strangers now are friends.

4) And thus with joy we meet our Lord.  
His presence, always near,  
is in such friendship better known:  
we see, and praise him here.

5) Together met, together bound,  
we'll go our different ways,  
and as his people in the world,  
we'll live and speak his praise.

# Third Lesson: Luke 6:27-38

A Reading from Luke.

[Jesus said,] 27“I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

29If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

30Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. 31Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.

33If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same.

34If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

35But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return.

Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High;

for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

36Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

37“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven;

38give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap;

for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

*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**  Hymnal 593

**Hymn Lord, make us servants of your peace** *( Dickinson College)*

1) Lord, make us servants of your peace:  
where there is hate, may we sow love;  
where there is hurt, may we forgive;  
where there is strife, may we make one.

2) Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
where all is night, may we sow light;  
where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3) Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek  
to be consoled, but to console,  
nor look to understanding hearts,  
but look for hearts to understand.

4) May we not look for love's return,  
but seek to love unselfishly,  
for in our giving we receive,  
and in forgiving are forgiven.

5) Dying, we live, and are reborn  
through death's dark night to endless day:  
Lord, make us servants of your peace,  
to wake at last in heaven's light.

# 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.***

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The Prayers

The people stand or kneel.

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| 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 A BCP 55

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.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth: Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ’s sake, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, now and for 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

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 Roy, 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; especially those in the area of the Los Angeles fires, the western North Carolina storms, and in Gaza and Ukraine;

***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; the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Summerville; Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil; 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 concluding collect.*

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# 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.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. ***Amen****. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

The Officiant may offer a blessing.

# Recessional Hymn

# Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *(Beecher)*

1) Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

2) Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.

Thee we would be alway blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

3) Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:

changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

# 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:

**u** 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 us.

**u** 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, Feb 17** pick up on **Thurs., Feb 27\*** (12:15-3:00)

Order by 5:00pm **Mon, Mar 3** pick up on **Thurs., Mar 6** (12:15-3:00)

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

\* *Delivery delayed one week due to weather forecast.*

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Welcome!

First established in Cheraw in 1768, St. David’s Episcopal Church is a welcoming and inclusive congregation that seeks to love and serve both God and our neighbor.

We offer vibrant liturgy based on the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church, and we believe in a loving, liberating, and life-giving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Our motto is: ***All are Welcome - No Exceptions***. We mean this. None of us are without sin, none are perfect. But all are welcome here.

We also have a Daycare / Preschool which welcomes children from six weeks up to four years of age. To learn more about it, contact the Director, Jimmy Carol Avent, at the number below.

And don’t forget about our Church Chat time, 9:30 Sunday mornings in the Library room. It’s a casual and friendly discussion of Bible passages, usually starting with one of the day’s Scripture readings.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, we invite you to worship with us at 10:30 am each Sunday for a time of Christian fellowship.

**St. David’s Episcopal Church Vestry**

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