

March 9, 2025

First Sunday in Lent 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.

A Lenten Discipline

- Pope Francis, 2022

- 1. Fast from hurting words and say kind things.
- 2. Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
- 3. Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- 4. Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- 5. Fast from worries and trust in God.
- 6. Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- 7. Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- 8. Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- 9. Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- 10. Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- II. Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

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The Word of God

The Officiant says:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:8, 9

Hymn in Procession:

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS (Aus der Tiefe rufe ich) Hymnal 150

- 1) Forty days and forty nights thou wast fasting in the wild; forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.
- 2) Should not we thy sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain, fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with thee to suffer pain?
- 3) Then if Satan on us press, Jesus, Savior, hear our call! Victor in the wilderness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
- 4) So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be; round us, too, shall angels shine, such as ministered to thee.
- 5) Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by thy side; that with thee we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

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.

The Officiant remains kneeling and says:

Amen.

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

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.

Officiant:

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: O come, let us adore him.

Invitatory:

Venite

BCP 42

- O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

 let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our sal vation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanks giving, * and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. [Ant.]
- For the Lord is a great God, *

 and a great King a bove all gods.
- 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 pre pared the dry land. [Ant.]
 - 6 O come, let us worship and fäll 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.
- 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 be ginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. A men. [Ant.]

Psalm:

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

²He shall say to the LORD,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *

my God in whom I put my trust."

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *

and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰There shall no evil happen to you, *

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

"For he shall give his angels charge over you, *

to keep you in all your ways.

- ¹²They shall bear you in their hands, *

 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- ¹³You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *

 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
 under your feet.

¹⁴Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; * I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

At the end of the Psalm is 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:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

'When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess,

and you possess it, and settle in it,

²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you,

and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him,

"Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the LORD your God:

"A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors;

the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

⁸The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders;

⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me."

You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God.

"Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Canticle:

BCP 50

The Song of Zechariah (Benedictus Dominus Deus)

Luke 1:68-79

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, *
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;

- And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us * in the house of his servant David,
- As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, * which have been since the world began:
- That we should be saved from our enemies, * and from the hand of all that hate us;
- To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, * and to remember his holy covenant;
- To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, * that he would give us,
- That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies * might serve him without fear,
- In holiness and righteousness before him, * all the days of our life.
- And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, *
 for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
 to prepare his ways;
- To give knowledge of salvation unto his people * for the remission of their sins,
- Through the tender mercy of our God, *
 whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;
- To give light to them that sit in darkness

and in the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way 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 forever. Amen.

Second Lesson: Romans 10:8b-13

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

8b"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim);

⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

¹¹The scripture says,

"No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

¹³For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Hymn



Third Lesson: Luke 4:1-13

A Reading from Luke.

[After his baptism,] 'Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, 'where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.

³The devil said to him,

"If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."

⁴Jesus answered him,

"It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

'Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him,

"To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.

7If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸Jesus answered him,

"It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him,

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered him,

"It is said,

'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

13When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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 705

As those of old their first fruits brought, vv. 1, 3 (Forest Green)

I) As those of old their first fruits brought of vineyard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today our first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.

3) With gratitude and humble trust we bring our best to thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with all humanity.

O thou who gavest us thyself in Jesus Christ thy Son, help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.

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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

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	. * *	The Lord be with you.	
Peo	_	And with thy spirit.	
Off	iciant:	Let us pray.	
The Lord's Prayer			BCP 54
Off	iciant and	People:	
(Our Fathe	er, who art in heaven,	
	hallou	ved be thy Name,	
	thy ki	ngdom come,	
	thy w	ill be done, on earth as it is in heaven.	
Give us this day our daily bread.			
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	as we	forgive those who trespass against us.	
And lead us not into temptation,			
	but de	liver us from evil.	
1	and th	is the kingdom, be power, and the glory, r and ever. Amen.	
Suffrages A			BCP 55
v.	O Lord,	show thy mercy upon us;	
R.		nt us thy salvation.	
v.	Endue th	y ministers with righteousness;	
R.	_	ke thy chosen people joyful.	
v.	Give pead	ce, 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.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

BCP 56

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

Collect for Sundays

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*.

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

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

Lord, have mercy.

For all the clergy and people, especially; Stephen, Archbishop of York; Sean, our presiding bishop; Ruth, our bishop; and Roy, our priest; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald, our president; Henry, our governor; Rob, our town manager; and David, our mayor, and for all in authority; let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live in the upper Pee Dee, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering;

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

for the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina; The Anglican Church of Canada; the congregations of St. David's Anglican Church and St. David's Episcopal Church; for 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.

And also for our shut-ins, chronically ill and those who live alone, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially John Robert "Robbie" Laney, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord. *Lord, have mercy*.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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 Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church

Hymnal 149

I) Eternal Lord of love, behold your church
Walking once more the pilgrim way of Lent
Led by your cloud by day, by night your fire
Moved by your love and towards your presence bent
Far off yet here- the goal of all desire

- 2) So daily dying to the way of self So daily living in your way of love We walk the road, Lord Jesus, that you trod Knowing ourselves baptized into your death So we are dead and live with you in God
- 3) If dead in you, so in you we arise You the firstborn of all the faithful dead And as through stony ground the green shoots break Glorious in springtime dress of leaf and flow'r So in the Father's glory shall we wake

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Announcements:

- ◆ The St. David's Church Chat Bible Study continues to meet on Sunday Mornings at 9:30, just before the regular service. This is a casual, small group discussion, informal in nature so that any first-time visitor will be comfortable. No homework involved. Today's chat centered around end times events as described in 2Thessalonians, 2Peter, and 2Timothy. Come join us, grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy the chat. If you have questions, call or text Church Chat leader Jeff Buckner, 843-910-0039.
- ◆ The Homelessness Work Group will meet again at St. David's Parish Hall on Tuesday, March 18, at 6:00PM. In you have an interest in this important issue, feel free to drop in.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ 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, Mar 17	pick up on Thurs., Mar 20 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, Mar 31	pick up on Thurs., Apr 3 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, Apr 14	pick up on Thurs., Apr 17 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, Apr 28	pick up on Thurs., May 1 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, May 12	pick up on Thurs., May 15 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, May 26	pick up on Thurs., May 29 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, Jun 9	pick up on Thurs., Jun 12 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, Jun 23	pick up on Thurs., Jun 26 (12:15-3:00)
Order by 5:00pm Mon, Jul 7	pick up on Thurs., Jul 10 (12:15-3:00)



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 lifegiving 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

- •Phil Powell, Senior Warden
- •Sarah Spruill, Junior Warden
- •Anne Pate, Treasurer (ex officio)
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