

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Childrens' Sermon

The Lessons

Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,

whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

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Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.
He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus Hymn 66

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 1:39-45(46-55)

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

[And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."]

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. John Maher

The Nicene Creed (stand)

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who 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.

Prayers of the People

Form IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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 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 Bishop when present, or 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.

Announcements (10:00 AM)

Offertory Sentence

Please sing along.

Offertory: We Walk By Faith Hymn 209

Doxology: 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

People The Lord be with you.
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 our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus—Hymnal S130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest., Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.
AMEN.

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

People and Celebrant

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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter Season.
In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.*

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation or similar words.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

or with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]
The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. [*Amen.*]

Note: An intinction (dipping) cup is offered, followed by a tray with individual cups, followed by a tray for empty cups, and then the final option: the common chalice, for those who are comfortable sipping. Gluten free wafers are available for those with wheat allergies. To receive the gluten free wafer, hold out your hands palms down. The person ministering the bread will then know to offer a gluten free wafer. Turn your palms up to receive.

Communion hymns: *The Angel Gabriel* *Hymn 265*
 Here, O My Lord *Hymn 318*

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of 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 Savior. Amen.

Announcements (8am)

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people.

Recessional: Savior Of The Nations Come *Hymn 54*

The Deacon, or the Celebrant, dismisses them with these words

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

In Our Prayers

Parishioners: Mary Beth Butler, Adrian DeRosa, Susie Livingston, Rick Mason, Marty Merillat, Jim Miller, Dinah Moses, Rich Nochisaki, Debbie Palsa, Helen Pinkerton, Alan Purser

Friends and Family of Parishioners: Frank (Vee Hancock), Kristina (Amy Huskey), Kristen (Amy Huskey), Steve (Bob Graham), Savannah (Mary Fenner), Richard (Dana Blackman), Susan & John, Brandy, Jon & Jessie, Suzanne, Leslie (Malcolm Burn), Janie (Maryanne Hudak), Mark (Candy Banks), Ray and Jane (Maryanne Hudak), Tom (Patti Musial), Gary (Patti Musial), Dave and Brenda (Carol Todd), Barbra (Rita DeRosa), Kathleen (Patti Musial), Jim, Carolyn (Tammy George), Ed, MaryLou (Mary Fenner), Nicole (Bill Palsa), Karen, Helen (Joanne Brothers), Dianne (Ryan Blackman), Bonnie (Carol Todd), Kathy (Mary Fenner)

Serving Our Country: Nancy Brothers, Joshua Gotshall, Stephen LeBlanc, Mark and Jenny Sarafin

For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries: Mary Beth Butler

Deceased: Margaret (Peggy) Keene (cousin of Mary Fenner)

Names are left in the bulletin for four weeks. If you wish the person to remain longer than four weeks please let the parish administrator know. Full names will be printed for parishioners, military and anyone who died and first name only for friends and family.

GOOD NEWS OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Confirmation/Inquirer's Class Interest: Would you or your youth like to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church? Would you like to know more about the Episcopal Church but aren't sure you are ready to be confirmed? If either of these describe you, please talk to or email Dana Blackman at youth@stdavidsrva.org. Youth and adults will have separate classes.

Christmas services:

- Christmas Eve service - Tuesday, December 24 at 7pm
- Lessons and Carols - Sunday, December 29 at 8am and 10am
- Christmas Pageant - Sunday, December 29 at 10am with rehearsal at 9am

Greening the church and potluck: Sunday, December 22 after the 10am service—bring your favorite crock pot dishes and afterwards we will decorate the church for Christmas.

Church office closed: The church office will be closed from Tuesday, December 24 through Wednesday, January 1 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2.

Christmas Flowers: If you would like to donate towards the cost of buying flowers to decorate the church, please fill out the form in the Narthex.

Pledge cards: If you have not already, please turn in your pledge cards as soon as possible. You can put pledge cards in the offering plate during service or turn them in to the church office.

Prayers: The Daughters of the King Chapter (The Women of the Cross) of St. David's want to support you in prayer. If you want us to pray for a specific person or need but do not want it added to the prayer list, you can email the daughters at dok@stdavidsrva.org.

Interested in becoming a member of St. David's?:

- If you are a member of another Episcopal church – let us know and we can contact your current parish and ask for a membership transfer.
- If you are a baptized Christian in another denomination – let us know when and where you were baptized and we can add you as a member.
- If you have not been baptized – call the church at 804-276-4348 to talk about Baptism.

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible study: There is no Eucharist or Bible study on December 25 or January 1.

Excuse me have we met?: It is helpful for everyone to wear nametags. The nametags are on the bulletin board near the front doors. If you don't have a nametag, email churchadmin@stdavidsrva.org and ask that we make one for you! If you prefer, we also have stick on nametags that you can fill in on the entry table in the narthex.

Mini-ministries: Would you like to get more involved in our church activities but not quite sure what yet?? Please think about these mini-ministries. They don't require training or much time.

- Choir - do you enjoy singing??? Think about joining the choir at the 10am service. You don't need to read music, just have fun singing.
- Greeter - greet people as they come in for services, hand out bulletins and welcome newcomers with info on our service.
- Host/Hostess - provide simple coffee hour nibbles (nothing fancy) and act as a host for the brief get together after the 10am service. Great way to get to know people.
- Usher - super easy! Take up the collection plate and usher people up to the Eucharist, hand out bulletins and take a count of attendance.
- Librarian - to monitor and keep tidy the Little Free Library out back
- Lector - read the Bible passages, and prayers during the services

If you are interested in getting more info on any of these, please contact Joannie Smithson, Junior Warden, or any vestry member.

CCHASM and Little Free Pantry: Our ongoing ministries of CCHASM and our very own Little Free Pantry are dependent upon the food donations coming in on a regular basis. We keep the baskets in the entrance area for donated items and you are welcome to place items in them any time. We accept canned and packaged goods that are non-perishable. Any food that can be used to build a meal or packaged food that can be placed in the little pantry to help someone in need get through their day. The Little Pantry near the entrance of the parking lot is being regularly used now by our community and the CCHASM food pantry at Southminster Presbyterian is always in need of donations for those in our community who are experiencing financial stress and food insecurity. When looking at the problems of the world they can seem so overwhelming but we can work in our own neighborhood to make things better. Thanks everyone!! Joannie Smithson—Outreach Vestry member—804-484-4248

Calendar of Events

Sunday	12/22	8am/10am 9am 11am	Worship services Advent program for all ages Light lunch then greening the church
Monday	12/23	7pm	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
Tuesday	12/24	7pm	Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday	12/24-1/1		Office closed for Christmas and New Year's
Sunday	12/29	8am/10am 9am 10am	Lessons and Carols with Eucharist Rehearsal for pageant Christmas pageant
Monday	12/30	7pm	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
Thursday	1/2	7pm 7pm	Boy Scout District Round Table meeting Choir practice
Saturday	1/4	8:30-10:30am	Parish hall reserved (Jazzercise)
Sunday	1/5	8am/10am 9am 11am	Worship services Sunday school for all ages Coffee hour
Monday	1/6	7pm	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
Wednesday	1/8	10am 10:30am 7pm	Eucharist Bible study Boy Scout Adult Committee & Youth planning mtg
Thursday	1/9	7pm	Choir practice
Saturday	1/11	8:30-10:30am	Parish hall reserved (Jazzercise)
Sunday	1/12	8am/10am 9am 11am 4pm	Worship services Sunday school for all ages Coffee hour Daughters of the King meeting

Serving

SOD:	Joannie Smithson
LEMes:	(8am) David Love, (10am) Mark Crosthwaite, Rick Mason, Carol Todd
Lectors:	(8am) David Love, (10am) Carol Todd
Ushers:	(8am) Adrian DeRosa, (10am) Hanby Carter
Greeters:	(8am) David Love, (10am) Joannie Smithson
Acolytes:	(10am) Carter Medvedev, Nora Blackman
Offering Counters:	Hugh McElwain, Hector Alonso
Altar Set-up:	Olive Purser, Melissa Hudak
Altar Clean up:	Travis Kennedy
Flower Guild:	All guild
Security:	(8am) John Hartka, (10am) Chris Onyeso
Streamer:	(10am) Hanby Carter
Coffee Hour:	Potluck

December 15, 2024

Attendance:	Offering:
8:00AM 22	Pledge \$ 661
10:00AM 51	Non-pledge 295
Total 73	Other 280
	Total \$1,236

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