

St. David's Episcopal Church



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Jesus Christ, Head of the Church
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The Rt. Rev. Susan Haynes, Bishop

February 2, 2025
8:00AM and 10:00AM

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
February 2, 2025
8:00AM and 10:00AM (Music only at 10:00AM service)

Look for these and other icons to help you follow along with the service.



Prelude: *You Are My All In All* *Songbook 272 (Instrumental only)*
 O Lord, You're Beautiful *Songbook 178 (Instrumental only)*
 If You Need Jesus *Songbook 138 (Instrumental only)*

Entrance: *Here I Am To Worship* *Songbook 107*

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.*

Here is sung or said

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Childrens' Sermon

The Lessons

Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O LORD of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

People The Word of the Lord
 Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: Here Is Love *Songbook 109*

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

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
 according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
 and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

After the Gospel, the Readers says

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

The Sermon The Rev. John Francis Maher, III

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 III

The Leader and People pray responsively.

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;
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;
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.
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.

Please pray for deployed members of the armed forces, and for any in the service of our country who need our prayers.

Pause for prayers from the congregation.

Let us bring before God our thanksgivings, especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

The People may add their own petitions.

(Celebrant concludes with the following Collect.)

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son 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

People The peace of the Lord be always with you
 And also with you.

Announcements (10am)

Please sing along.

Offertory: Mercies Anew Songbook 168

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ
has taught us,
we now pray.

People and celebrant

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,

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 in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung or said

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

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

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 ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

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

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,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

GOOD NEWS OF ST. DAVID'S CHURCH

Confirmation/Inquirer's classes: Classes will begin on February 9. Adult class takes place at 9am. For youth in grades 9-12, class is after the 10am service. Any questions? Contact Dana Blackman at youth@stdavidsrva.org.

California Wildfires: Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Southern California wildfires. The Wildfire Response Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. You can visit episcopalrelief.org to donate and get more information.

"Souper" Bowl Sunday: "Souper" Bowl Sunday is coming up on February 9. Please bring cans of soup for our food pantries that day. Soup is one of the most requested items for people experiencing food insecurities, and especially this time of year. Oh yeah and I think I heard something about a football game that evening.

Daughters Of The King: The Daughters invite all ladies for an informal Tea and light refreshments on Sunday, February 9 at 4pm. If you have wondered what is involved and what it means to begin discernment for yourself, please come. There is no obligation and if you can't make it then, let us know and we will make time to meet or call. Warm hearts and a cup of tea are waiting for you.

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: Eucharist is each Wednesday at 10am followed by Bible study at 10:30am.

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	2/2	8am/10am 9am 11am 11:15am	Worship services Adult Forum Coffee hour Worship committee meeting
Monday	2/3	7pm	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
Wednesday	2/5	10am 10:30am	Eucharist Bible study
Thursday	2/6	7pm 7pm	Choir practice Boy Scout District Round Table meeting
Saturday	2/8	8:30-10:30am 11am-4pm	Parish hall reserved (Jazzercise) Cub Scout Pinewood Derby
Sunday	2/9	8am/10am 9am 11am 4pm	Worship services Adult Forum Coffee hour Daughters of the King meeting
Monday	2/10	7pm	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
Tuesday	2/11	7pm	Vestry meeting
Wednesday	2/12	10am 10:30am 7pm	Eucharist Bible study Boy Scout Adult Committee meeting
Thursday	2/13	7pm	Choir practice
Saturday	2/15	8:30-10:30am	Parish hall reserved (Jazzercise)
Sunday	2/16	8am/10am 9am 11am	Worship services Adult Forum Coffee hour

Serving

SOD:	Mark Crosthwaite
LEMes:	(8am) David Love, (10am) Jane Brock, Joanne Brothers, Justin Criner
Lectors:	(8am) Rob Feild, Tammy Shackelford-Feild, (10am) To be determined
Greeters:	(10am) Marti Stephens-Hartka
Ushers:	(8am) Adrian DeRosa, (10am) Hanby Carter
Acolytes:	(10am) Nora Blackman, Isla Blackman
Altar Set up:	Michelle Eavey
Altar Clean up:	Sheila Clarke
Flower guild:	To be determined
Offering Counters:	Mark Crosthwaite, Rob Feild
Streamer:	Ryan Blackman
Security:	(8am) John Hartka, (10am) Justin Criner
Coffee hour:	Donna Phillippi

January 26, 2025

Attendance:	Offering:
8:00AM 20	Pledge \$1,865
10:00AM 51	Non-pledge 650
Total 71	Other 15
	Total \$2,530

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