



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Liturgy of the Word
November 15, 2020
9:00 a.m.

Celebrant The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector
Preacher The Rev. Jim Bethell, retired & previous Rector
Music Dr. David Stevens, Director of Music
Eric Mellenbruch, Associate Director of Music + organist

☼ The flowers on the Bethell Hall Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for our Church family by Gretchen and Bob Gribble. ☼

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH!

We are so glad you are worshiping with us today. Even though we are in a new phase of church life, we are committed to offering a meaningful Sunday worship experience for all who tune in to our virtual services (Liturgy of the Word at 9 a.m. and Compline at 8 p.m. on Sundays). Formation for children, youth, and adults is offered after the morning service beginning at 10 a.m. You can find links to the children and youth formation at www.stdave.org, and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

We miss seeing you in person and long for the day when we can be back together. Until then, we hold you in our hearts, and hope you enjoy the service.

NEW TO ST. DAVID'S?

If you are new to St. David's, we especially welcome you! If you want more information about the church, please complete the guest card on the [Newcomers](#) page of our website. Amy Moehnke, our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, will get back to you very soon!

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you have prayer requests, you can add a comment online during the service or send them to prayers@stdave.org.

STAY CONNECTED

Please connect with us to receive updates on events and church announcements.

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PRELUDE: Prelude on 'O God, our help in ages past'

Healey Willan

WELCOME

HYMN 680

✦ **O God, our help in ages past**

St. Anne



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
 6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.
 6 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

☒ **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Enriching Our Worship

Let us confess our sins to God.

☒ **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

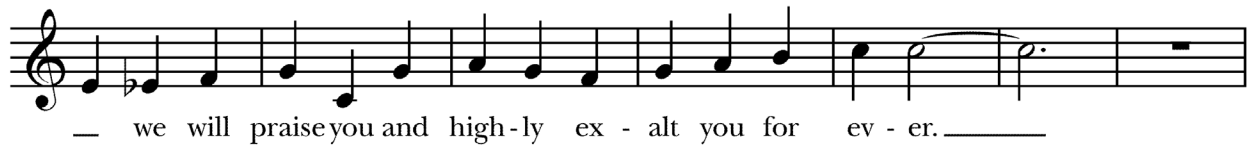
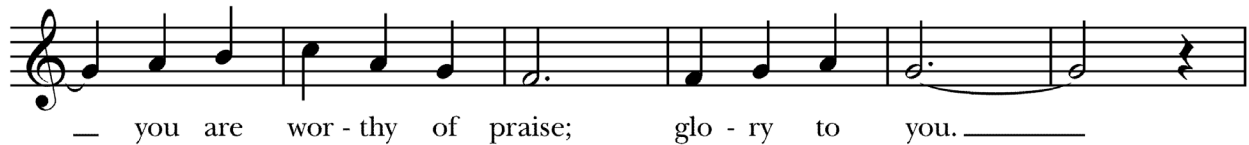
ABSOLUTION


Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

☒ **Amen.**

☒ SONG OF PRAISE

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3 Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; _____



— on the throne of your ma - jes-ty, glo - ry to you. _____



4 Glo - ry to you, seat-ed be - tween the Che - ru - bim; _____



— we will praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____



5 Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold-ing the depths; _____ in the



high vault of hea-ven, glo - ry to you. _____ 6 Glo-ry to



you, _____ Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will



praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR PROPER 28

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ✠ **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT: Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Marielle Musick

A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

Be silent before the Lord GOD!

For the day of the LORD is at hand;

the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

At that time

I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the people

who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,

“The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm.”

Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;

though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;

the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,

a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness,
a day of trumpet blast and battle cry

against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned
against the LORD,

their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD’s wrath;

in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;

for a full, a terrible end
he will make
of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE

Psalm 90:1-8,12 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

David Stevens
BCP, P. 717

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

✘ **2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

✘ **4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

✘ **6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

✘ **8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

EPISTLE: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Scott Hendrix

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 59 *(Please stand and sing.)*

✦ **Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding**

Merton



1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;
2 Wak-ened by the sol-emn warn-ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;
3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex-pect-ed, comes with par-don down from heav'n;
4 so when next he comes with glo-ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
5 Hon-or, glo-ry, might, and bless-ing to the Fa-ther and the Son,



1 'Cast a-way the works of dark-ness, O ye chil-dren of the day.'
2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis-pel-ling, shines up-on the morn-ing skies.
3 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for-giv'n.
4 may he with his mer-cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
5 with the ev-er-last-ing Spi-rit while un-end-ing a-ges run.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

✦ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: The Rev. Jim Bethell, retired and previous Rector

THE NICENE CREED *(Please stand.)*

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✠ **We believe in one God,**
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 of one Being with the Father.
 Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
 and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

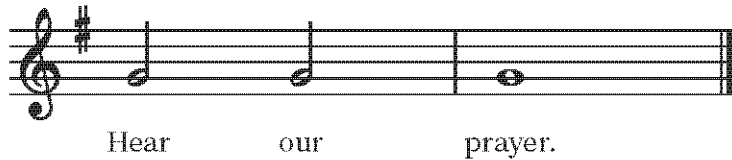
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: FORM IV

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(Please sing the following response after the Cantor sings "Lord, in your mercy,")

Refrain

Mark Wischkaemper



Intercessor

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.*

Grant grace and peace to all clergy, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; and Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; that they may continue in the way of love. *Silence.*

♪ Refrain

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially those in positions of leadership, Donald our President, Greg our Governor, and Steve our Mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. *Silence.*

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.*

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.*

♪ Refrain

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those for whom prayers have been requested through St. David's, those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are caring for all the ill, and those providing supplies to the caregivers; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *Silence.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, especially Ann Giles and those who have died from Covid-19; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Silence.*

♪ Refrain

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People are invited to offer their own intercessions.

Celebrant

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.**

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: *Ach Herr, lehre uns bedenken* from Cantata 106

J.S. Bach

O Lord, so teach us to remember that our days are numbered;
that we apply our hearts to wisdom.

Psalm 90

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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✠ **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Men's Group will have a gathering via Zoom from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 19. You can register on the web site.
- Hands for Hope is moving right along! This campaign helps provide food security to over 1,700 families this holiday season. Your volunteer time and/or financial support is greatly appreciated. \$40 is enough to cover one family. You can learn more on our outreach webpage, and you can donate by visiting the Outreach page on the St. David's web site – www.stdave.org/outreach
- Another way to serve others this month is by participating in the contactless Arbor Terrace "Supper Club". We make meals for residents of this transitional apartment complex and deliver them on Saturday at 1 p.m. Adrian and Trey Buchanan coordinate the efforts and should be contacted, if you're interested in learning more or participating.
- All are invited to a Drive-Through Advent Kick-off on November 28 from 10 a.m.-Noon! Pick up an Advent kit with all the necessary materials to make a wreath, plus information about seasonal offerings from Formation, Café Divine/Holy Grounds, and Outreach. You are also invited to bring a new set of gloves and hats to drop off for our homeless neighbors.
- We will have an online Christmas Pageant service this season! Children are invited to submit photos of themselves dressed in Nativity costumes; wear your own, or borrow one of ours! Contact Amanda Wischkaemper to reserve a costume, which may be picked up at the Drive-through Advent Kick-off. Photos must be received by December 5.
- The Office of Compline will continue to be prayed and sung in the upcoming Advent season, which begins on November 29. The chamber choir, made up of wonderful singers from throughout the community, will offer chant, Renaissance motets and Tudor anthems, proper to the season. Composers will include Lassus, Palestrina and Tallis. Please, join us online each Sunday evening at 8 p.m. for a 30-minute chanted service.
- More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – www.stdave.org

BLESSING

May the love that is creating us, and the love that is healing us, and the love that is sustaining us be in you and with you and through you, for your healing and the healing of the world. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever. ✠ **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: Fugue from the Praeludium in E

Dieterich Buxtehude

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

We are most grateful for your financial support as we navigate new ways to connect to each other in these challenging times. Your gifts directly enable us to use modern technology to stay connected to each other and the world. St. David's depends on the ongoing support and care of committed members of our congregation like you.

Your generosity and commitment to St. David's will be processed and posted to your account. We want to respect your preferred way of giving:

- Checks

Please mail your check to the church. We are able to receive mail and deposit checks via a remote deposit check scanner. Our address is 301 E. 8th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

- Online [Click here to donate!](#)

If you experience a delay or connection issue during peak times on Sunday, please try giving at a later time or consider setting up a recurring donation through your bank. We apologize for this inconvenience.

- Text STDAVE to 73256.

- If you are not already giving, please consider making St. David's your giving priority this year.

Thank you for your generosity to God and St. David's Episcopal Church.

ATTEND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

After this service, there will be formation for children, youth, and adults. Children and youth will find the link to register at www.stdave.org, and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

Today, children have chapel from 10-10:15 a.m., and then children's formation begins at 10:15 a.m.

Youth meet with Jenny Campbell, our Director of Youth Ministry, via Zoom, beginning at 10 a.m.

For the adults, the virtual Sunday Bible Study series on "Exploring the Prophets" continues. Today, join Father Chad for discussion of the Prophet Ezekiel. Adults may also attend Men's Bible Study, The Middle Place, or Wisdom Ways. All begin at 10 a.m. and can be accessed from the web site and through The Abbey.

UPCOMING EVENTS (All events happen virtually)

- High School EYC happens on Tues at 6 p.m., and Middle School EYC on Wed at 5:30 p.m.
- On Wed evening, you can join Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. and Bible study at 6:30 p.m.
- And, don't forget - Café Divine and Holy Grounds Curbside To-Go – Tues-Fri, place your order 4 a.m.-1 p.m., and pick up 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT ST. DAVID'S?

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