



**ST. DAVID'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**FAMILY LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**  
December 24, 2020  
4:30 p.m.

- Officiants** The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector  
Amanda Wischkaemper, Director of Children's Ministry
- Music** Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music, Bethell Hall  
Xavier Davis, piano  
Bethell Family Singers:  
Carol Blosser Fanning  
Laura Hernández-Ehirsman  
Kari Moore

The order of service is according to the Book of Common Prayer and  
Church of England Common Worship.  
People say or sing words in **bold type**.

🌿 The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and  
in thanksgiving for all who have made this service possible. 🌿

## 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](http://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](mailto:prayers@stdave.org).

## STAY CONNECTED

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

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- Lori Blewett, Director of Communications
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- Patrick Senn, AV Tech Lead
- Background music by Mark Wischkaemper  
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## FAMILY LITURGY FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

**PRELUDE:** The Earth Stood Still

Future of Forestry

### WELCOME

### SERVICE OF LIGHT

Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Today we remember Jesus and the story of his birth; **Jesus is our King.**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world; **Jesus is our Way.**

With Jesus even dark places are light; **Jesus is the Truth.**

In Jesus we shall live for ever: **Jesus is our Life.**

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN 89 (Please stand and sing.)

It came upon the midnight clear

Carol

1 It came up - on the mid - night clear, that  
2 Still through the clov - en skies they come with  
3 Yet with the woes of sin and strife the  
4 For lo! the days are haste - ning on, by

glo - rious song of old, from an - gels bend - ing  
peace - ful wings un - furled, and still their heaven - ly  
world has suf - fered long; be - neath the heaven - ly  
pro - phets seen of old, when with the ev - er -

near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
mu - sic floats o'er all the wea - ry world;  
hymn have rolled two thou - sand years of wrong;  
cir - cling years shall come the time fore - told,

“Peace on the earth, good will to men, from  
a - bove its sad and low - ly plains they  
and war - ring hu - man - kind hears not the  
when peace shall o - ver all the earth its

heaven’s all - gra - cious King.” The world in sol - emn  
bend on hov - ering wing, and ev - er o’er its  
tid - ings which they bring; O hush the noise and  
an - cient splen - dors fling, and all the world give

still - ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.  
Ba - bel - sounds the bless - ed an - gels sing.  
cease your strife and hear the an - gels sing!  
back the song which now the an - gels sing.

## PHOS HILARON

O gracious Light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light,  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,  
O Son of God, O Giver of life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## MEDITATION HYMN III *(Please join in singing.)*

### Silent night, holy night

*Stille Nacht*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in four systems, each corresponding to a line of music. The first system contains three lines of lyrics, the second system contains three lines, the third system contains two lines, and the fourth system contains two lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,  
all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,  
Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
heaven - ly hosts— sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy  
peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Alleluia. To us a child is born. **Come let us adore him. Alleluia.**

Holy Jesus,  
by being born one of us,  
and lying humbly in a manger,  
you show us how much God loves the world.  
Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
until we reach our home in heaven,  
and see you on your throne of glory.  
**Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*(Please be seated.)*

**OLD TESTAMENT:** Isaiah 9:2-7

Amanda Wischkaemper


A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness  
    have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
    on them light has shined.  
You have multiplied the nation,  
    you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
    as with joy at the harvest,  
    as people exult when dividing plunder.  
For the yoke of their burden,  
    and the bar across their shoulders,  
    the rod of their oppressor,  
    you have broken as on the day of Midian.  
For all the boots of the tramping warriors  
    and all the garments rolled in blood  
    shall be burned as fuel for the fire.  
For a child has been born for us,  
    a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;  
    and he is named  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
    Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
His authority shall grow continually,  
    and there shall be endless peace  
for the throne of David and his kingdom.  
    He will establish and uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
    from this time onward and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**


RESPONSE HYMN 87 (Please stand and sing.)

Hark! the herald angels sing

Mendelssohn



1 Hark! the her-ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!  
2 Christ, by high-est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord;  
3 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!  
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.  
born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

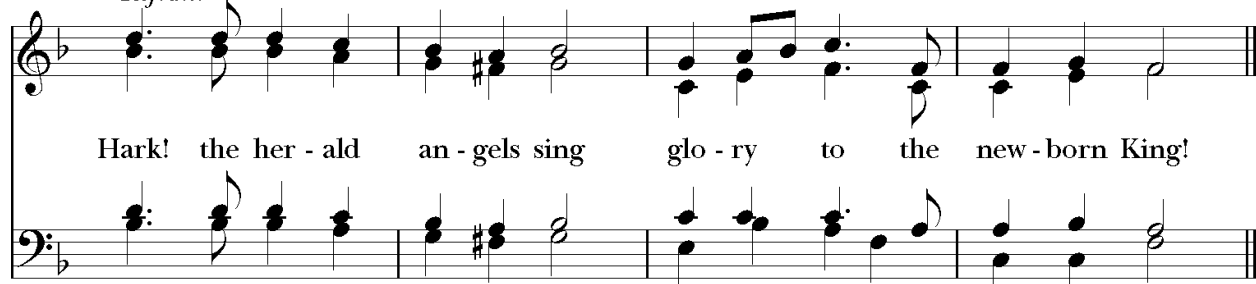


Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;  
Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty.  
Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,



with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!  
hail, the Sun of Right-eous-ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

*Refrain*



Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new-born King!

## RESPONSE

Kari Moore  
BCP, P. 709

Psalm 86 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*

    sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.

**2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \***

**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

3 Declare his glory among the nations \*

    and his wonders among all peoples.

**4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \***

**he is more to be feared than all gods.**

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*

    but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

**6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \***

**Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!**

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*

    ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

**8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \***

**bring offerings and come into his courts.**

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*

    let the whole earth tremble before him.

**10 Tell it out among the nations: “The LORD is King! \***

**he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;**

**he will judge the peoples with equity.”**

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;

    let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*

    let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

**12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy**

**before the LORD when he comes, \***

**when he comes to judge the earth.**

13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*

    and the peoples with his truth.



SEQUENCE HYMN 101 *(Please stand and sing.)*

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed

*Cradle Song*



1 A - way in a man-ger, no crib for his bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
\*3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask thee to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
but lit - tle Lord Je - sus no cry - ing he makes.  
close by me for ev - er, and love me I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love thee, Lord Je - sus! Look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in thy ten - der care,



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
and stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
and fit us for hea - ven to live with thee there.

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 2:1-14

The Rev. Katie Wright

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY:** Amanda Wischkaemper, Director of Children’s Ministry

**THE NICENE CREED** *(Please stand.)*

**BCP, P. 358**

**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

Carol Blosser Fanning & Laura Hernández-Ehirsman

Jesus, whose mother was Mary:

we pray for God's people throughout the world;

for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; for our Bishops, Andy, Kai, Jeff, and Hector; for Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, cradled in a manger:

we pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, sharing the stable with the animals:

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

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, worshipped by shepherds and kings:

we pray for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our Emmanuel:

we pray for those for whom prayers have been requested through St. David's and for those who have died.

Lord Jesus,

**hear our prayer.**

**ANTHEM:** Noel

Chris Tomlin and Lauren Daigle

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

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

*Celebrant*

The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- As we all share concern in the rising infection rates of Covid-19, please know that we are taking all necessary measures to reduce the risk to the clergy, musicians, and staff involved in the recording of our services, as well as those participating in Communion Groups, baptisms, funerals, and weddings. We are adhering to all guidelines established by the City of Austin and by the Diocese of Texas.
- Please join us at 7:30 p.m. this evening for Christmas Lessons & Carols, or you can see the service during our Pajama Watch Party on Christmas Day at 10 a.m.
- On Sunday, December 27 at 9 a.m., we will have our Christmas Pageant service with all the components of our usual pageant – just in a different format. We hope to see you online for the service, as we hear the story and see pageant pictures – new and old.
- We are looking for five parishioners to be nominees for the three-year term positions that will become open on the vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting on January 31, 2021. Expectations and requirements for nomination submission can be found on the web site, and were in your Advent pick-up, if you drove through last Saturday. The deadline for submissions is January 13.
- More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – [www.stdave.org](http://www.stdave.org)

## BLESSING

May God the Creator keep you in all your days.

May God the Redeemer shield you in all your ways.

May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and pour upon you blessing and light.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**POSTLUDE:** Unspeakable Joy

Chris Tomlin

## 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 Sunday services, there is formation for children, youth, and adults. Children and youth will find the link to register at [www.stdave.org](http://www.stdave.org), and adults can register at [The Abbey at St. David's](#).

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.

Adults may attend Virtual Sunday Bible Study, 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?

If you want more information about the church, please email Amy Moehnke ([Amy.M@stdave.org](mailto:Amy.M@stdave.org)), our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, and she will get back to you very soon!