



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Liturgy of the Word

December 20, 2020

9:00 a.m.

- Celebrant** The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector
- Preacher** The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector
- Music** Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music, Bethell Hall
Eric Mellenbruch, Associate Director of Music + organist
Kate Winchester, mezzo soprano

☸ The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding anniversary of Ace and Diane Pickens. ☸

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.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PRELUDE: *Dixit Maria ad angelum*

Hans Leo Haßler, arr. Heinrich Scheidemann

Mary said to the angel: Behold the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.

Luke 1.38

INTROIT

Antiphon:

Show, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down the Righteous.

O let the earth be opened, that a Savior might spring up.

Verse:

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.

Isaiah 45.8; Psalm 19.1

WELCOME

(Please stand and join in singing.)

HYMN 66

✦ **Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
 2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
 3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
 4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
 dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
 born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
 by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP, p. 360

✠ **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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

✠ **TRISAGION** *(Please join in singing three times.)*

Veni, veni Emmanuel

Ho - - ly God, _____ Ho - ly and Might - - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy u - pon _____ us.

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BCP, P. 212

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.**

(Please be seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT: 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16

Scott Hendrix

A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE: Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Magnificat* (Please read in unison.)

✘ **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.

EPISTLE: Romans 16:25-27

Pam O'Conner

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand and sing.)

HYMN 265

✦ The angel Gabriel from heaven came

Gabriel's Message

1 The an - gel Ga - bri - el from hea - ven came,
2 "For know a bless - ed Mo - ther thou shalt be,
3 Then gen - tle Ma - ry meek - ly bowed her head,
4 Of her, Em - man - u - el, the Christ, was born

his wings as drift - ed snow, his eyes as flame;
all gen - er - a - tions laud and hon - or thee,
"To me be as it pleas - eth God," she said,
in Beth - le - hem, all on a Christ - mas morn,

"All hail," said he, "thou low - ly maid - en Ma - ry,
thy Son shall be Em - man - u - el, by seers fore - told,
"my soul shall laud and mag - ni - fy his ho - ly Name."
and Chris - tian folk through - out the world will ev - er say—

most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!
Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy, Glo - ri - a!
"Most high - ly fa - vored la - dy," Glo - ri - a!

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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: The Rev. Katie Wright, Associate Rector

(Please stand.)

THE NICENE CREED

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: FORM V

BCP, P. 389

Intervessor

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andy, Jeff, Kai, and Hector, our Bishops; Alinafe, Bishop of Southern Malawi; for all bishops and other ministers; and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; Steve, our Mayor; and Joe, our President-elect; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For a blessing upon all human labor, and for the right use of the riches of creation, that the world may be freed from poverty, famine, and disaster, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for those who are suffering from Covid-19, those who are caring for all the ill, and those providing supplies to the caregivers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Allyson Womac Peerman, Marlene Harms, Hetty Davis, Jeanna Hill, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

✠ **Kyrie eleison.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

✠ **To you, O Lord our God.**

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

The People are invited to offer their own intercessions.

Celebrant

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. ✠ **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

OFFERTORY

ANTHEM: *Tydynges trew*

Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!
This is the salutation of the angel Gabriel.

Tidings true there be come new,
sent from the Trinity
by Gabriel to Nazareth,
city of Galilee.

A clean maiden and pure virgin
through her humility
hath conceived the person
second in deity.

When he first presented was
before her fair visage,
in the most demure and goodly wise
he did to her homage,
and said, 'Lady, from heav'n so high,
that Lordes heritage
the which of thee born would be,
I am sent on message.'

'Hail, virgin celestial,
the meekest of thy race;
hail, temple of deity
and mirror of all grace;
hail, virgin pure, I thee ensure,
within full little space
thou shalt receive and him conceive
that shall bring great solace.'

15th-century English, arr. Eric Mellenbruch

Suddenly she, abashed truly,
but not at all dismayed,
with mind discreet and meek spirit
to the angel she said:
'With what manner should I child bear,
the which ever a maid
have lived chaste all my life past
and never man assayed?' *approached*

Then again to her certain
answered the angel:
'O lady dear, be of good cheer,
and dread thee neer a dell. *not a bit*
Thou shalt conceive in thy body,
maiden, true God himself,
in whose birth heav'n and earth shall joy,
called Emmanuel.'

Then again to the angel she
answered womanly,
'Whate'er my Lord command me do
I will obey meekly.
Ecce, sum humilima
ancilla Domini;
secundum verbum tuum,'
she said, 'fiat mihi.'

*Behold, I am the humblest handmaid of the Lord;
according to thy word let it be [done] to me.*

(Please stand.)

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing,

✦ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

arr. Mark Wischkaemper

Our God in hea-ven; Hal-lowed be your name. Your King-dom come; your

6
will be done on Earth as in hea-ven. Give

11
us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give our sins as we for-give those

16
who sin a-against us. Save us! Save us from the time of

21
trial. And de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the King-dom, the

26
po-wer, and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men!

(Please be seated.)

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.
- Our clergy-led virtual Sunday Bible study concludes today. Join Father Cameron for a discussion about “Characters in Advent: The Babies”. You can register for the Zoom link from the calendar on the St. David’s web site. There will be no Bible study next Sunday, December 27. On January 3, the next series will begin – “Dynamic Duos in Genesis”.
- On Monday, December 21 at 7:30 p.m., we will have a one-hour virtual service of prayer, music, and conversation for those for whom grief is present. You can get the link from the web site.
- Thank you to everyone who supported the Holiday Assistance Program this year. If you are still seeking a gift to give one of your friends or family, you can still participate in Simple Gifts; a ministry which lets you financially support a charity in honor of a loved one. To learn more, visit our outreach page: stdave.org/outreach
- As in years past, we are requesting donations for the Christmas Flower Fund. The donations will be used to supply flowers for the worship spaces for our Christmas services and for poinsettias to be distributed to our parishioners. You can send a check or give online, with the notation “Christmas flowers”.
- Please join us from 4 to 5 p.m. today for the Celebration of the Ministry of the Rev. Katie Wright, as we send her off with good wishes and prayers to become the next Rector of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church. If you’d like to contribute to a ‘purse’ for Mother Katie, please send a check or give online, indicating it is for “Katie’s purse”. The deadline for donations is December 25.
- Nominations for the vestry are now open! We are accepting nominations for five vestry positions for a three-year term. Expectations and requirements for nomination submission can be found on the web site. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, January 13, 2021.
- More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – www.stdave.org

(Please stand.)

BLESSING

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ✠ **Amen.**

POSTLUDE: The Annunciation

Paul de Maleingreau

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. The links to register are on the web site - www.stdave.org

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 "Characters in Advent: The Angels, The Ladies, The Fellows, and the Babies" concludes today. Join Father Cameron for discussion of The Babies. 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.

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), our Director of Newcomer and Young Adult Ministries, and she will get back to you very soon!