



**ST. DAVID'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Liturgy of the Word

May 2, 2021

9:00 a.m.

- Celebrant** The Rev. Dr. Chuck Treadwell, Rector
- Preacher** Class of 2021 Seniors
- Music** Dr. David Stevens, Director of Music  
Mark Wischkaemper, Director of Music, Bethell Hall  
Mary Elizabeth Ashton, soprano

🌿 The flowers on the High Altar are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for all the dedicated staff of St. David's Episcopal Church. 🌿

## 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, youth, and adult formation classes at [www.stdave.org](http://www.stdave.org).

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).

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# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

*(Please stand and join in singing.)*

### HYMN 686

☒ **Come, thou fount of every blessing**

*Nettleton*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



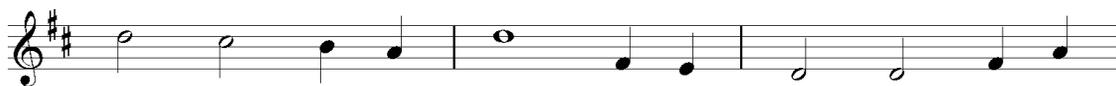
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

✘ **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*(Please join in singing.)*

✘ **SONG OF PRAISE: *Magnificat***



1 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo - ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Pow'rs and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
his ho - ly Name—the Lord, the Might - y One.  
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

The Lord be with you.

✘ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

### COLLECT FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ✘ **Amen.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**FIRST READING:** Acts 8:26-40

Helen Chapin-Eiserloh and Louisa McDaniel

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSE

Psalm 22:24-30 *(Please read responsively by whole verse.)*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

✠ **25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \***  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

✠ **27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \***  
**he rules over the nations.**

Levi Liles  
BCP, P. 612

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

✠ **29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

**EPISTLE:** 1 John 4:7-21

Lucas Goodman

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand and sing.)*

## SEQUENCE HYMN 513

☒ Like the murmur of the dove's song

*Bridegroom*



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's Bo - dy, to the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the



chal - lenge of her flight, like the vig - or of the  
branch - es of the Vine, to the Church in faith as -  
cease - less voice of prayer, with the power to love and



wind's rush, like the new flame's ea - ger  
sem - bled, to her midst as gift and  
wit - ness, with the peace be - yond com -



might: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
sign: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.  
pare: come, — Ho - ly Spi - rit, come.

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

☒ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**GOSPEL:** John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord.

☒ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**HOMILY:** Written by the Class of 2021 Seniors; delivered by Lucas Goodman and Owen Mielke

*(Please stand.)*

**THE NICENE CREED**

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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

Parker DeLaune

God, we pray for the community within the church; not just St. David's, but all Christian churches everywhere. For Baptists, and Presbyterians, and Evangelicals, and Catholics; for anyone who follows Jesus.

That the church may show love both to those within and outside the church, and show their faith through acts of love.

Lord in your mercy.

✘ **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for change in the world. That this change may bring a more just society. For President Biden, and the health of his family. For future leaders who will also bring forth this change. For those in local authority such as school principals and district leaders. For honesty and trustworthiness among leaders. For unity and less division among all peoples of the United States.

Lord in your mercy.

✘ **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for everyone who is suffering mentally through this pandemic; that soon we will be able to return to a more normal environment.

We pray for those helping to return life to normal, including nurses, doctors, and those studying the vaccine.

For people who are trying to find Jesus.

For those in poverty and those oppressed.

For the earth and its caretakers. For those in space exploration and the care of the rest of God's universe, as well.

Lord in your mercy.

✘ **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for small businesses that are struggling.

For those who lost power, or whose homes were impacted by the winter storm.

For anyone impacted by the recent shootings.

For our homeless neighbors and those working at Trinity Center.

For the kind and decent treatment of our fellow residents of Austin.

For the welfare of students returning to local schools.

And for St. David's as we try to become a more anti-racist church; that you may lead us humbly into scary places so we can work on issues of segregation and white supremacy in our congregation and our city at large.

Lord in your mercy.

✘ **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those impacted by Covid-19. Causing loss of jobs, the onset of illness, and the loss of friends and family members.

For those who have been harmed by the church. For anyone who feels that they cannot access God's love.

For virtual students and virtual teachers, and all suffering from Zoom fatigue.

For those whose human rights are at risk.

For everyone's mental health.

For silenced victims of sexual assault.

For those physically or mentally abused.

For those suffering through illness or any struggle without the community of others during this pandemic.

For those in any form of pain and sorrow

Lord in your mercy.

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those we have lost this year, and their families, especially Barbara Fellows, Kevin Paterson Ramsey, Daunte Wright, Amanda Broderick, Alyssa Broderick, Willie Simmons, William Parker, and those who have died from Covid-19, that they may rest easily and peacefully, and that their families find comfort.

We also pray for all departed animal companions, giving thanks for their presence in our lives, that we may continue to cherish all of your beloved creatures.

Lord in your mercy.

✠ **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever.

✠ **Amen.**

## OFFERTORY

## ANTHEM

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

Caleb Thomas

- Our bible study series on “The Nature of the Church” continues with Dr. Mona West exploring how boundaries get blown up in the early church movement, and how it relates to modern-day boundary-crossing by the church. Adults may also attend Men’s Bible Study, The Middle Place, or Wisdom Ways. All begin at 10 a.m. Children have chapel from 10 to 10:15 a.m., and children’s formation begins at 10:15 a.m., and youth meet with Jenny Campbell, our Director of Youth Ministry, via Zoom, at 10 a.m.
- Monday, May 3, at 7 p.m., the Daughters of the King chapters of St. David’s and All Saints churches present the Rev. Judith Liro of St. Hildegard’s Community in Austin. Mother Liro will share her insights on the Divine Feminine during this time of learning, reflection and prayer.
- The Women’s Group will meet virtually at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5.
- We are excited to offer a weekly worship service, in person, on the surface parking lot. We’ll start with one service on Sundays at 5 p.m. and make adjustments as we go. Registration with limited attendance are required to help us maintain appropriate distance between households. COVID protocols, including wearing masks and keeping six feet apart, will be followed.
- Please remember to share your experiences of “Things to Love About St. David’s”! Ideas of how to present your “love” can be found in the newsletter. Please send your submissions to Amy Moehnke ([Amy.M@stdave.org](mailto:Amy.M@stdave.org)) no later than May 23.
- Details about all these events and more can be found on our web site, where you can register for the events, as well. More upcoming events are listed on the next page and on our web site – [www.stdave.org](http://www.stdave.org)

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. ✠ **Amen.**

## POSTLUDE

## 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](http://www.stdave.org)

Today, children have chapel from 10 to 10:15 a.m., and 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 join Sunday Bible study, or they 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 - Cafe Divine & Holy Grounds Curbside is open Tuesday through Friday. Order from 6 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. the next day.
  - Holy Grounds pickup times from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Cafe Divine pickup from 11:30 a.m. to 5 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!