

THE FIFTH SUNDAY
OF EASTER

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Saint David's

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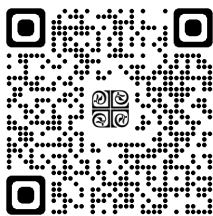
Saint David's is a Christian community that believes in the power of God to transform lives and to change the world. We are open and welcoming to all – race, age, gender, and sexual orientation are NOT barriers to inclusion. We are committed to building up the justice-filled world Jesus taught his disciples to hope and live for. We believe that the Holy Spirit calls us together for prayer, study, celebration and worship. If you'd like to know more about our mission and ministry, or become a part of it, there is room for you!

GUEST INFORMATION

You are welcome in this place and community. The following information is provided to make your experience more comfortable and meaningful.

- **ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS** are available by passing through the wooden double doors and around to the right.
- **MASKS/HAND SANITIZER** are available on tables found at entrances.
- **MASKS ARE OPTIONAL** for worship at this time.
- **A DEFIBRILLATOR** is available on the wall in the long hallway between the parish and the Day School.
- **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**, please call 911. The church's address is:
St. David's Episcopal Church, 2320 Grubb Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19810

If you are looking for a spiritual home, please speak to one of the Clergy.
They would be glad to talk with you about your journey.



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the mission & ministry of St. David's?**
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CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP

Children bring richness to the community gathered at worship. They bring new ways of seeing familiar rituals and often show an understanding of the mystery of the sacraments lost to many adults. Children also bring movement, questions, and wonder. Their presence is essential to the vitality of the church. Here are some tried and true tidbits for parents and children:

- **COME EARLY** to get a good seat, preferably in front where children can see the action. Children (and adults!) are more likely to fidget if they can't see what's going on.
- **SHARE** your service bulletin or prayer book with young readers, and help them follow along. Even the youngest like to 'hold the book' like their parents.
- **WE UNDERSTAND THAT KIDS** are gifted noise-makers without a single thing in their hands! We welcome the sounds of children in worship.
- **IF YOUR CHILD IS HAVING A MELTDOWN**, feel free to take a break from worship. There is a rocking chair in the lobby!
- **COLORING PAGES** reflecting themes of the day are available in the display in the hallway.
- **A CHANGING STATION** in the Accessible Restroom located across from the small kitchen, by the Memorial Room. Please, ask an Usher if you need assistance.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

People have a variety of special needs, and St. David's hopes to be sensitive and responsive to them. To that end, we provide the following information:

- **COMMUNION** can be brought to you in your seat, should you have mobility issues. Please let the clergy or an usher know of your need.
- **THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:** The bread contains gluten and the wine contains alcohol. You may receive the Sacrament by receiving both, either, or neither and still receive the full spiritual benefit.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available at the Ushers' stand at the rear of the worship space.
- **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS AVAILABLE**
Gluten-Free Communion wafers are now available. Just let Fr. Pete know at the time.

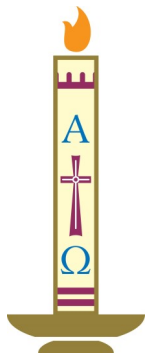
THE SEASON OF EASTER: THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS

The feast of Easter is a season of fifty days, from Easter Eve through the Day of Pentecost. From early times the Greek word pentecost (fiftieth day) was used also for the whole Paschal season. During this season there is no fasting. (Hooray!) The Council of Nicaea directed that Christians are to pray standing.

The word “alleluia” (praise the Lord) is said or sung repeatedly, which contrasts sharply with the season of Lent when the alleluia is omitted. The color of liturgical vestments and hangings is white or gold. The BCP notes that it is customary for the Paschal candle to burn at all services of the Easter season, as well as during funerals. The “Alleluia, alleluia” may be added to the dismissals and their responses during the Great Fifty Days. The traditional Christian Easter greeting (see Lk 24:34) serves as the opening acclamation at the eucharist during the Easter season.

Easter brings the return of...

THE PASCHAL CANDLE



The large candle symbolizing the risen Christ It is lighted on Easter Evening, to remain lighted throughout the fifty days of Eastertide.

Use of the word ALLELUIA



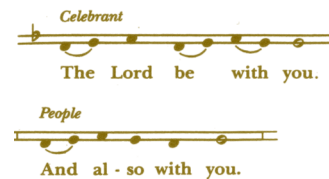
An exclamation derived from the Hebrew words meaning “Praise ye Jehovah.” It is the word of highest praise in the Christian lexicon.

Use of INCENSE



A fragrant mixture of gums, resin, and spices, burned ceremonially in services of worship. It symbolizes sanctification, holiness, and our prayers rising up to God.

CHANTING the liturgy



The musical recitation of parts of the service such as the Sursum Corda.

Before Worship...

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Prayer before worship

Wondrous Vinegrower,
you make all things new
in water and Word,
feeding your people with love, joy, and peace.
Lead us today and every day
to the font of new beginnings.
Teach us to love what you have commanded
and to prune what does not nourish your creation,
in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Come, Holy Spirit,
that through your word we may be guided
into the love of God for all the world.
Amen.



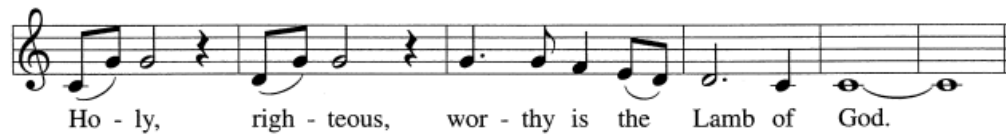
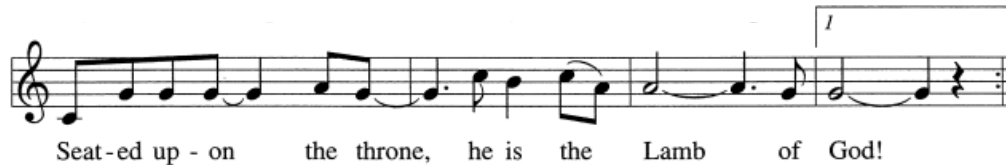
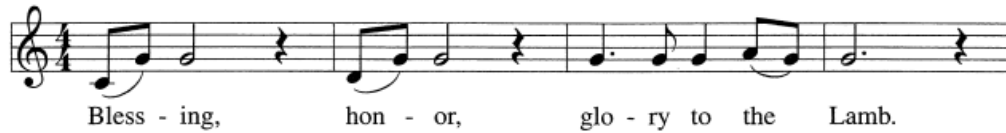
Welcome!

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in the Lobby following the 8 am service and in the
Great Hall following the 10:15 worship service.

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING SONG

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb



ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

GLORIA

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-
migh - ty God and Fa-ther, We wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have
mer - cy on us; You are — seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: — re - ceive our pray'r, — re -
ceive, — re - ceive our pray'r.

For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a - lone — are the
 Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
 Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the
 Fa-ther. A - - - men. A - - - men. —

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
 And also with you.

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.**

The People are seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 8:26-40

The Acts of the Apostles tells how the first Christians overcame their fears, solved their internal disputes, left their ancestral religion, and reached out to others -- eventually to people from all nations. Through baptism, human barriers were washed away and all were made one in Christ.

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.

Following the reading...

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22:24-30

Dues, Deus meus

- 24 My praise is for you in the great assembly; *
**I will perform my vows in the presence
of those who worship you.**
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek YOU shall praise YOU; *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to YOU, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before YOU.
- 27 For yours is the royal power, O GOD; *
you rule over the nations.
- 28 To you alone all who sleep in the earth
bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before you.
- 29 My soul shall live for you;
my descendants shall serve YOU; *
They shall be known as YOURS for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that you have done.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 4:7-21

In the first generations following the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Church's missionaries founded congregations throughout the Mediterranean region. Letters were exchanged that taught, encouraged, and even corrected the young churches between the leaders' visits.

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.

Following the reading..

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

O blessed spring

O blessed spring, where word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.

When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.

The People remain standing as able

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 15:1-8

Jesus said, "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."

Following the reading...

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

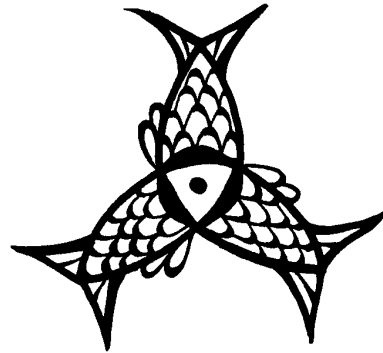


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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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 worshipped 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

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Kevin,
the Bishop of Delaware; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Pause

For _____.
For those that have requested our Prayers, especially: _____.
Hear us Lord:
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Pause

For those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week, especially: _____.
We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

For the members of the Search Committee, that they may prayerfully
discern God's will and lead this congregation to its next Rector.

Hear us Lord:
For your mercy is great.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom,

Pause

We especially remember: _____.
Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers.

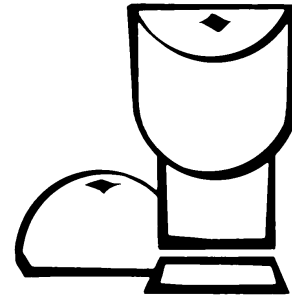
THE PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

Gifts of canned goods, food staples, paper products and cleaning supplies may be placed in the large basket in front of the altar. This offering is delivered to the Claymont Community Center Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need.



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the QR Code to the left.

OFFERTORY SONG

You satisfy the hungry heart


Refrain



You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.



Come give to us, O sav - ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep - herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude
3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out - poured?

Refrain




so when you call your fam - 'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.
that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav 'n - ly food.
Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

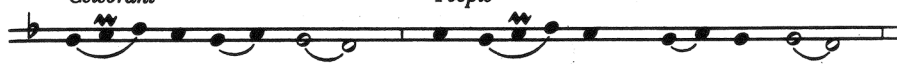
When the Holy Table has been prepared the Celebrant faces the People and sings or says...

Celebrant *People*




The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*




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

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; but chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is a the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by this rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all of your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom,
the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!
Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM (at 10:15 am)

The Disciples knew the Lord Jesus

Antiphon
Cantor, then all

The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus

in the break - ing of the bread. *Fine*

Verses

1. The bread which we break, Al - le - lu - ia,
2. One bo - dy are we, Al - le - lu - ia,

is the com - mun - ion of the Bo - dy of Christ.
for though ma - ny we share one bread.

to Antiphon

*When you arrive at the altar, you may stand or kneel.
Receive the Bread in your open palm held high followed by the Common Cup,
taking the cup by its **base** and guiding it to your lips. You may also receive the Bread only or only the wine,
with arms folded over your chest to indicate which element you do not want to take.
Please reserve altar rail area for those who need assistance kneeling.*

SONG DURING COMMUNION (We sing together)

Beloved, let us love one another

Be - lov - ed, let us love one a - noth - er.
For love is of God and ev - ery - one that lov - eth is born of God and
know - eth God. He that lov - eth not know - eth not God, for God is love.
Be - lov - ed, let us love one a - noth - er.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

In the name of God and Saint David's, I send you, Barbara DeHaven,
forth bearing these holy gifts to Sheila Coffin that she may share
with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
**We who are many are One Body,
because we all share One Bread, One Cup.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead
our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep,
through the power 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:
Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.

SONG

Step by step

O God, you are my God, and I will ev - er praise
you. O God, you are my God, and
I will ev - er praise you. I will seek you in the morn-
- ing, and I will learn to walk in your ways, and

step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my
 days. O days, and I will fol-low you all of my
 days, and I will fol-low you all of my days, and
 step by step you'll lead me, and I will fol-low you all of my days.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ! Alleluia, Alleluia!
 Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!



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During the week...

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Questions for Reflection

What is your deepest desire? Jesus says that “whatever you wish . . . it will be done for you” (John 15:7). Spend time in the next days asking yourself at evermore profound levels what you most devoutly wish for in this life and the next. Then ask for it.

Morning Devotion

God of all beginnings, you bring a new day,
and you promise to journey with me through the hours.
I thank you for the breath and strength I have,
and I beg your help that I may use my powers wisely
and with compassion toward everyone I meet.
Let my questions today be a form of pruning
to bring forth in me new understandings,
healing, and good fruit; in Jesus' name.
Amen.

Evening Devotion

Sweet Jesus, in this night of rest,
heal my broken places and restore my faith.
You are my vine; only in you am I strong enough
to face the darkness of this world.
I thank you for the safety of my home
and pray for those who have no bed tonight.
Make me grateful,
in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
one God, Mother of us all.
Amen.

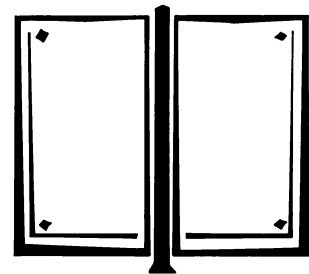
Resources for today's liturgy

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please *take the bulletin home with you* for your reference.

We purposefully print enough for this very reason.

Summer 2024 Camp Arrowhead

Summer 2024 promotional and registration information is available on the table in the narthex. Grab a brochure and check out the possibilities this summer holds.

Diaper Drive—April 21-28, 2024

This year we are collecting diapers and baby wipes for Lutheran Community Services (LCS). There is a need for all sizes but at this time there is a greater need for the smaller sizes—newborn, one, two, and three. A collection container will be in the narthex for your contributions. LCS helps individuals and families with dignity and respect through its food pantries, housing stability program, and health services. Your diaper donation will make an impact in our local community! Let's fill up a car or two or more to take to them!

Hospitality Sponsor Opportunities for June

New Hospitality Sponsor slots are now available for the month of June. The amount is \$30 and requires no time on your part, as the Hospitality Guild will take care of everything. Simply sign-up on the parish website. Many thanks!

Bible Study on Thursday Night

The Thursday Evening Bible Study group meets at 6:30pm in the Great Hall. All are welcome to come and join in the discussion as we explore the riches of Holy Scripture and have a few laughs along the way. They are currently studying the book of Genesis.

Needles of Creation

“Needles of Creation meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays during the program year. If you haven't joined us before, we would love to have you! If you have any questions, I can be reached at my email address: cccz1965@comcast.net. Please put “Needles of Creation” in the subject line so I can identify your email more easily.”

Have You Visited Saint David's Social Media?

Take a look at the Saint David's Wilmington Brandywine Hundred Facebook pages, 'like' & comment, and also check out our Instagram. It helps the parish become more visible to the larger community. It posts upcoming events, inspirational thoughts, Bible verses, Theological Musings, and humorous things about church life.

In Case of Pastoral Emergency...

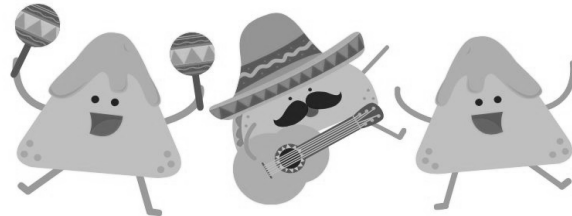
In case of emergency, contact Fr. Pete directly at 504-352-4552 or email at frpete.stdavids@gmail.com.

If You Are Sick...

And unable to come to church, but wish to receive Holy Communion in your home, please contact Fr. Pete Nunnally, who will arrange for the Holy Sacrament to be brought to you.



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**SUNDAY MAY 5TH
FIESTA DE TACOS
DEL GRUPO JUVENIL
(YOUTH GROUP TACO PARTY)
IN THE MEMORIAL ROOM - 11:30 AM**

**St. David's "All-In" Annual Auction
Saturday, May 11th**

Doors Open 12 noon- Auction Begins at 1 pm

All-In Paddles - \$35

Additional - \$25



Venmo - @gusmercante
Cashapp - \$gusmercante

Questions? Call Gus
30-588-1501



Many People Ask: I Want to Sign-Up for Flowers/
 Hospitality/the Potluck/Whatever...
 Where Do I Find the Sign-Up??
 NO Problem! Click This QR Code!

MINISTRY TRANSITION

The Rector Search committee is honored to lead this process,
 in which there are two main phases:

PHASE 1

The first phase entails compiling what is referred to as a parish profile and will take several months. The search committee will need your input to create a robust and comprehensive parish profile. In the coming weeks and months you will receive a survey asking for your thoughts and input on various components of this profile. The search committee will also hold small group meetings in order to gain your perspective.

After the parish profile is complete, the Rector position will be posted and advertised nationally and there will be a period of time while the committee collects and evaluates candidate resumes.

PHASE 2

The second phase involves interviewing candidates. After a comprehensive interview process the search committee's candidate recommendation will be presented to the Vestry of Saint David's.

Search Committee Members:

Justin Bartels

Carlene Deschaine

Rebecca Ford

Kevin Kane

*Sally Lawrence

Genevieve Van-Catledge

*Carol Van Zoeren

Jeanne Marie Yohe

*Co-chairs.

-Please cover these people in prayer-

Information about the transition process will be available in three places:

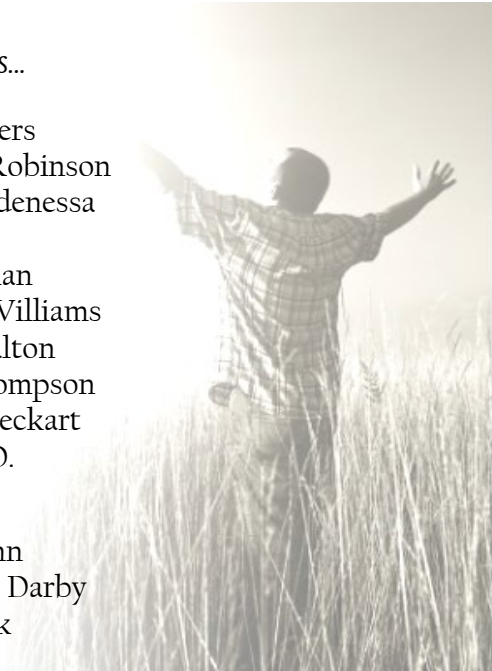
Sunday Bulletins

Parish Website

Weekly E-Pistle

We keep these people in our prayers and in our hearts...

Carron Ingham	Anthony Ruggiero	Don Somers
Carolyn Luttrell	David Payne	Yesenia Robinson
Sheila Coffin	Kiri Snyder	Sabina Adenessa
John Van-Catledge	Tom Krause	Iris Diaz
Jimmy Myers	Pauline Gently	James Khan
Beth Root	Jane Harvey	Natalie Williams
Carolyn Bell	The Coda Family	Janet Walton
Mason Ellingsworth	Kristen Waltz	Anne Thompson
Leola Richards	Alex & Amy Cook	Shirley Reckart
Dick Mickles	Doug Sherwood	Melissa D.
Pete Winnington	Laurie Milone	<u>Deceased</u>
Viola Walters	Caroline Bell	Betsy Fenn
Carol Robinson	Frank Mercante	Margaret Darby
Liz Wehle	Jack Reed	Joan Flick



Those who serve and those who celebrate

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

Hospitality Hour - Sponsor: Glenda Ruggiero Guild Member: Sandy Sierzenski

Eucharistic Ministers— Paul Archer, Janet Leishman, and Ernst Hellriegel

Lectors— Judy Gwaltney, Kevin Kane, and Jolene Baddick

Intercessor— Courtenay Hoernemann

Eucharistic Visitor— Barbara DeHaven

Sacristans— Janie Jersild, Gail Campbell, April Starkey, and Rex Burnham

Greeters— Barbara Sutton and Ernst Hellriegel

Counter— Gail Campbell

Vestry member of the day— Jon Taylor

Thank You To Those Who Served as Acolytes Today

Ushers— Maria Blasucci, Steve Hutt, and Bob Rhodunda



Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week are—

Amy Myers, Gus Mercante, Colin Turner, and Tom Deschaine





THIS WEEK AT SAINT DAVID'S **Bold Font = Parish Activity** **Regular Font = Outside Group**

DAY	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION
Today <i>The Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 	8 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave and Livestreamed on Facebook
		Hospitality Hour in the Great Hall
Monday, April 29	8 pm	AA Meeting in the Great Hall
Tuesday, April 30	10 am	Wisdom Seekers via Zoom
	11 am	Staff Meeting in the Office
	7 pm	EfM via Zoom
	8 pm	AA Meeting in the Great Hall
Wednesday, May 1	6:30 pm	Day School Staff in the Memorial Room
	7 pm	Pastoral Care via Zoom
Thursday, May 2	9:15 am	Day School Chapel in the Nave
	6:30 pm	Bible Study in the Great Hall
	7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal in the Nave
	7:30 pm	AA in the Memorial Room
Friday, May 3	7 pm	AA Meeting in the Memorial Room
Saturday, May 4	7 pm	AA in Memorial Room
Sunday, May 5 <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 	8 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave and Livestreamed on Facebook
		Hospitality Hour in the Great Hall
	11:30 am	Cinco de Mayo Youth Group Tacos in the Memorial Room



Saint David's

BRANDYWINE HUNDRED

A Community of Disciples Passing Along God's Love to All

Staff of Saint David's

The Rev. Pete Nunnally, *Interim Rector*
Janet Leishman, *Day School Administrator*
Jackie Somers, *Administrative Assistant*
Steven Weatherman, *Director of Music/Social Media*

Assisting Clergy at Saint David's

The Rev. David Andrews, *Priest, retired*
The Rev. Anna Waid, *Priest, retired*
The Rev. Dcn. Tom Deschaine, *Deacon, retired*

Vestry of Saint David's

Rex Burnham, *Sr. Warden*
Bob Rhodunda, *Jr. Warden*
Barbara Emmel
Alyson Poppiti
Jonathan Taylor
Patty Curlett
Robyn Pierce
Carlene Deschaine
Deva Scheel
Karen Olmstead, *Treasurer*
Janet Leishman, *Clerk*



Parish Office Hours

Mondays through Thursdays 9 am until 12 pm
Office is closed on Fridays



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