

The Holy Eucharist

The Second Sunday of Advent

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Morning Prayer and Holy Eucharist
Monday - Friday at 8:00 am in Chapel

A Prayer Before Worship

O Almighty God, who pourest out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship thee in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Welcome | St. David's exists to draw people into community through Word and Sacrament. We believe that the Risen Christ is uniquely present in our midst and that he is in pursuit of a relationship with each of us. We hope that you find yourself drawn into a deeper relationship with Jesus today, and that wherever you come from, you discover in St. David's a place of welcome and belonging.

If this is your first time to worship with us, please fill out a Connect Card in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate. We would love to welcome you into our parish and pray for you in the coming week!

Children | We welcome children in worship at St. David's! Activity bags for kids are available on a table in the entryway. We also provide a staffed Nursery on Sunday mornings for children ages 0-3. Please see an usher for directions or more information. Children ages 4 - 4th grade are invited to take part in Children's Church at the beginning of the sermon. They return to worship with us during the Offertory. We also offer Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 am. The Youth of St. David's meet biweekly after the 10:30 am service.

Communion | All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not baptized or if you do not wish to receive today, please cross your arms over your chest when you come forward and the Priest will bless you. When you approach the altar, the Priest will place the Bread in the palm of your hand. To receive the Wine, please guide the chalice to your lips. Those wishing to intinct (dip) the Bread in the Wine must allow the Eucharistic Minister to do so for you. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Giving | Your generosity enables us to fulfill our mission. Text "GIVE" to 940-341-2551 to make a secure contribution electronically or place your contribution in the plate offering when it is passed.

Coffee Hour | Join us after church for refreshments and conversation. As you leave, go through the exit on your right and follow the sidewalk to the Parish Hall.

The Entrance Rite

Advent Mass Setting: Missa Marialis, Plainsong Mode V

Please silence your phones and observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.

Prelude

Hymn 59 “Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

MERTON

The Introit 10:30 am

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

DAUGHTER OF ZION, behold, thy salvation cometh! The Lord shall cause his glorious voice to be heard, and ye shall have gladness of heart *Ps. 80* Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel: thou that leadest Joseph like a flock. Glory be...

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

People And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

ALmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant recites the Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

8:00 am: The threefold Kyrie is spoken:

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ, have mercy upon us

Celebrant Lord, have mercy upon us.

10:30 am: The ninefold Kyrie is sung:

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

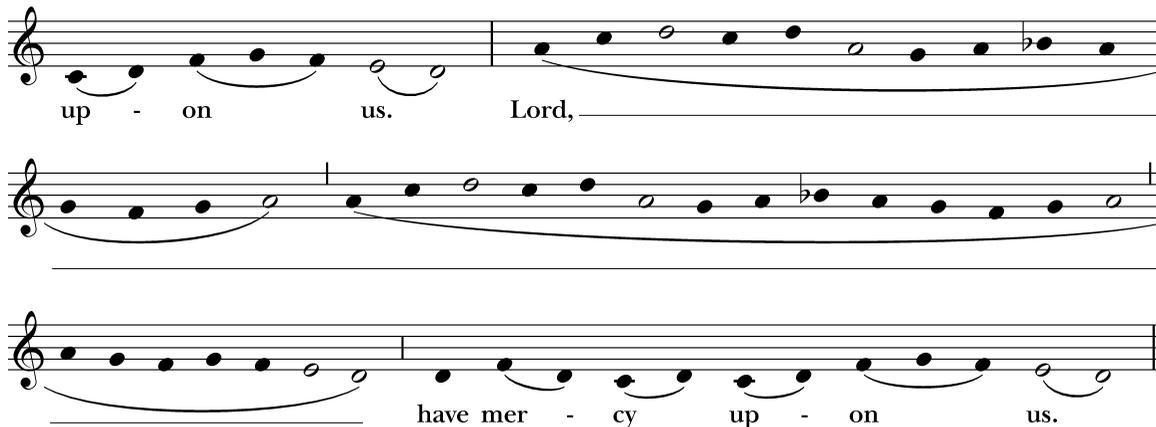
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ,

have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy

up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray. *(Please kneel)*

MERCIFUL GOD, who sent thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Lesson

Isaiah 11:1-10

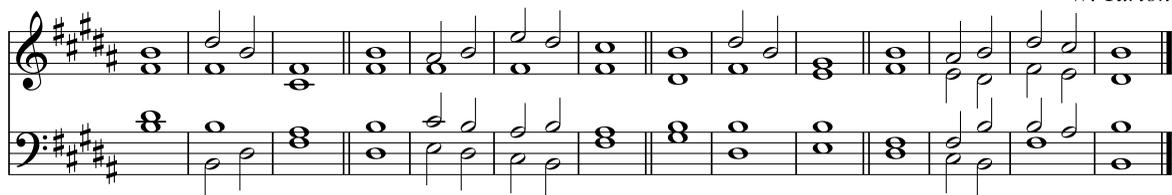
After the Reading, the Lector says

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *Spoken at 8:00 am*

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1. Give the King thy / judgments • O / God, *
and thy righteousness / unto • the / **King's** / son.
 2. Then shall he judge thy people according / unto / right, *
and de- / **fend** / **the** / poor.
 3. The mountains also / shall bring / peace, *
and the little hills / righteous • ness / unto • the / people.
 4. He shall keep the simple folk / by their / right, *
defend the children of the / poor, and / punish • the / wrongdoer.
 5. They shall fear thee, as long as the sun and / moon en- / dureth, *
from one gener- / ation / to an- / other.
 6. He shall come down like the rain up- / on the • mown / grass, *
even as the / drops that / water • the / earth.
 - (*) 7. In his time shall the / righteous / flourish; *
yea, and abundance of peace, so / long as • the / moon en- / dureth.
 18. Blessed be the Lord God, even the / God of / Israel, *
which only / doeth / wondrous / things;
 19. And blessed be the Name of his / majesty • for / ever: *
and all the earth shall be filled with his majesty. / Amen, / **A-** / men.

The Epistle

Romans 15:4-13



WHATEVER WAS WRITTEN in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name”; and again he says, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”; and again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him”; and again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 65 “Prepare the way, O Zion”
Stanza 3 after Gospel

BEREDEN VAG FOR HERRAN

The Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.



IN THOSE DAYS John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.’” Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to

yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Craig Reed

The Nicene Creed

Standing, all say together

I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection  of the dead: and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel.

The Prayers of the People

8:00 am: *The Prayer for the Whole State of Christ's Church* (BCP, p. 328).

10:30 am: *Each intercession ends with*

Leader ... let us pray to the Lord.

People Lord, have mercy.

Conclusion ... and all our life, to Christ our God.

People To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant concludes

ALMIGHTY GOD, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Confession of Sin

The Celebrant continues

YE WHO DO TRULY and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.

Celebrant and People

ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Priest says the absolution

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; pardon ✝ and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Then shall the Priest say the Comfortable Words

HEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matt. 21:28.* So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16.*

Hear also what Saint Paul saith. This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. 1:15.*

Hear also what Saint John saith. If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And with thy spirit.

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



*Your generosity enables us
to fulfill our mission.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Anthem *10:30 am*

George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Words: Isaiah 40:5

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them up unto the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People It is meet and right so to do.
Celebrant ...evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus & Benedictus are sung at 10:30 am

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord
God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full
of thy glo - ry. Glo-ry be to thee, O Lord Most High.
Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer.

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

The Communion Rite

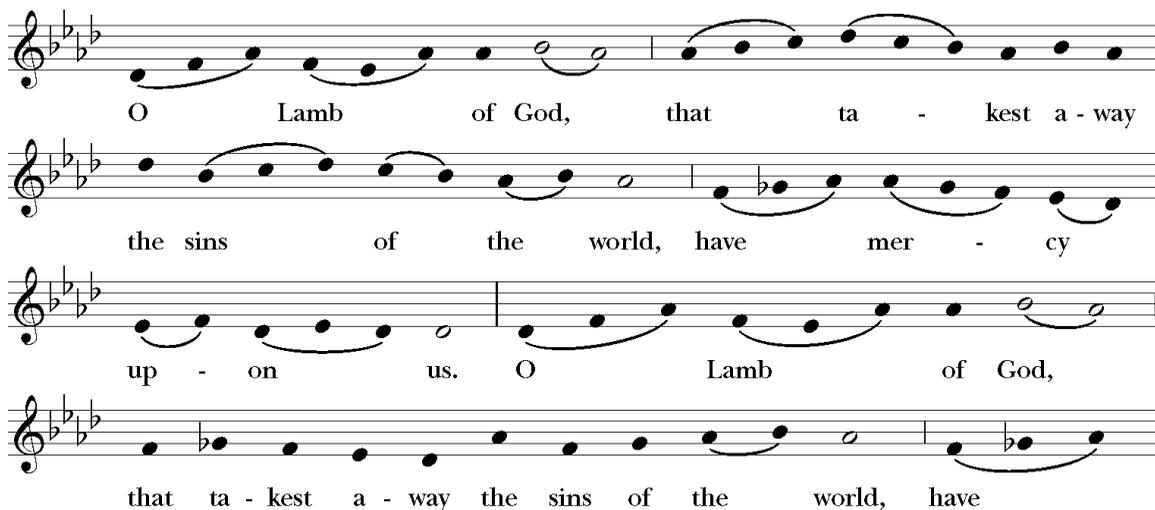
The Lord's Prayer is sung at 10:30 am (The Hymnal, S-119)

O UR 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 Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Agnus Dei is sung



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way
the sins of the world, have mer - cy
up - on us. O Lamb of God,
that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of
 the world, grant us thy peace.

The Prayer of Humble Access is said by all intending to receive the Communion.

WE DO NOT PRESUME to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant Behold ✠ the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.
People Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof:
 but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion instructions may be found in the introduction page of this bulletin.

Communion Hymns

Hymns 324, 67, and 76

Concluding Rites

After the Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Kneeling, all say together

ALMIGHTY AND EVERLIVING GOD, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Celebrant imparts the blessing

THE PEACE OF GOD, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, ✠ the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

People

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 75 “There’s a voice in the wilderness crying”

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Postlude



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