

Requiem Mass

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Welcome to Saint David's!

First-time Guests | We are grateful for your presence this morning as we commend to God our brother, now departed this earthly life. We assemble as those who grieve, but not as those without hope. We cling to the promise that for God's faithful people, life is changed not ended by death. Today, we look forward to "the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to come." This liturgy offers a glimpse into the worshiping life of our parish. If you are visiting for the first time, we would be honored to welcome you on a Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.

Communion Instructions | All baptized Christians are welcome to receive 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, you may stand or kneel at the rail. The consecrated Bread is received in the hand, right hand placed on top of the left. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request. To receive the consecrated Wine, you may guide the chalice to your lips holding the base of the chalice. Those wishing to intinct (dip) the Bread in the Wine must allow the Eucharistic Minister to do so for you.

Graveside Liturgy | A Committal service will be held at Pilot Point Community Cemetery (601 N. Prairie Street, Pilot Point, TX 76258).

Cover Art | The Resurrection of Lazarus, Christ the King Chapel, St. David of Wales (Denton)

A Prayer Before Mass

O LORD JESUS CHRIST, Son of the living God, we pray thee to set thy passion, Cross, and death, between thy judgment and our souls, now and in the hour of our death. Give mercy and grace to the living, pardon and rest to the dead, to thy holy Church peace and concord, and to us sinners everlasting life and glory; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Entrance Rite

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

Organ Prelude

All stand.

The Officiant says the following sentences of Scripture

I AM THE RESURRECTION and the life, saith the Lord;
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *St. John 11:25-26*

I KNOW that my Redeemer liveth,
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,
and not as a stranger. *Job 19:25-27*

WE BROUGHT NOTHING into this world,
and it is certain we can carry nothing out. *1 Tim. 6:7*
The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away;
blessed be the name of the LORD. *Job 1:21*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O GOD, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant James, and grant him an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, 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 Epistle

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9

SO WE DO NOT lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling—if indeed, when we have taken it off we will not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan under our burden, because we wish not to be unclothed but to be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me.*

THE LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not want.

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; *
he leadeth me beside the still waters.**

**He restoreth my soul; *
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; *
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; *
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

The Gospel

John 14:1-6

The people stand, and the Celebrant says

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

ESUS SAID, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Paul A. Nesta

The Prayers

Please kneel. The Reader says

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

ALMIGHTY GOD, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

Lord, in thy mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Lord, in thy mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

Lord, in thy mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

Lord, in thy mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant us grace to entrust James to thy never-failing love; receive him into the arms of thy mercy, and remember him according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

Lord, in thy mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, he may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in thy mercy:
People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes

ALMIGHTY GOD, grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, but they are at peace. *from Wisdom 3:1-3*

Hymn 362 "Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty" NICAEA

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.**

The Celebrant continues with the Preface, which concludes

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

The Sanctus is said by all

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

℣. Blessed ✠ is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
℟. **Hosanna in the highest.**

The people kneel.

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer (BCP, p. 334), *which concludes*

… all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer is said

OUR FATHER, **who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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

The Agnus Dei is said

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant them eternal rest.

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 shouldest come under my roof:**
but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

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

Hymn 671 "Amazing grace! how sweet the sound" NEW BRITAIN

The hymn is sung after the Communion during the ablutions.

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says,

Let us pray.

The people kneel and the Celebrant continues

ALMIGHTY GOD, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please stand.

The Commendation

The Celebrant, facing the body, says

INTO THY HANDS, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant James. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive him into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 688 "A mighty fortress is our God" EIN FESTE BURG

Postlude

The Committal

When they are come to the grave, the following anthems are said

ALL THAT THE FATHER giveth me shall come to me;
and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. *St. John 6:37*

He that raised up Jesus from the dead
will also give life to our mortal bodies,
by his Spirit that dwelleth in us. *Romans 8:11*

Wherefore my heart is glad, and my spirit rejoiceth:
my flesh also shall rest in hope. *Psalm 16:9*

Thou shalt show me the path of life;
in thy presence is the fulness of joy,
and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore. *Psalm 16:11*

The Celebrant continues

IN SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to Almighty God our brother James; and we commit his body to the ground; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The Lord bless him and keep him, the Lord make his face to shine upon him and be gracious unto him, the Lord lift up his countenance upon him and give him peace. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and people

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 them that 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.**

The Celebrant continues

O ALMIGHTY GOD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, who by a voice from heaven didst proclaim, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord: Multiply, we beseech thee, to those who rest in Jesus the manifold blessings of thy love, that the good work which thou didst begin in them may be made perfect unto the day of Jesus Christ. And of thy mercy, O heavenly Father, grant that we, who now serve thee on earth, may at last, together with them, be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

℣. Rest eternal grant unto him, O Lord:
℟. **And let light perpetual shine upon him.**

May ✠ his soul, and the souls of all the departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**

The Celebrant dismisses the people with these words

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; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**



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