



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
December 24, 2023
10:30 am

CELEBRANT & PREACHER The Rev. Kristin Braun, Curate

MUSIC Eric Mellenbruch, Organist & Interim Choirmaster
St David's Choral Scholars

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All services in Historic Church

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I**
Spoken service without music
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Expansive language
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**
Traditional liturgy and music
Livestreamed

Childcare is available during worship services.
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (2 months to 4 years), First Floor

DAILY PRAYER

Grace Chapel

- 9 a.m. Tuesdays**
- 5:15 p.m. Wednesday Evening Prayer**
Before parish dinner
- 11:30 a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursdays**
Before public lunch

RESTROOMS

Gendered bathrooms are outside Bethell Hall and Crail Hall. Non-gendered bathrooms can be found in the 2nd-floor hallway off the lobby.

PARKING

Parking is free for Sunday services and during church events. You do not need to scan anything to park in the garage. Questions? Contact worshipevents@stdave.org.

CHURCH HOURS AND PHONE

Sundays: 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Wednesdays: 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturdays: Closed
Phone: 512.610.3500

VISITORS

Welcome! We're so glad you've joined us for worship today. If you'd like information about getting connected at St. David's, please fill out the guest card in front of you, or get in touch with Director of Newcomer Ministry Carter Leer by email (carter.l@stdave.org), call, or text (512.743.0799). We look forward to hearing from you!

Want to fill out the guest card online? Scan this QR code.



PRAYER REQUESTS



Request a prayer with the QR code, complete a prayer card, or call the church to let clergy know if someone is in the hospital or has a special need.

Copies of the prayer list with complete names are posted on the 2nd-floor hallway bulletin board. Please feel free to take a copy for your prayers.

FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to request a dedication for flowers that adorn the worship space, please email flowers@stdave.org to coordinate a date and payment.

- High Altar \$150
- Baptismal Table \$50
- Good Samaritan Altar (behind the organ) \$50
- Holy Angels Altar (at the back) \$35
- Grace Chapel \$50

WAYS TO GIVE

- **Give online** with the QR code
- **Complete the giving card** or envelope found in the worship spaces and place in the offering plate.
- **Text STDAVE** to 73256.



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Sign up for email news about special events, worship, and ways to connect with our community.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

PRELUDE: Prelude on 'Veni Emmanuel'

Alec Wyton

INTROIT

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down the Righteous.
O let the earth be opened, that a Savior might spring up.
The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his handiwork.
Isaiah 45.8; Psalm 19.1

WELCOME

(Please stand and sing.)

ENTRANCE HYMN 56

✠ **O come, O come, Emmanuel**
Stanzas 5-8

Veni Emmanuel

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, P. 355

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

✠ **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

(Please sing after the Cantor.)

✠ KYRIE

Missa Veni redemptor

The musical notation is arranged in three rows, each with a Cantor part on the left and a People part on the right. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The notes are as follows:

Part	Line 1	Line 2	Line 3
Cantor	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Chri - ste e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
People	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.	Chri - ste e - le - i - son.	Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

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

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

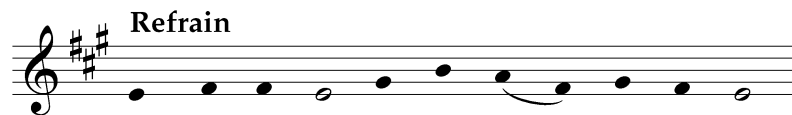
The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

BCP, P. 713

(Please sing the refrain after the Cantor and at the appointed times.)



Your love, O Lord, for ev - er will I sing.

from Gradual Psalms for the RCL, ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated.

- 1 Your love, O LORD, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.
- 2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

✠ **Refrain**

- 3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
- 4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

✠ **Refrain**

- 19 You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: *
"I have set the crown upon a warrior
and have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- 20 I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.

✠ **Refrain**

- 21 My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
- 22 No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.

✠ **Refrain**

23 I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
24 My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.

✘ **Refrain**

25 I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
26 He will say to me, 'You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.'"

✘ **Refrain**

EPISTLE: Romans 16:25-27

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

The Word of the Lord.

✘ **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand and join in singing.)

SEQUENCE HYMN 265

✘ **The angel Gabriel from heaven came**

Gabriel's Message

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

✘ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: Luke 1:26-38

The Gospel of the Lord.

✘ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON: The Rev. Kristin Braun

(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.

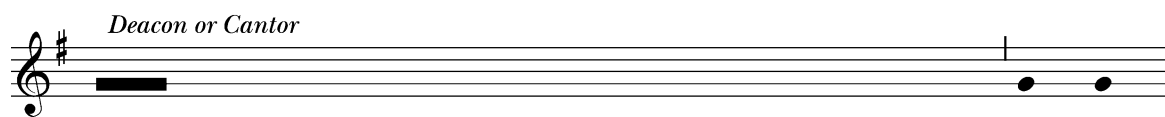
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

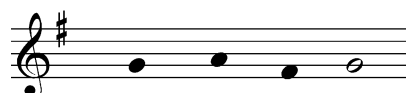
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

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.



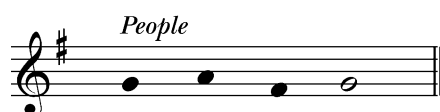
With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, say - ing,



"Lord, have mer - cy."

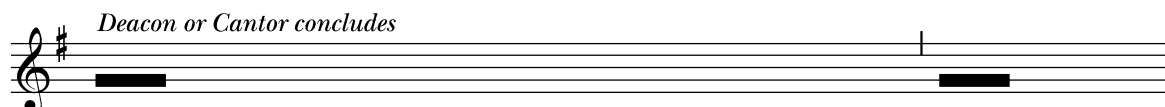


For . . . , let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

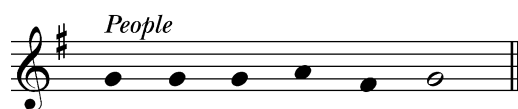
(This response is sung after each petition)



In the communion of [_____ and of all the] saints, let us commend



ourselves, and one an - o - ther, and all our life, to Christ our God.



To thee, O Lord our God.
you,

Silence

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ✠ **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

✠ **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.**

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY

Offertory Anthem: Gabriel's message does away

Piae Cantiones, 1582
setting by Eric Mellenbruch

Based on Hymn 270

Please stand as the ushers bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Altar.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP, P. 367

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, because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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:

Cantor *All*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

(The People stand or kneel.)

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, blessed David of Wales, and all 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.**

As our Savior Christ taught us, we now sing,

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

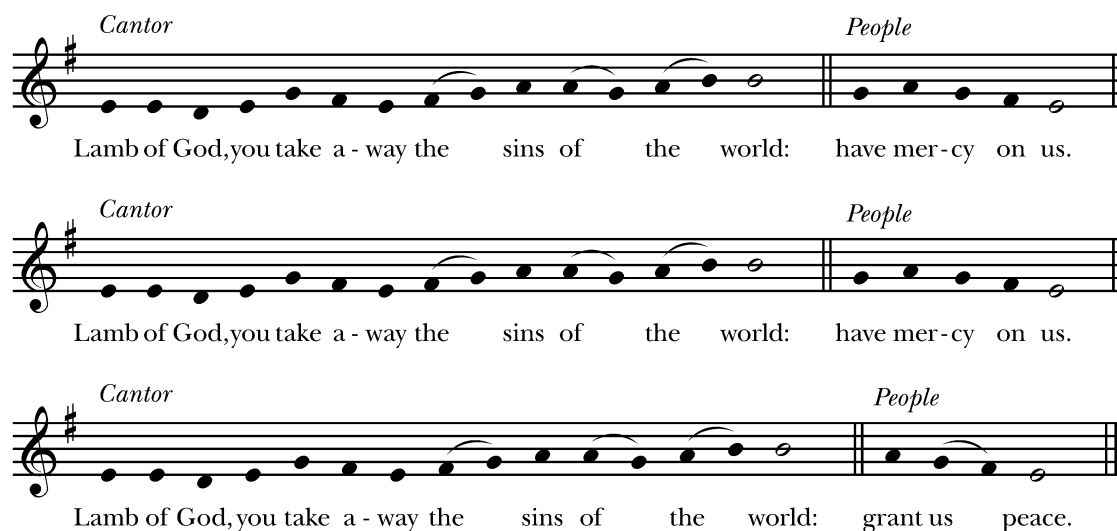


Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

✠ Fraction Anthem *(Please sing after the Cantor.)*

Missa Veni redemptor



Cantor *People*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Cantor *People*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Cantor *People*
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please form two lines in the center aisle and proceed to the Altar, if you want to receive Communion or a blessing. Gluten-free wafers are available, by request. If you desire a blessing, please cross your arms across your chest. Please ask an usher if you need communion brought to you.

Communion Anthem: The Word whom earth and sea and sky
This is Hymn 263

(Please join in singing.)

Communion Hymn 640

✠ **Watchman, tell us of the night**

Aberystwyth

(Please stand.)

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, P. 365

Let us pray.

✠ **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.

Sending Out of a Eucharistic Visitor

(The Eucharistic Visitor comes forward to receive the communion kit.)

The bread which we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ, and the wine which we drink is a sharing of the Blood of Christ. NAME, take this bread and wine to our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us and share with them this holy feast for our body and our soul. We being many are one body, for we all share in one bread, one cup. ✠ **Amen.**

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.**

(Please join in singing.)

DISMISSAL HYMN 66

✠ **Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

Stuttgart

DISMISSAL

After the Dismissal, the People respond,

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Postlude on 'Veni Emmanuel' and 'Come, thou long-expected Jesus'

Christa Rakich

175TH ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Most Holy and Gracious God,
from our beginning you have
led and sustained the people of
St. David's Episcopal Church.

As we celebrate 175 years of ministry,
we ask that you continue to sustain and
guide us in our life of service to you,
the city of Austin, and the world.

Where we are in error, correct us;
where we are faithful, sustain us;
when we are weary, lift us up;
when we are divided, reunite us.

For we aspire to be a city on a hill,
a beacon of your undying love for
the world, drawing others into your
life-giving presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

New lecture series

St. David's Core Values

SUNDAYS • 10 AM • CRAIL C AND ZOOM



These lectures will focus on five of St. David's six core values; Seek and Serve, Be Authentic, Experience Grace, Become Connected and Committed, Engage Boundaries, and Share.

PRACTICING AUTHENTICITY, BELONGING, AND CONNECTION • JAN. 7

Speakers: Rebecca Hall, Director of The Abbey at St. David's, Janet Davis, and Lynda Young Kaffie.

Learn how the work of The Abbey embodies the core values of practicing authenticity and being intentionally connected to God and one another through the love of Christ.



ENGAGING BOUNDARIES • JAN. 14

Holy Conversation: Texas Inmate Families Association

Explore mass incarceration in the Texas prison system and reflect on engaging boundaries. Led by Fr. Chad McCall.



SEEKING AND SERVING • JAN. 21

Speaker: Shawn Welling, Regional Representative for Plant with Purpose

Learn about Plant with Purpose's work in Malawi and its mission to "Restore hope by reversing the interconnected challenges of global poverty and environmental damage."



GRACE-FILLED • FEB. 11

Speaker: Dr. Ben King, Professor of Church History Seminary of the Southwest

Explore the fascinating history of how Christians have understood grace and its activity in their lives, in the world, and in the Church.



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ADULT CLASSES

SUNDAYS, 10-11 a.m. (2nd Floor)

Crail C Lectures Guest speakers, panel discussions, and classes.

- Dec. 24 and 31 No lectures
- Jan. 7 St. David's Core Values lecture series begins

Ongoing Adult Christian Formation Groups

- Going Deeper in the Book of Common Prayer
- Men's Bible Study
- Reading the Bible ToGather
- Sacred Ground
- The Soul of Aging

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Join the Rev. Kristin Braun in Guild Parlor.



Learn more on the Adult Classes and Speakers webpage.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Children's Pageant 4 p.m., Historic Church

Children are invited to dress in costume to help tell the story of the Nativity. Extra costumes will be available to borrow! Please join us for this joyous Christmas tradition.

Children (Age 3 to 5th Grade):

Sundays, 10-11 a.m. (starting Sept. 10), First Floor classrooms

- Junior Journeys
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Youth (Grades 6-12): Meet twice a week

- Sundays, 10-11 a.m., Youth Room 170, First Floor
- Wednesdays: 5:30-7 p.m. Meet in Sumners Hall for Episcopal Youth Community dinner and fellowship.

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Get the latest news about our new program year of classes, special events, Episcopal Youth Community, service opportunities, and fun on the Children & Youth webpage.

HOSPITALITY

ENJOY COFFEE IN HOLY GROUNDS

Sundays, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Lobby)

Our newly-renovated Holy Grounds is open during church hours as a community space. Coffee is served on Sundays.

Sumners Hall (Third Floor)

HAVE SUNDAY BREAKFAST WITH US

8:30 a.m.-11 a.m.

This isn't your typical church coffee hour.

We serve a homemade, hot meal, prepared by our in-house professional chef. Everyone is welcome.

Large plate 8.00, Small plate 6.00

Donuts/Pastry/Fruit a la carte 1.50

Let the cashier know if it is your first visit and your meal is on us!

WEDNESDAY DINNER

Resumes: Jan. 10

5:30-6:30 p.m., Sumners Hall

All are welcome!

THURSDAY LUNCH

1st and 3rd Thursdays

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Open to the public) Take a break from work and come by for Chef Ray's delicious food! Parking is validated for those eating lunch.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

TRINITY CENTER AND NEXT-TO-NEW

Donate cold-weather clothing, travel toiletries, and small household goods in the large lobby bin near the elevator.

TRINITY STREETS MEAL AND WORSHIP

Sunday, Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve)

2 p.m., Trinity Center

St. David's volunteers will prepare a meal for the Trinity Streets Community, bless the Eucharist, and then serve lunch. People of all ages are welcome.



Learn more on the Community Engagement webpage.



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