



ST. DAVID'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**ST. FRANCIS DAY
BLESSING OF ANIMALS**
October 2, 2024
6:30 p.m.

Presider	The Rev. Kristin Braun, Assistant Rector
Assisting	The Rev. Chad McCall, Associate Priest

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

All services in Historic Church

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Sagrada Eucaristía**
Rite I/Rito I
Spoken service without music
Servicio hablado sin música.
- 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Sagrada Eucaristía**
Rite II/, Rito II
Expansive Language
Lenguaje Expansivo
- 11:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist/Sagrada Eucaristía**
Rite II/Rito II
Traditional liturgy and music
Liturgia y música tradicionales
Livestreamed/Transmitido en vivo

Childcare is available during worship services.
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (2 months to 4 years), 1st Floor



Please ask an usher if you would like to use an assisted listening device in Historic Church.

DAILY PRAYER

Grace Chapel

- Tuesdays Morning Prayer**
9 a.m.
- Wednesdays Evening Prayer**
5:15 p.m.
- Thursdays Midday Prayer**
(1st. and 3rd)
11:30 a.m.

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- Wednesday Blessing of the Animals**
Oct. 2 *5:30 p.m., Dinner in Sumners Hall*
6:30 p.m., Blessing in Bethell Hall
All pets are invited to dinner with blessing to follow.
- Wednesday The Open Table**
Oct. 9 National Coming Out Day
6:30 p.m., Bethell Hall
All are invited to our 5:30 p.m. weekly parish dinner

CHURCH HOURS AND PHONE

Sunday: 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 8 a.m.-6 p.m. **Wed.:** 8 a.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday: 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!

Le damos la bienvenida a la Iglesia Episcopal de San David. Desde el año 1848, esta comunidad Cristiana se reúne aquí para adorar y servir a Dios. Para saber mas de nosotros, le invitamos a llenar una de las tarjetas que se encuentran en su banca.



Scan for Online
Guest Card

Para más información sobre San David, favor de llamar a Carter Leer, el Director del Ministerio para Recién Llegados, al 512.743.0799 or por correo electrónico (carter.l@stdave.org). Esperamos escuchar con usted!

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.

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
- **Visit stdave.org/give**



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ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

WELCOME

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the God of all creation.

✠ **And blessed be God's holy Name forever.**

Bless your Creator, all animals of the land.

✠ Praise and exalt our Creator forever.

Bless your Creator, all birds of the air.

✠ **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Bless your Creator, all creatures of the sea.

✠ **Praise and exalt our Creator forever.**

Bless your Creator, all children of God.

✠ **With all of creation, we praise your name.**

The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

COLLECT FOR ST. FRANCIS

Most high, omnipotent good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy. O God, you have made us and all living things. You are even more wonderful than what you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy. As you take care of us, so also we ask your help that we might take care of those who trust us to look after them. By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation. We ask this in Jesus' name.

✠ **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

READING: Genesis 1:1-34 *(The Creation Story abbreviated.)*

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

The Word of the Lord.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS *(Please read in unison)*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; and
where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

✠ **Amen.**

(Please stand.)

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

✠ **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Creator; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

✠ **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HOMILY: The Rev. Kristin Braun

THE PRAYERS

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

That we may love and honor all your works, O God;

✠ **We thank you, Lord.**

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation.

✠ **To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

May you be blessed in the Name God, the Creator, Redeemer and of the Sustainer. May you and your animals enjoy life together and find joy with the God who created you.

✠ **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.

OFFERTORY HYMN

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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The Lord be with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

✠ **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

✠ **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

✠ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

✠ **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

✠ **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

✠ **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

(Sung or spoken)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(The People stand or kneel.)

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

✠ **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

✠ **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

✠ **AMEN.**

(Please join in singing.)

COMMUNION MUSIC: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

THE CLOSING PRAYER *(said together)*

Almighty God, our great Creator, yours are the praise, the glory, the honor and all blessings! To you alone do all things belong. Be praised for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we play with and care for our pets. Be praised for making us so happy to have our pets and to have them to play with. We ask you, Lord, that we may be good to our pets always, so that they may be happy also. Help us always to take care of them so that they will be healthy. O God, your world is wonderful. May we all come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love forever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. ✠ Amen.

BLESSING

May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord show his face to you and have compassion on you! May God turn his face to you and give you peace! And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

✠ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

We will celebrate our school in worship. St. David's Episcopal Day School is a warm, accepting environment for students 18 months-PreK4. To schedule a tour, contact Kate Terrell, Head of School at kate.t@stdave.org



CREATION CARE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, OCT. 6

Creation Care Fair

8 a.m.-Noon

Silent auction, games, crafts, garden experts, and animals

Lecture: Theology and Species Loss

10-11 a.m.

Explore what of God's image is lost when a species goes extinct with Dr. Tony Baker.



THE OPEN TABLE NATIONAL COMING OUT DAY

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 9

6:30 p.m., Bethell Hall

Those attending The Open Table Quarterly Eucharist for the LGBTQ+ community usually gather before the service at 5:30 p.m. in Sumners Hall for our weekly parish dinner.