



*A Church on a Mission
to Know God in Jesus Christ
and to Make Christ Known to Others*



THE WAY OF LOVE

**THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL
November 29, 2020**

Presider — The Rev. Maurice A. Dyer
Preacher — The Rev. Elizabeth W. Colton
Music Director/Organist— Dr. Clair Rozier
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THE WORD OF GOD

Hymn 57

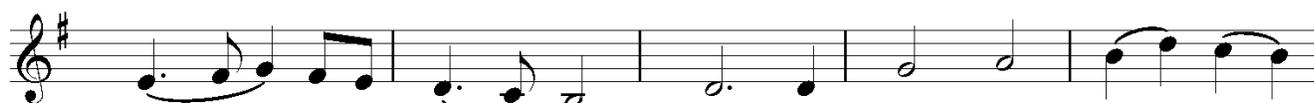
Lo! He Comes, With Clouds Descending

Helmsley

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in
 3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



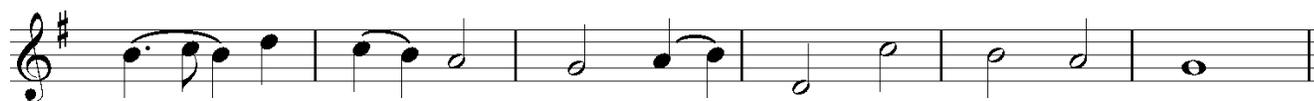
our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand
 dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at
 daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less
 thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his
 nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the
 ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -
 power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,
 ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,
 own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Presider Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. BCP page 355
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider and People continue

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.

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Kyrie

Healey Willan

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

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The Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings and the psalm.

The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil--
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18

Read responsively by half verse

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
 shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
 stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,
 how long will you be angered
 despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears;
 you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
 and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
 the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you;
 give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
 show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 66

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

1 Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art:
3 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king,
4 By thine own e - ter - nal Spi - rit rule in all our hearts a - lone;

from our fears and sins re - lease us, let us find our rest in thee.
dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
born to reign in us for ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

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The Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Please stand as you are able for the Creed.

The Nicene Creed

Read in unison BCP page 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.**

Prayers of the People

Lord God, as we await the annual celebration of your greatest gift of Love; Divinity dwelling with humanity; give us your guidance as we seek to show that Love in becoming a Beloved Community here at St. David's and then to spread that Love with our outreach partners in Philadelphia, Norristown, Ardmore, Wayne, Guatemala, Uganda and Cuba and now in this Advent season of waiting, let us open our hearts in anticipation and stillness.

Generous God, pour forth the gifts of wisdom and strength on your Body, the Church. We pray especially for, Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Daniel, our Bishop, our clergy here at Sr. David's, and our whole congregation as we strive to become the Beloved Community, guided by Love.

Come, thou long expected Jesus;
born to set thy people free;

Governing God, show the leaders of our country and of the world how to lead with grace and compassion, especially Donald, our President, Tom, our Governor, our Legislature, the Supreme Court and our local leaders. Let peace and the common good be their guiding light.

From our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Compassionate God, our country needs your help as we try to heal from sickness, brokenness and ill will. Part of our call to be a community of Love is to be reconcilers. Lead us gently but firmly into this task as we seek to do your will.

Israel's strength and consolation;
hope of all the earth thou art.

Loving God, spread your wings of protection on all who are in danger, especially those who live in places of violence or extreme poverty. We pray for those who put themselves at risk for us by tending to those who are ill with covid-19, for acting as first responders or being in military service. Keep them and their families close to you.

Dear desire of every nation
joy of every longing heart;

Healing God, your people are hurting. Help us to heal from the ravages of fear, hunger, prejudice, anger, judgment, and mental or physical illness. We pray for your healing touch with *Allyson, Allison, Barbara, Bert, Bob, Byron, Carlton, Carolyn, Chris, Colby, Danielle, Debbie, Elissa, Frank, Gail, Gregorio, Jack, Jacquelyne, Jay, Jim, John, Luke, Marjorie, Maureen, Melissa, Missy, Pam, Pat, Penny, Ray III, Rob, Robin, Sally, Scarlett, Solveig and Tripp,*

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a king;

Caring God, we rejoice that our loved ones who have died are now in your warm embrace. Especially we pray for *David (Tiger) Rogers*. Comfort those who mourn

Born to reign in us forever;
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Gracious God, the Supreme Giver of Gifts, we thank you for making us stewards of our precious planet. We thank you for the children and youth of our parish, the Confirmation class of 2021 and the students and teachers at St David's Episcopal Day School. Above all, we thank you for the Gift which is already here and still to come, Emmanuel, God with us. **AMEN**

Confession and Absolution

Presider 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.

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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem Bereite dich, Zion J. S. Bach
*Bereite dich, Zion, mit zärtlichen Trieben den Schönsten,
den Liebsten bald bei dir zu sehn.
(Prepare thyself, Zion, with tender affection, the purest,
the fairest, this day to receive.)
St. David's Children's Choir, Stephanie Wilson, oboe
(recorded 12.3.2017)*

Doxology All Things Are Thine *Gardiner*

1 All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all

gifts, to of - fer thee; And hence with grate - ful hearts to -

day Thine own be - fore thy feet we lay. A - men.

Presider The Lord be with you.

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People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Sanctus

Healey Willan

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.

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Then the Presider continues,

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,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Presider continues

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 St. David 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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread.

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

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Agnus Dei

Healey

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.

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The Presider faces the people and says

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.

The Communion

Music at the Communion

Meditation from *Songs Without Words*

Felix Mendelssohn

Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the
 knowledge and love of God and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
 blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you,
 and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 665 vss. 1-3

All My Hope on God is Founded

Michael



1 All my hope on God is found - ed; he doth still my
 2 Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo - ry, sword and crown be -
 3 God's great good - ness e'er en - dur - eth, deep his wis - dom



1 trust re - new, me through change and chance he
 2 tray our trust; though with care and toil we
 3 pass - ing thought: splen - dor, light, and life at -



1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on - ly true. God un -
 2 build them, tower and tem - ple fall to dust. But God's
 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of nought. Ev - er -



1 known, he a - lone calls my heart to be his own.
 2 power, hour by hour, is my tem - ple and my tower.
 3 more from his store new-born worlds rise and a - dore.

Events & Announcements

Pledge Online Today: http://stdavidschurch.org/giving	
<u>Weekly Bible Studies</u> *Tuesdays - Rector's Bible Study, 6:20am *Wednesday – Women's Bible Study, 9:30am *Wednesday Bible Study, 12:30pm *Fridays - Men's Bible Study, 7:00am *Sundays - Lectionary Bible Study, 11:15am <i>*Bible Studies will be held on Zoom until further notice.</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p>Lighting Up St. David's Churchyard Event Saturday, December 5, 9:00am – 12:00pm Register Online!</p> <p>We will be lighting the trees in the Church Yard this Advent and Christmas as a way to let our lights shine during this pandemic. The light displays will shine throughout the season accompanied by Christmas carols playing through our local radio transmitter, 88.1 FM on your radio as you drive through.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outreach</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gift Shop Hours of Operation Monday-Friday, 10:00-1:00pm Sundays, after the 9:15am Worship Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SDEDS Open Enrollment St. David's Episcopal Day School is accepting applications for 2020-21. Programs available for 18 months through Kindergarten. Apply online - www.sded.org</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family Ministries</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Godly Play & Children's Sermon New videos available online each week: http://www.stdavidschurch.org/live-stream</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children's Choir & Christian Education (Pre-K-5th Grade) Wednesdays Online Contact: mleal@stdavidschurch.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Nicholas Day Family Service Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worship & Music</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekly Worship Services Sundays, Chapel – 8:00am Sundays, Chapel – 9:15am & 5:00pm Sundays, Livestream – 9:15am <i>Limited to 50 people. Register Online!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Advent Musical Meditations - Livestream Wednesdays in Advent, beginning December 2, 6:30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Handel's Messiah Concert - Livestream Sunday, December 6, 3:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Starlight Service of Remembering – Livestream Tuesday, December 8, 7:00pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">A Service of Lessons & Carols - Livestream Sunday, December 13, 5:00pm</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Discipleship</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Mindfulness Meditation Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:00am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*Praying in the Way of Love through Advent Sundays in Advent, beginning November 29, 10:30-11:15am</p>	

To view all of our events, please visit our website at <http://www.stdavidschurch.org/about/events>.