

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

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THE WAY OF LOVE

**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL**

**December 6, 2020**

**Presider — The Rev. W. Frank Allen**

**Preacher — The Rev. Maurice A. Dyer**

**Music Director/Organist— Dr. Clair Rozier**

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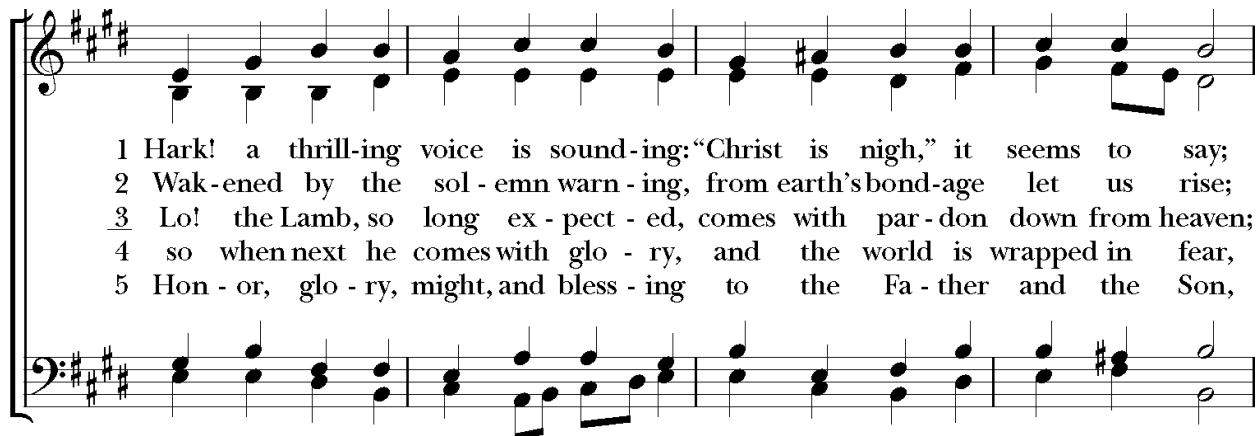
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**ST. DAVID'S CLERGY**

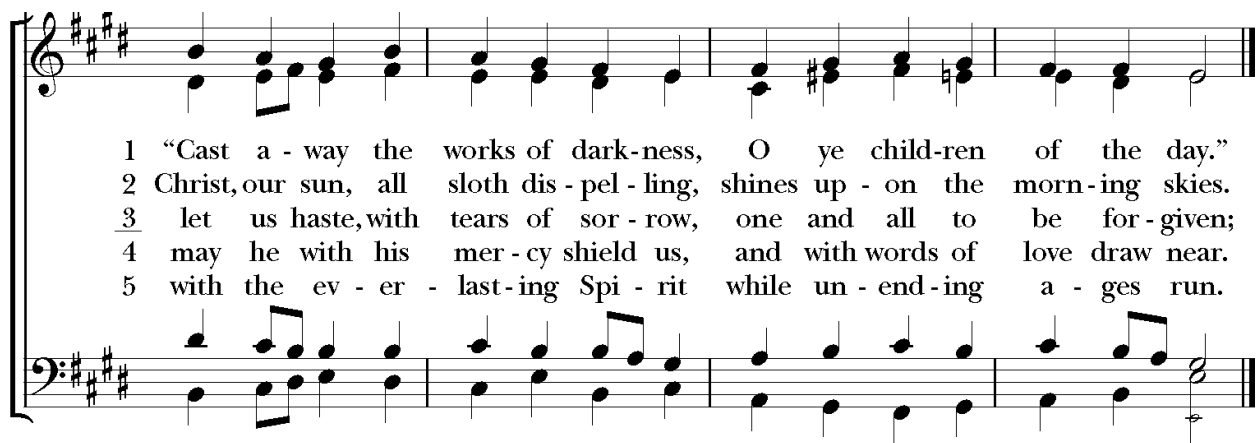
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Hymn 59

## Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding

*Merton*


1 Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;  
 2 Wak-ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond-age let us rise;  
 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect - ed, comes with par-don down from heaven;  
 4 so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,  
 5 Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1 "Cast a - way the works of dark-ness, O ye child-ren of the day."  
 2 Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.  
 3 let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;  
 4 may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.  
 5 with the ev - er - last-ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

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*Presider* Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*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.

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

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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.

Merciful God, who sent your 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 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 40:1-11

Comfort, O comfort my people,  
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the LORD's hand  
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

“In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD,  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,  
and every mountain and hill be made low;  
the uneven ground shall become level,  
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,  
and all people shall see it together,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry out!”  
And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All people are grass,  
their constancy is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades,  
when the breath of the LORD blows upon it;  
surely the people are grass.

The grass withers, the flower fades;  
but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain,  
O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,  
O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
“Here is your God!”

See, the Lord GOD comes with might,  
and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him.  
He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
and carry them in his bosom,  
and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

*Read responsively by half verse*

- 1 You have been gracious to your land, O LORD,  
**you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.**
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people  
**and blotted out all their sins.**
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying,  
**for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.**
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him,  
**that his glory may dwell in our land.**
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together;  
**righteousness and peace have kissed each other.**
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth,  
**and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,  
**and our land will yield its increase.**
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him,  
**and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

**The Second Reading**

**2 Peter 3:8-15a**

Do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and



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

### **The Gospel**

**Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’”

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

*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, our local leaders and Joe, our President-elect. 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, Jacqueline, Jane, Jay, Jim, John, Luke, Marjorie, Maureen, Melissa, Missy, Nancy, Pam, Pat, Penny, Ray III, Rob, Robin, Sally, Scarlett, Solveig, Terry 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. 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**

Prepare the Way

Michael Bedford

*Prepare the way of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna! Blessed is he who comes!  
Make straight a path for the Lord!  
O come, O come, Emmanuel, and save your people Israel;  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.  
Aubrey Lane, Ainsley Payne, Harper Payne, Isabel Thornberg-Payne, soloists*

Doxology All Things Are Thine

*Gardiner*

1 All things are thine; no gift have we, Lord of all  
gifts, to offer 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;**

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 Willan

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

Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

Johannes Brahms

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.**





~MEMORIALS~

*The Advent Wreath is given to the glory of God and in memory of*

Elise Luck Walton 1896-1967  
Robert Allen Walton 1896-1978  
Clarice Giles Brown 1901-1972  
Herbert Pearce Brown 1895-1985  
Elise Pennock Smith 1922-1993  
David Pierson Smith 1918-1993  
Patricia Pennock Henry 1926-2005  
Thomas Howe Henry 1919-2005  
Edward Morton Brown 1929-2013  
Clifford Carmalt Collings, Jr. 1917-2014  
William Pearce Brown 1929-2017  
Alan C. Hale  
Myrtle S. Hale

*Greens in the chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of*

John C. Pemberton, Jr., 1926-1996  
John C. Pemberton, III, 1954-2003  
Mary Belcher Pemberton, 1926-2009

~LAY ASSISTANTS~

Jim Dolan, Reader  
Hannah Fay, Acolyte

# Events & Announcements

Pledge Online Today: <a href="http://stdavidschurch.org/giving">http://stdavidschurch.org/giving</a>	
<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	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Fellowship</u></p> <p><b>*Men's Fellowship Breakfast</b> Saturday, December 12, 8:00am</p> <p><b>Lighting Up the Church Drive Thru</b> Thursdays-Sundays through January 5</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outreach</u></p> <p><b>Gift Shop &amp; Art Gallery Online Store-Shop Small!</b> <a href="http://giftshop.givesmart.com">http://giftshop.givesmart.com</a></p> <p><b>SDEDS Open Enrollment</b> Accepting applications for 2020-21. Apply online - <a href="http://www.sdeds.org">www.sdeds.org</a></p> <p><b>Now Accepting Grant Applications!</b> <a href="http://stdavidschurch.org/outreach/grants">http://stdavidschurch.org/outreach/grants</a></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Family Ministries</u></p> <p><b>Godly Play &amp; Children's Sermon</b> New videos available online each week: <a href="http://www.stdavidschurch.org/live-stream">http://www.stdavidschurch.org/live-stream</a></p> <p><b>St. Nicholas Day Family Service</b> Sunday, December 6, 5:00pm</p> <p><b>A Service of Lessons &amp; Carols - Livestream</b> Sunday, December 13, 5:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Worship &amp; Music</u></p> <p><b>Weekly Worship Services</b> Sundays, Chapel – 8:00am Sundays, Chapel – 9:15am &amp; 5:00pm Sundays, Livestream – 9:15am <i>Limited to 50 people. Register Online!</i></p> <p><b>Advent Musical Meditations - Livestream</b> Wednesdays in Advent, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Handel's Messiah Concert - Livestream</b> Sunday, December 6, 3:00pm</p> <p><b>Starlight Service of Remembering – Livestream &amp; In-Person   Register or Submit Names Online</b> Tuesday, December 8, 7:00pm</p>
<p><u>Discipleship</u></p> <p><b>*Mindfulness Meditation</b> Tuesdays &amp; Fridays, 9:00am</p> <p><b>*Praying in the Way of Love through Advent</b> Sundays in Advent, 10:30-11:15am</p> <p><b>*Dwelling in the Dark Together Series</b> Wednesdays in Advent, 7:30-8:30pm</p> <p><b>*Beyond the Book Women's Book Club</b> Monday, December 7, 7:30pm</p>	

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