

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



THE WAY OF LOVE

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ASCENSION SUNDAY HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:15 A.M. IN THE CHAPEL May 16, 2021 Presider — The Rev. Elizabeth W. Colton Preacher — The Rev. W. Frank Allen Music Director/Organist — Dr. Clair Rozier Associate Director/Organist — Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock Soloist— Geoff Chamberlain

We welcome you to the worship of God this morning and ask that you help keep yourself and others safe throughout this pandemic.

Please keep appropriate physical distance from those not in your family by sitting only in the marked pews and keeping your mask on at all times.

During communion you will be invited forward to receive the bread and ask that after you receive the bread to turn away from the Presider to eat the bread and then cleanse your hands before returning to the pew. If you need gluten free bread, please let the clergy know.

When the worship service is concluded, we ask that you leave the building without congregating. Thank you. Voluntary



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Presider	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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.

<u>WLP 900</u>

John Rutter





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The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen**.

The First Reading

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying

Acts 1:1-11

with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 93

Read in unison.

Ephesians 1:15-23

- 1 The LORD is King; he has put on splendid apparel; the LORD has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.
- 2 He has made the whole world so sure that it cannot be moved;
- 3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.
- 4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.
- 5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.
- 6 Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness adorns your house, O LORD, for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.



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The GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Read in unison.

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.

The Prayers of the People

Sing with joy for the Lord has risen! God has set us free from sin and death, giving us resurrected hearts and lives! Our heart strings play a joyous melody as we celebrate -- dance, sing, and live to a new beat, let us pray:

Risen Lord, we pray for your sweet song of Love to spread through us and into the world. We pray for the Church and its leaders: Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Frank and our clergy & laity of St. David's, and for our brothers and sisters we partner with in Ardmore, Norristown, Wayne, Philadelphia, Chester, Guatemala, Cuba, and Uganda.

Loving Lord, we pray for the leaders in our country and around the world. Through your wisdom, may they uphold righteousness, justice, and promote ways of harmony and love and peace. May your gracious hand of guidance be upon Joe, our President; Tom, our governor and on all public servants at the federal, state, and local levels.

Healing Lord, may you restore all those who are sick to wholeness. Whether it be Covid, mental or emotional, or any other sickness; we believe, in your Name, Jesus, in your healing hands, especially for members of our St. David's family: *Ann, Allyson, Barbara, Bea, Byron, Cameron, Carolyn, Catherine, David, Debra, Elissa, Gail, Jack, Jim, Joe, Joy, Judy, Laura, Lorann, Mark, Maureen, Melissa, Missy, Pamela, Peter, The Pizzo Family, Ray III, Renald, Roy, Sally, Scarlett, Susan, Tom and Tripp.* Bless those who are heavy laden, the homeless, hungry, widows, and victims of terrorism, racism, or any injustice.

Almighty God, may your Light be a lantern to those on the battle lines of international or domestic strife. Guard the hearts and minds of those who support our common life in so many ways, our armed forces, first responders and all those fighting to overcome this virus.

Victorious Lord, we give thanks for your servants who have entered into your closer presence whom we remember with flowers this day. May all who have died this week, *Betty Higgins,* be lifted up to eternal life, and console the hearts of family members awaiting union with you and the faithful departed in your glorious kingdom.

Blessed Lord, we thank you for all the gifts of our lives, for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.

Holy Trinity, may you bless our community: Our church, ministries, families, and the St. David's Episcopal Day School teachers and students. In community, through your way of love may we be strengthened, building up your church body, spreading the fire of your Love. The Lord has Risen – Risen indeed! **Amen.**

Presider

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Solo

King of Glory K. Lee Scott King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; And that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me; Thou did'st note my working breast, Thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, And the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Though my sins against me cried, Thou did'st clear me; And alone, when they replied, Thou did'st hear me. Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise thee; In my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: Ev'n eternity's too short to extol thee!

Geoff Chamberlain, soloist

Doxology Hymn 380 stanza 3 Lasst uns erfreuen 0 Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise him all crea- tures here be low. Al - le lu ia! Al - le lu ia! Praise him a o o host. Praise Fa- ther, Son ly Ghost. bove ye heaven-ly and Ho-Refrain 0 0 Al le lu ia! Al - le lu ia! Al - le lu ia! -_ _ al le lu ia, al - le lu ia! -

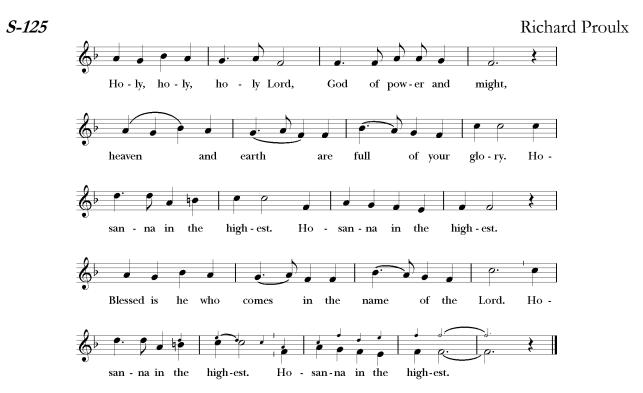
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The Great Thanksgiving

Presider	The Lord be with you.	
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 God thanks and praise	

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. 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



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Then the Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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,

Presider and People say together,

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.



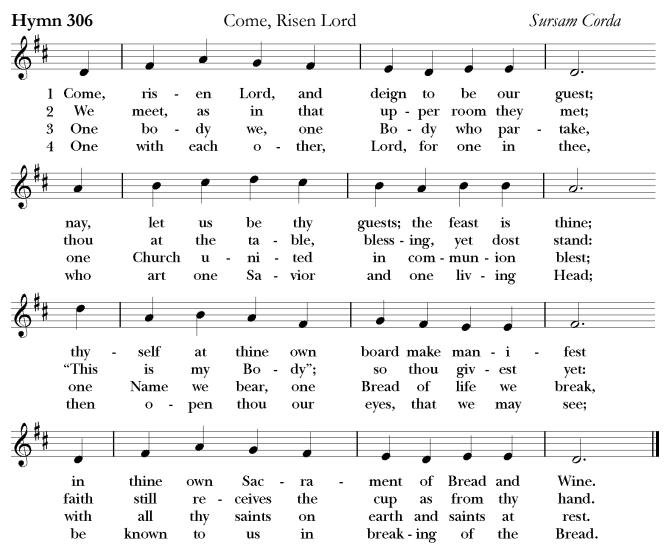
The Presider faces the people and says

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

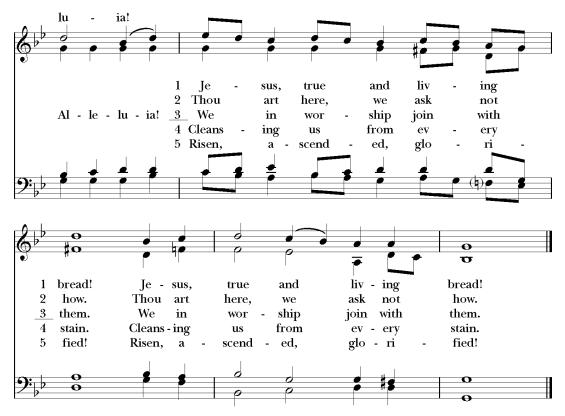
Please come forward to receive communion, keeping appropriate distancing, then return to your pew.

Music at the Communion



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Post-communion Prayer during this Time of Separation

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual Body and Blood of Christ. May we be reminded of the many times we have been fed at your table, always being drawn closer to you in the breaking of the bread. We acknowledge your presence among us, just as you were present with your disciples. May your Holy Spirit continue to strengthen us to live, learn, and walk the way of love. For the sake of your love in our lives, forever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

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; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



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The Sending

Clergy	Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Voluntary

Toccata

Michelle Leclerc

~LAY ASSISTANTS~

Kathy Wagner-Reader Suzanne Siebert & Robin Gregory-Flower Arrangers

~MEMORIALS~

Flowers in the Chapel are given to the glory of God and in memory of Hadley Ellsworth Hartman, 1993-1997 Howerton Lawrence Gillis, 1947-2003

ST. DAVID'S CLERGY

The Rev. W. Frank Allen, Rector	Ext. 217
The Rev. Elizabeth W. Colton, Associate	Ext. 218
The Rev. Maurice A. Dyer, II, Associate	Ext. 303
The Rev. Emily Zimbrick-Rogers, Associate	Ext. 302
The Rev. Dr. Alexander McCurdy, III, Associate	Ext. 334
The Rev. William H. Wood, III, Associate	Ext. 334
The Rev. E. Edward Shiley, Associate	Ext. 214
The Rev. Ken McCaslin, Deacon	Ext. 203

EVENTS & A	NNOUNCEMENTS				
Pledge Online Today:	http://stdavidschurch.org/giving				
	kly Bible Studies				
	udy, 6:20am; Bible for Everyone, 7:00pm				
*Wednesdays –Women's Bible Stu	udy, 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study, 12:30pm				
Fridays - Me	en's Bible Study, 6:45am				
*Sundays - Adult Forum/Coffee H	our, 10:30am; Lectionary Bible Study, 11:15am				
Coming Soon- Acts Bibl	e Study with The Rev. Maurice Dyer				
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Fellowship	Worship & Music				
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Christianity 101: Newcomers Class	Weekly Worship Services				
Sundays on zoom at 3:00pm	Rite I: 8:00am, Chapel				
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Sunday, May 23 rd Newcomer's	Enriching Our Worship: 5:00pm, Chapel				
Welcome Sunday after the 9:15am	Register Online				
service on the Narthex Porch	https://signup.com/group/577024316393170061				
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	Online Broadway Musical Revue Sunday May 16				
	11:15am & 2:00pm				
	Please note the revue will only be available at these times,				
	so please tune in at 11:15am or 2:00pm to watch!				
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Outreach	<u>Pastoral Care</u>				
Cift Shop is OpenI	*Online Regenerate Crown				
Gift Shop is Open!	*Online Bereavement Group				
Monday-Thursday: 10:00-4:00pm	Thursdays 7:00pm				
Friday & Saturday: 10:00-1:00pm	Coning Mode Ministry				
Sunday: After 9:15am service	Caring Meals Ministry				
	The DIOPA has officially allowed St. David's to restart				
	the Caring Meals ministry! For this ministry, parishioners				
Cold Chicken Pasta Salads are needed for St.	prepare and deliver a meal to other parishioners				
John's Feeding Ministry.	identified by the clergy as needing support and				
	encouragement. To join this ministry, or if you are in				
Project Ensonga	need of a meal, contact The Rev. Elizabeth Colton				
Wednesday, June 2nd, 10:00am					
	*Seeking Hope Ministry, 1 st Mondays 6:00pm				
Family Ministries	Discipleship				
High School Senior Drive Thru Celebration	*Mindfulness Meditation				
Sunday May 23 rd 4:00pm	Tuesdays & Fridays, 9:00am				
Save the Date for Vacation Bible School	Adult Forum and Coffee Hour				
Monday, June 21st-Friday, June 25th	Sundays at 10:30am on zoom & in the Harrison Room,				
Register Online!	Living out the Way of Love: Outreach				
	May 16th-Episcopal Community Services				
	May 23- Interfaith Hospitality Network				
	1 St. David's, 2 Books, 3 Ways to Connect				

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To view all of our events, please visit our website at <u>http://www.stdavidschurch.org/about/events</u>. **Events will be held on Zoom until further notice.*