



September 27, 2026

9:15 a.m. Livestream and Choir

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

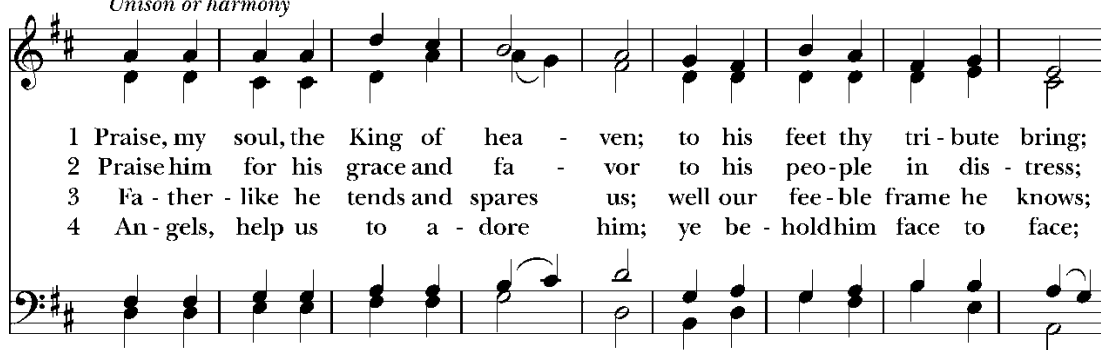
Holy Baptism

Prior to the service we invite you into a time of silence and prayer so that we might all that center our hearts on God. Our worship is primarily drawn from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns are from The Hymnal 1982 or Wonder Love and Praise (WLP) unless otherwise noted.

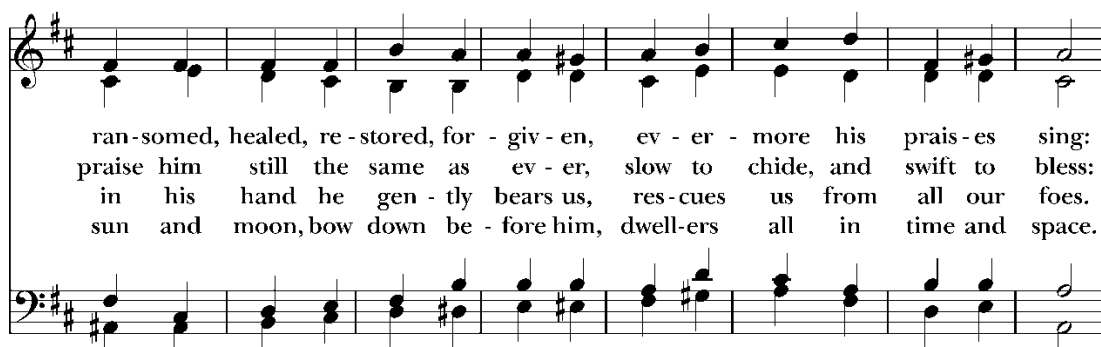
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Prelude from Suite for Viola & Orchestra Ralph Vaughan Williams

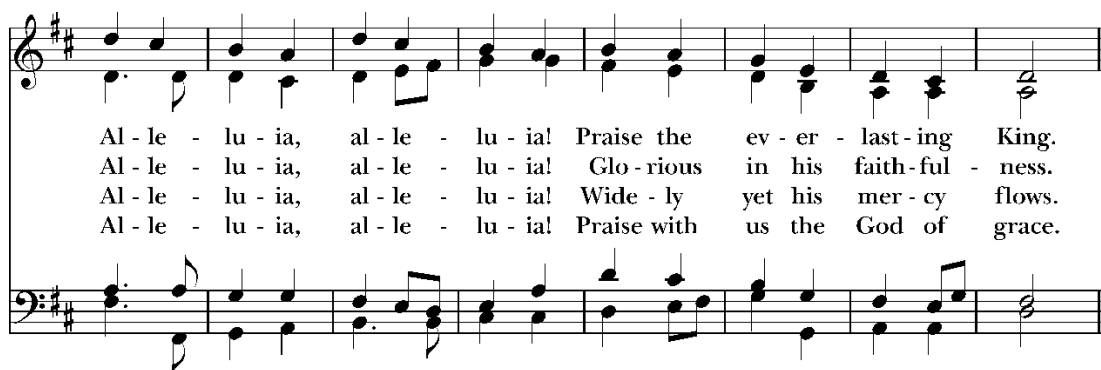
Sarah Sutton, Viola

Unison or harmony


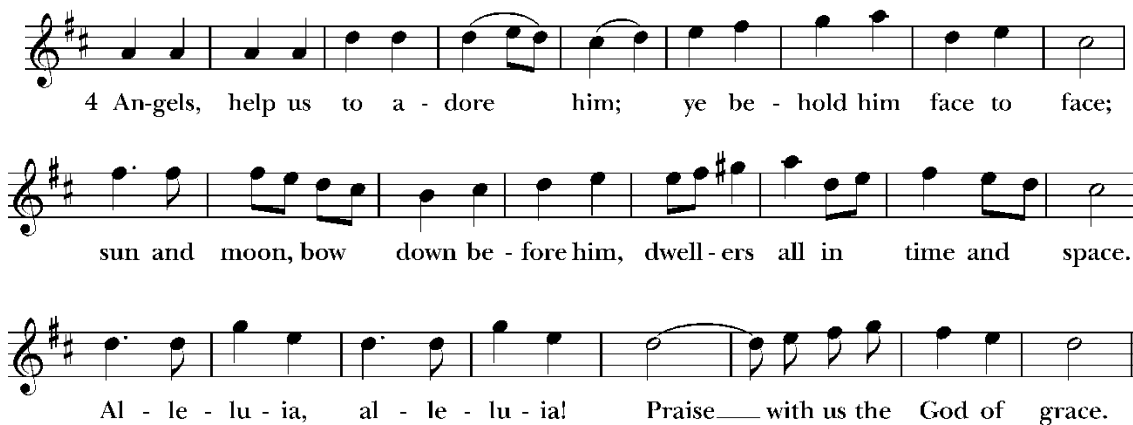
1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
 3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;



ran - sored, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing;
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless;
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Descant for use with unison singing


4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). Music: *Lauda anima*, John Goss (1800-1880); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971).
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The Word of God

OPENING ACCLAMATION *All stand as able.*

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;

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

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant *Let us pray.*

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The people may be seated.

THE FIRST READING—EXODUS 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78:1-4,12-16 *Read in unison.*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

3 That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

- 4 We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, ***
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; ***
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, ***
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness ***
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, ***
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

THE SECOND READING—PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Lector The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

CHILDREN'S SERMON *Children grades 5 and under are invited to follow the St. David's Cross to the back of the Church.*

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,
 be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
 I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

Words: John Ernest Bode (1816-1874), alt. Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. and harm. David Evans (1874-1948).
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All remain standing as able for the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL—MATTHEW 21:23-32

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the

way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP p. 301

The Celebrant says: The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented:

Parents and Godparents: **I present Damien Richard Haugh to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents:

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents: **I will, with God's help.**

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children:

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: **I renounce them.**

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer: **I do.**

Question: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support him in his life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Celebrant: Let us join with Damien, who is committing himself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP p. 304

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

THE PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

BCP p. 305

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Damien who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

Reader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Reader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Reader: Keep him in the Faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, Hear our Prayer.**

Reader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Reader: Bring him into the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our Prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP p. 306

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

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

THE BAPTISM

BCP p. 307-308

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

THE PEACE *All stand as able.*

BCP p. 360

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please refer to the insert in your bulletin.*

The Holy Communion

The Offertory

If you would like to make a financial contribution to the ministry and mission of St. David's, you may either place a gift in the offering plate as it comes around or you may use the QR code found in the pew card to make an offering online. We are grateful for your generosity.

ANTHEM

Sing My Soul His Wondrous Love

Sarah MacDonald

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love,
who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful o'er our race,
still extends to us his grace.*

*Heaven and earth by him were made;
all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show
so much love to us below?*

*God, the merciful and good,
bought us with the Savior's blood,
and, to make salvation sure,
guides us by his Spirit pure.*

*Sing, my soul, adore his Name,
Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home;
trust his love for all to come.*

Adult Choir

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.;
 harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PRAYER A *All stand as able.*

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Altar, the Presider proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:

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. _____

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Then the Celebrant 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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues.

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,

**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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

FRACTION S-155

Alleluia, Christ Our Passover

Gerald R. Near

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

The Celebrant 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

All God's people are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion here. Please come forward at the invitation of the ushers, and either kneel or stand at the Altar Rail. You may either dip the bread into the up of Wine, or drink directly from the cup. If you need gluten-free Bread, please let the priest know. If you come forward and cross your arms over your chest, the priest will offer you a blessing in lieu of Communion.

THE MUSIC AT COMMUNION

SOLO

Musette from Suite for Viola & Orchestra Ralph Vaughan Williams
Sarah Sutton, viola

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Roland E. Martin

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I find my greatest treasure,
hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for Thy courts above.

Adult Choir, Sarah Sutton, Viola

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing the hymns.

HYMN 679

Surely it is God Who Saves Me

Thomas Merton

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not
2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed
fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his
help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
might pro - claim. Zi-on, lift your voice in sing-ing; for with
va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the
liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

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1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
 3 While I draw this fleet-ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
 all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
 when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou-ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
 in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Words: Augustus Montague Toplady (1740-1778), alt. Music: *Toplady*, Thomas Hastings (1784-1872).

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

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THE SENDING PRAYER FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: Most Gracious God, we send forth your servants bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom they go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

People: **We, who are many, are one body, because we all share in the Body and Blood of Christ. Amen.**

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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



1 Sing, ye faith - ful, sing with glad - ness, wake your no - blest,
 2 Sing how he came forth from hea - ven, bowed him - self to
 3 So, he tast - ed death for mor - tals, he, of hu - man -
 4 Now on high, yet ev - er with us, from his Fa - ther's



sweet - est strain, with the prais - es of your Sa - vior
 Beth - lehem's cave, stooped to wear the ser - vant's ves - ture,
 kind the head, sin - less one, a - mong the sin - ful,
 throne the Son rules and guides the world he ran - somed,



let his house res - ound a - gain; him let all your
 bore the pain, the cross, the grave, passed with - in the
 Prince of life, a - mong the dead; thus he wrought the
 till the ap - point - ed work be done, till he see, re -



mu - sic hon - or, and your songs ex - alt his reign.
 gates of dark - ness, thence his ban - ished ones to save.
 full re - demp - tion, and the cap - tor cap - tive led.
 newed and per - fect, all things gath - ered in - to one.

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THE SENDING

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Clergy Go in peace to know Christ and make Christ known.

All respond **Thanks be to God!**

**Today we welcome Damien Richard Haugh
 into the family of Faith.**

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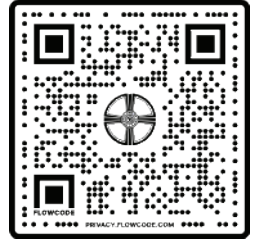
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SUNDAY NEWS: SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

Thank you for joining us today!

If you'd like to learn more about St. David's, please fill out a newcomer card in your pew or sign up for our weekly eNews at stdavidschurch.org/eNews or use the QR code at left.



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For a full listing of events, registrations, and outreach opportunities, read our weekly eNews or visit stdavidschurch.org/events/.

HAPPENING TODAY!

8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.: Childcare (3 Mo.–Age 5) | Nursery (Lower Level)
10:30 a.m.: Adult and Youth Forum: The Trinity and Christian Faith | Allen Hall
10:30 a.m.: Godly Play and StoryMakers | Classrooms (Lower level)
10:30 a.m.: Lectionary Bible Study | Quiet Room
10:30 a.m.: Fair-mily Moving Day | Sheds/Fairgrounds
11:15 a.m.: Senior Choristers | Choir Room
8:00 p.m.: AA Meeting | Harrison Room

COMING EVENTS

**Who's this video team? Today is "This is St. David's" Video Day
Sunday, September 27 | All services and activities**

We're looking to share with the world what St. David's is all about! We're excited to have BLINCK Studios here with us all day to capture the life of the parish: from worship to formation to service. They'll be helping us to tell the wonderful story of St. David's and share the unique gifts of this place with the wider community. At a minimum we'll be producing a welcome video and individual videos for each worship service to showcase their unique vibes. Your presence today is your permission to appear in the videos we produce. We hope you're excited to be a part of telling our story!

Holy Eucharist and Healing Prayers | Wednesdays at Noon

A worship service of the Holy Eucharist with laying on of hands for healing will be held at Noon on Wednesdays in the Harrison Room beginning September 16.

Women's Fellowship Fair Preview Party | Wednesday, September 30 | 5-7:30 p.m.

Women's Fellowship invites you to support the Fair on Wednesday, September 30 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the sheds. This will be an opportunity to shop at the House of David, Secondhand Rose, Flea Market Finds, and Jewelry booths ahead of the Fair. Appetizers, wine, and soft drinks will be offered at the event. Please no early arrivals. \$10 per person; please also bring a non-perishable food item for our feeding ministries. Register by TODAY in Realm or at stdavidschurch.org/fellowship.

St. David's 175th Annual Country Fair | Saturday, October 3 | 10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Join us for this beloved event: a can't-miss day of fun, community, and purpose. Bring the whole family for a festive day packed with games and activities for all ages, fantastic

thrift shopping, and live music by 3ROWBACK! With over 3,500 attendees annually, this cherished tradition is an incredible way to enjoy the season and give back. What's your spending for? All net proceeds go directly to local and international partners supporting vital causes in the Delaware Valley, Philadelphia, Cuba, Guatemala, and Uganda. Rain or shine! Get the details at stdavidschurch.org/fair.

Save the Date: End of Life Planning Event | Saturday, October 17 | 2-3:30 p.m.

Details and registration coming soon. Watch your eNews this Tuesday!

All Parish Family Campout | Saturday, October 17 | 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday

Join us at St. David's on Saturday, October 17 for an evening of food, fun, fellowship, and camping. We'll gather in the Fairgrounds starting at 4 p.m. Can't stay overnight? Just let us know you'll only be hanging out for the evening. Registration is now open online in Realm and at stdavidschurch.org/fellowship.

An Evening with Becca Stevens, An Evening with Becca Stevens, Founder & President of Thistle Farms and the Center for Contemplative Justice | Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Two Events!

5 p.m.: Women's (age 16+) Fellowship Healing Oil-Making Workshop

6 p.m.: "The Courage to Love" reception and talk for all (aged 16+)

Registrations are now open in Realm and at stdavidschurch.org/fellowship.

Becca Stevens is a nonprofit leader, entrepreneur, priest, survivor, and founder and President of Thistle Farms. She has founded 13 nonprofits and justice enterprises, mentored another 70, and has raised over \$90 million to support them. Becca has authored 12 books and has served as chaplain at St. Augustine's Chapel on Vanderbilt's campus for almost 30 years. Becca has been featured on PBS NewsHour, The Today Show, CNN, ABC World News, named a CNN Hero, and White House Champion of Change, and holds seven honorary doctorates. Drawn from 30 years of leadership in mission-driven work, Becca leads important conversations across the country with an inspiring message that love is the strongest force for change in the world.

Pilgrimage to Benedictine Britain next July: are you interested?

We're exploring the potential for a "Pilgrimage to Benedictine Britain," with stops in England and Wales, on the heels of the Choir's trip to Scotland next July. We're gauging interest in attending. No commitment at this time, just interest. Use the link in your eNews or contact Elliot VanHoy or the Rev. Rick Morley to declare your interest! We'll follow up with more details once we have a clearer picture of costs and itinerary.

Save the Date: Trunk or Treat | Sunday, October 25 | 3-5 p.m.

Let us know if you will decorate a trunk or support the event with donations. Find the SignUp Genius link in the Realm event, your eNews, or at stdavidschurch.org/fellowship.

Show us that smile! Submit photos for our Online Directory in Realm

We're updating our Realm online directory and would love to include your photo! You are welcome to update your profile on Realm yourself. Or you may email a photo to rderitis@stdavidschurch.org with your full name(s) and we'll add it to the system.

Sunday morning Christian Formation for all ages

Please register for 2026-2027 Children, Youth, and Family Programming at stdavidschurch.org/2026CYregistration.

Godly Play (age 4–grade 1) | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. | Chapel Lower Level classroom

Join us Sunday mornings as we make meaning through story, wonder, and play! Snacks and drinks are provided at the start of class. Godly Play is a Montessori-inspired Christian formation program where children are encouraged to experience God's presence and grow in their relationship with God.

Storymakers NYC (grades 2-5) | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. | Chapel Lower Level classroom

This program year we kick off Christian Formation with Jonah and the Minors. Story Makers will get to know the minor prophets of the Old Testament. This class will also continue to engage in monthly outreach projects.

Youth and Adult Forum (grade 6-adult) | Sundays at 10:30 a.m. | Allen Hall**The Trinity and Christian Faith (this week is part 2 of 3)**

We kick off the Forum this year with a back-to-basics series on the Trinity. We'll examine where we find the building blocks of the Trinity in Scripture, how the Church developed Trinitarian Theology over several centuries of arguments, and why the understanding of the Trinity even matters. This series is for those who have always wondered what "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" means, those who question if the Trinity is even relevant today, and those who may have done some deeper reading into what Christian Theology says about this central doctrine of our faith. This forum pairs well with the Cross Connections podcast series on "Tokens of Trust" by Rowan Williams.

ON THE CROSS CONNECTIONS PODCAST

New episodes are live now!

Our hosts, the Rev. Rick Morley, Natalee Hill, and Elliot VanHoy, have a whole new season of conversations lined up for you! Don't miss our first series on "Tokens of Trust" by Rowan Williams, a perfect companion to our Trinity forums.



Find Cross Connections wherever you get podcasts or on our website at stdavidschurch.org/crossconnections.

CONTACT US

Our staff list with photos, bios, and phone extensions may be found on the Church Leadership page of the website. Looking to send us an email? Use first initial last name @stdavidschurch.org for all staff members. Still not sure? Use the "Contact Us" page of our website to send a note. There is a drop down list of every staff member to choose from.

EVENT PLANNING

Planning an event at St. David's? Submit an event idea request through the NEW Event Request and Planning Form. We strongly suggest 60 days' notice. For help getting the word out, complete the Communications Request Form, a suggested 45+ days out. Afterwards, to show the success of your event, send in some photos or videos through our Photo Submission Form. We'll keep them for possible use on social media, future communications, Annual Reports, and more! Find all three forms under the "Calendar" tab on our website homepage.

SERVE YOUR NEIGHBOR THROUGH OUTREACH

If you're excited about doing good works through St. David's and our outreach partners but aren't sure where you might fit, please contact the Rev. Tanya Regli at tregli@stdavidschurch.org or 610.688.7947x218 and she'll help you find just the right ministry for your gifts. Learn about all our ministries at stdavidschurch.org/outreach.

Donate to our Feeding Ministry Fund at stdavidschurch.org/outreach/feeding/.

Cecil and Grace Bean's Soup Kitchen | Housed at St. John's in Norristown. Now serving breakfast two Sundays per month with one a youth Sunday (*Next: Oct. 4, 25*).

Chester Eastside, Inc. (CEI) Cooking and Meal serving

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Mondays in St. David's kitchen to cook hot casseroles and then join us on 2nd and 4th Fridays (meet at 10 a.m.) at Chester Eastside to serve lunch. Please visit stdavidschurch.org/outreach for details and to sign up.

Family Promise: Supporting families experiencing homelessness on the Main Line and MontCo—Sign up online or talk to Jennifer Newhall! (*Next host week: November 15-22.*)

Project Ensonga Kit Assembly

We gather to make (sew/assemble) sustainable menstrual kits, designed by Days for Girls International, for students around the world to keep them in school. (*Next: Oct. 12, 20, 21*)

St. Gabriel's Lunch and Clothing Ministry | Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

St. Mary's Ardmore Food Pantry

There are opportunities to volunteer by donating (nonperishable only) food items, distributing the food, food stocking, and sorting.

St. Mary's Chester Food Cupboard | Thursdays, 12 noon–2 p.m. *toiletries esp. needed!*

Gift Shop & Art Gallery | stdavidschurch.org/giftsandart | **484.580.8486**

Hours: Tues.–Thurs. 10 a.m.–3 p.m.; Sun: after 9:15 a.m. worship | CLOSED: Fri, Sat., Mon.

NOW OPEN: "Diverse Perspectives" by Pat Policella. Pat Policella is a local artist and longtime member of St. David's Church. She creates oil, acrylic, and watercolor paintings focusing on the beauty of everyday life: from tranquil landscapes and gardens to expressive still-life and figurative subjects. Through October 2.

COMING SOON: "The Painting Circle" October 5–November 13.

This small group of painters meets weekly at St. David's. Each of brings their own unique style and preferred medium, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, and alcohol inks. What they all love and enjoy are nature and the light upon this beautiful landscape called Earth. "May our paintings bring you as much joy as we have had in painting them."

Collection Drives

We also hold regular collection drives throughout the year:

Summer—School Supplies

Fall—Thanksgiving Blessing Bags

Advent/Christmas/Epiphany—Children's presents, World Gifts, winter clothing, gift cards

Lent—Toiletries

Easter—Non-perishable food

Today's Worship Leadership

Celebrant —The Rev. Thomas J. Szczerba, Jr.
Preacher —The Rev. Rick Morley
Deacon—The Rev. Anne Alexis Harra
Assisting—The Rev. Tanya Regli
Director of Music—Dr. Elaine Sonnenberg Whitelock
Associate Director of Music—Isaac Lee
Sarah Sutton, viola
Lay Assistants—Ali Stahlwood, Margot Walker, Theresa Baldwin,
Denny DuPont Butler, Mac McCausland.
Altar Guild— Pam Ross, Kate Fahey, Louise Haley, Janet Pollan,
Ginny Spofford, Lisa Pitney
Flowers—Rachael Stube, Meg Tredinnick
Verger—Susan Stuber
Acolytes—Caroline Myers, Brynn Myers, Evan Francis
Verger— Susan Stuber
Acolytes—Evan Francis, Brynn Myers, Caroline Myers
Eucharistic Visitors—Mary Lee, Robert White

Memorials

Flowers in the Chapel are given in memory of
W. Perry Gresh, C. John Arnold, Reeves Bunting, Susan S. Pierce,
Eleanor W. Arnold, Joseph Eremus, MD, Ann Peterkin Snyder.



For Hearing Assistance

In the Chapel, switch hearing aid or CI to t-coil or request headphones.

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