

Returning to the Earth: Embracing the Elements of Wilderness



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT



St. David's Episcopal Church



WELCOME TO

Saint David's

ABOUT SAINT DAVID'S

Saint David's is a Christian community that believes in the power of God to transform lives and to change the world. All races, genders, and sexual orientations are welcome and cherished. We are committed to building up the justice-filled world Jesus taught his disciples to hope and live for. We believe that the Holy Spirit calls us together for prayer, study, celebration and worship. If you'd like to know more about our mission and ministry, or become a part of it, there is room for you!

GUEST INFORMATION

You are welcome in this place and community. The following information is provided to make your experience more comfortable and meaningful.

- **ACCESSIBLE RESTROOMS** are available by passing through the wooden double doors and around to the right.
- **MASKS/HAND SANITIZER** are available on tables found at entrances.
- **A DEFIBILLATOR** is available on the wall in the long hallway between the parish and the Day School.
- **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**, please call 911. The church's address is:
St. David's Episcopal Church, 2320 Grubb Road, Wilmington, Delaware 19810

If you are looking for a spiritual home, please speak to the Rev. Pete Nunnally.
He would be glad to talk with you about your journey.



A SEASON OF RENEWAL

The church is now in the season of Lent, a period of preparation for Easter that recollects Christ's temptation in the wilderness and therefore lasts for forty days (minus six Sundays). During this time the members of Christ's Body are encouraged to take stock of their lives and repent, when and where necessary. This does not mean, however, that Lent is about 'self punishment' (or 'self improvement' for that matter). Rather, it is a time to embrace the wilderness and wrestle with questions like, "how might I be more open to God's presence and prompting in my life?"

CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP

Children bring richness to the community gathered at worship. They bring new ways of seeing familiar rituals and often show an understanding of the mystery of the sacraments lost to many adults. Children also bring movement, questions, and wonder. Their presence is essential to the vitality of the church. Here are some tried and true tidbits for parents and children:

- **COME EARLY** to get a good seat, preferably in front where children can see the action. Children (and adults!) are more likely to fidget if they can't see what's going on.
- **SHARE** your service bulletin or prayer book with young readers, and help them follow along. Even the youngest like to 'hold the book' like their parents.
- **WE UNDERSTAND THAT KIDS** are gifted noise-makers without a single thing in their hands! We welcome the sounds of children in worship.
- **IF YOUR CHILD IS HAVING A MELTDOWN**, feel free to take a break from worship. There is a rocking chair in the lobby!
- **COLORING PAGES** reflecting themes of the day are available in the display in the hallway.
- **A ROCKING CHAIR** is available in the hallway for timeouts or for nursing mothers.
- **A CHANGING STATION** in the Accessible Restroom located across from the small kitchen, by the Memorial Room. Please, ask an Usher if you need assistance.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

People have a variety of special needs, and St. David's hopes to be sensitive and responsive to them. To that end, we provide the following information:

- **COMMUNION** can be brought to you in your seat, should you have mobility issues. Please let the clergy or an usher know of your need.
- **THOSE WITH ALLERGIES:** The bread contains gluten and the wine contains alcohol. You may receive the Sacrament by receiving both, either, or neither and still receive the full spiritual benefit.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available at the Ushers' stand at the rear of the worship space.
- **GLUTEN-FREE WAFERS** are available during Communion. Just let Fr. Pete know.

Before Worship...

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Prayer before worship

God Most High,
thank you for signs of your power and grace,
shown to me even in the wilderness.
Give me courage to stand firm in your Word
in every time of trial and testing,
that I may enter the land of your freedom
and receive the salvation you so generously give;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Ps. 91:1

Luke 4:2, 12

Deut. 26:9

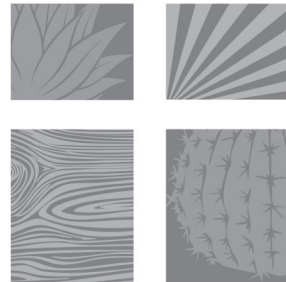
Rom. 10:12-13

Prayer for Illumination

Bring your word near to me, O God.
May it rest not only on my lips,
but also reside in my hearts.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
help me to respond to your word
with my whole lives
until you become my dwelling place;
through Jesus Christ, we pray.
Amen.

Rom. 10:8b

Ps. 91:9



Resources for today's liturgy

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

THE GREAT LITANY

Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,



Have mer-cy on us.

Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred and malice; and from all evil intent,



Sa-vior de - liv-er us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;
from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
Savior deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world,
flesh and the devil,
Savior deliver us.

From famine and disaster; from violence, murder,
and dying unprepared,
Savior deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy;
in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
Savior deliver us.



By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth,
childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
Savior deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty
acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
Savior deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
by your precious death and burial,
Savior deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
Savior deliver us.

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of
peace and justice.



Hear us, O Christ.

Give your wisdom and strength to Joseph, the President
of the United States, John, the Governor of this state,
that in all things they may do your will, for your glory
and the common good.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give to the Congress of the United States, the members
of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature,
and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer
the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.
Hear us, O Christ.

Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your
glory and for the good of all.
Hear us, O Christ.

Bless and keep all your people, especially those celebrating
birthdays and anniversaries.
Hear us, O Christ.

Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved
and the oppressed.

Hear us, O Christ.

Keep in safety those who travel (especially _____)
and all who are in peril.

Hear us, O Christ.

Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit (especially, _____)
and provide for the homeless, the hungry and the destitute.

Hear us, O Christ.

Guard and protect all children who are in danger.

Hear us, O Christ.

Shower your compassion on prisoners,
hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Hear us, O Christ.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers,
and turn their hearts.

Hear us, O Christ.

Hear us as we remember those who have died (especially, _____)
and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

Hear us, O Christ.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence
and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace
of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.



Ho-ly God, Ho-ly and Might-y,



Ho-ly Im - mor-tal One, Have mer-cy on us.

Lord have mercy.



Christ have mer-cy.

Lord have mercy.

THE SALUTATION

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The People are seated for the Lessons

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

Quam habitat

- 1 They who dwell in the shelter of the MOST HIGH, *
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 They shall say to GOD, "You are my refuge
and my stronghold, *
my GOD in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made GOD your refuge, *
and the MOST HIGH your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For GOD shall give the angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion
and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because you are bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver you; *
I will protect you, because you know my Name.
- 15 You shall call upon me, and I will answer you; *
I am with you in trouble;
I will rescue you and bring you honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy you, *
and show you my salvation.



THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

If you confess that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved

The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Word of the LORD.
Thanks be to God.

SONG (sung at 10:15)

O Lord, throughout these forty days

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

The People remain standing...

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'
Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying
to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and
'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said,

'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

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

THE SERMON

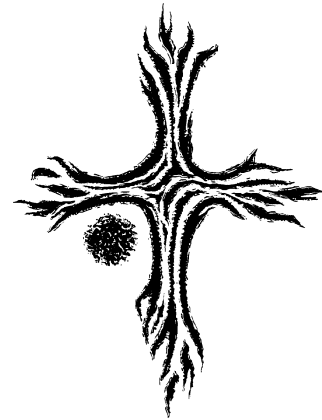
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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

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.



Continued...

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

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church,
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on _____;
and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to _____, and all of the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We also name with thanksgiving those who celebrate birthdays and
anniversaries, especially _____
that we may rejoice in your life-giving Spirit.
May they be filled with joy and gratitude.

We pray that you would silence the distractions of the world and open the hearts of those who are discerning a call to be the rector of St. David's Brandywine Hundred that they may hear your voice. Grant them the ability to listen attentively and the discernment to understand your subtle guidance. Help them to release preconceived notions and approach this moment of decision with an open mind and a receptive spirit. May they discern your purposes through the whispers of your love and the gentle nudges of the Holy Spirit. Guide us with your Spirit,
and lead us in your ways.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence.

The Celebrant concludes the prayers

Merciful God, hear our cry when we call to you, renew and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

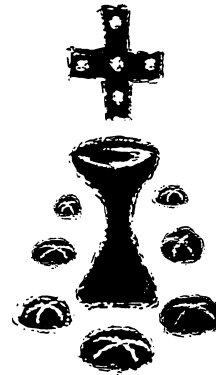
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

*Gifts of canned goods, food staples, paper products and cleaning supplies may be placed in the large basket in front of the altar.
This offering is delivered to the St. Patrick's Food Pantry to be distributed to those in need.*



INSTRUMENTAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY SONG (sung at 1015 am service)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble
with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRESENTATION

All things come of thee, O Lord.
And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts,
and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast;
that fervent in prayer and in works of mercy,
and renewed by your Word and Sacraments,
they may come to the fulness of grace which
you have prepared for those who love you.

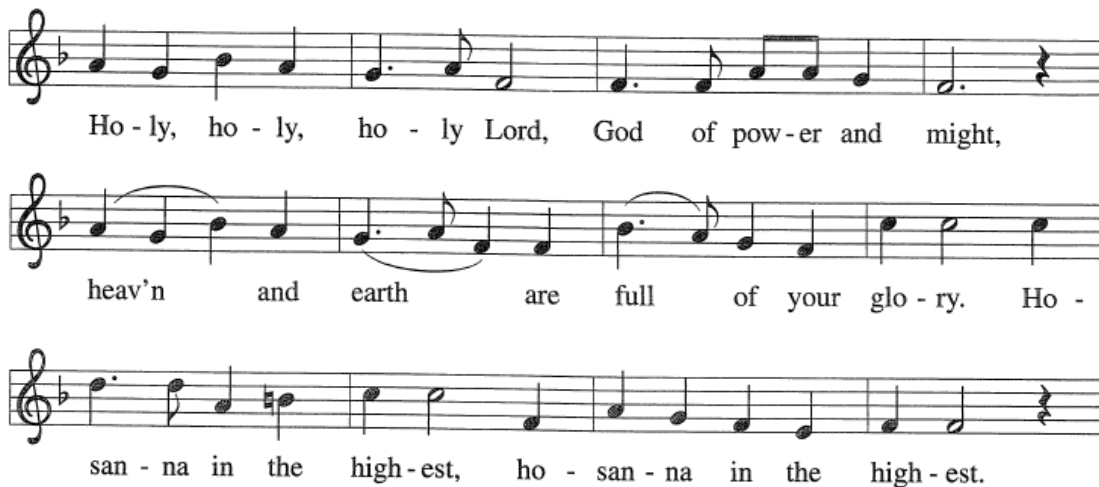
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels
and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS
(spoken at 8 am)

Holy, holy, holy

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full
of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(sung at 10:15)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.



The People stand or kneel. 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (*spoken at 8 am*)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore, let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM (at 10:15 am)

Broken in love

This is my bod-y, bro-ken in love; take it and eat and re -
 mem - ber me. This is my blood, poured out in love;
 take it and drink and re - mem - ber me. For love is willing
 ev - 'ry day to_ die in or - der to live, and
 love is pa-tient for a way to_ share the gifts that I give.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.
 Take them in remembrancer that Christ died for you
 and fed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.



The Sacrament is distributed to the People.

SONG DURING DISTRIBUTION

Lamb of God

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ
 sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

take a - way the sin of the world.
I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have
Last time to coda mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. *D.C.* 3 The

Coda

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITOR *(as needed)*

In the name of God and Saint David's, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
We who are many are One Body,
because we all share One Bread, One Cup.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
You have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SOLEMN PRAYERS IN LENT

In Lent, in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used.

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their
weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that
they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving
providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SONG (at 10:15)

Bless now, O God, the journey

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.



then leads be-side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

DISMISSAL

Let us bless the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.



Welcome!

We are so glad that you are here this day to
 wander in the wilderness that is Lent.
 You are invited to a time of hospitality today
 following worship in the Great Hall.

Upcoming Events in the Life of the Parish

- Parish Work Day - Saturday, April 12, 2025
- Passion/Palm Sunday - Sunday, April 13, 2025
- Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 17, 2025
- Good Friday - Friday, April 18, 2025
- Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 19, 2025
- Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 20, 2025
- Easter Egg Hunt - Sunday, April 20, 2025
- Parish Annual Meeting - Sunday, May 4, 2025

Meditations During the week based on Sunday's Lessons

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Questions for Reflection

In Luke 4:1-13, the devil tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, to take control of the kingdoms of the world, and to perform a spectacular stunt that would "wow the crowd." Jesus refused to take control in these ways. Instead, Jesus chose another way to feed hungry people, to demonstrate what the kingdom of God looks like, and to enter Jerusalem humbly. Why do think Jesus chose another way to "do justice" and what are some ways that you and your faith community practice justice in his name?

Morning Devotion

Loving God, all night I slept in your shadow,
sheltered by you.

*Ps. 91:1; Deut. 28:8;
Rom. 10:12*

As I enter into the gift of this day,

I trust that you are with me.

May I see signs and wonders of your presence in the
world today,

for you alone are God.

I ask that this day afford me opportunities to celebrate
and share with others the abundance of your grace and love.

Help me to be open to all people you bring my way,
for you yourself make no distinctions,
but are Lord of all.

In Christ's name, I pray.

Amen.

Evening Devotion

God, my dwelling place, as the shadows fall, I rest in you.

Thank you for the faith that held me fast this day.

Thank you, too, for every person who offered me grace,
and for those to whom I could also show grace.

I pray this night for all who long to see a sign of your power
in the darkness that surrounds them.

Be near to them and show them your salvation.

And in the morning when I rise,
give me your work to do for another day;

in Jesus' name.

Amen.

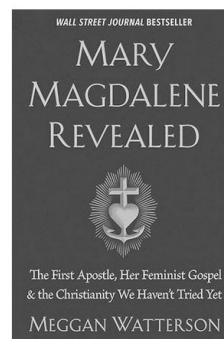
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

These announcements keep everyone up-to-date on the happenings in and around the parish.

*Please **take the bulletin home with you** for your reference.*

Wisdom Seekers Begin New Book

Beginning on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Wisdom Seekers will be starting the discussion of a new book, "Mary Magdalene Revealed." Wisdom Seekers meets on Tuesday mornings on Zoom from 10 am -11:30 am. All are welcome. Participants borrow books from their local library or purchase them from a favorite book vendor such as Amazon or Barnes & Noble Booksellers. Our discussion leader for this book will be Nancy Walsh who will be joining us from the state of Washington. "The Gospel of Mary Magdalene reveals a very different love story from the one we've come to refer to as Christianity: Harvard trained theologian Meggan Watterson leads us verse by verse through Mary's gospel to illuminate the powerful teachings it contains." Please contact Jackie Somers at the church office if you are interested in joining Wisdom Seekers. The Parish Office number is 302-475-4688.



Lenten Soup Suppers + Program: A Fisherman's Reflection on Lent

As part of the observation of the Lenten Season, St. David's will have a light supper of soup, salad and bread on Wednesday evenings beginning at 5:30 pm. The soup supper will be followed by a short program related to this year's Lenten theme of "a Fisherman's Reflections on Lent" following dinner. There will be five soup suppers on Wednesday evenings beginning on March 12th and ending on March 9th. Contributions of soup, salad, and bread to feed 10-20 people will be needed each week. Additional quantities of food may be required (and added to this list) depending on attendance numbers. Please bring all soup in a crock pot, if possible, so that it can be kept warm. Visit the **Sign-Ups** page to bring a food item. Many thanks!

Contemplative Service Rounds Out Wednesdays of Lent

Our next Lenten Contemplative Service will be on April 9th following the last Soup Supper. All are welcome to this time of music and meditation.

United Thank Offering

The St. David's Community continues the tradition of the United Thank Offering this year during the Lenten season. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using UTO Boxes and envelopes. For full details, go to the What's Happening page or the parish website. Contact the Parish Office at 302-475-4688 with questions. Many thanks for supporting this outreach program.

Easter Altar Flower Dedications

Envelopes for Easter Altar Flowers are now available in the Narthex. Contributions in any amount can be made in memory of, or thanksgiving for, loved ones. The deadline for contributions is Palm Sunday, April 13th. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Vigil and Easter Day worship bulletins.

Do You Feel Called to the Ministry of the Vestry?

Sisters & Brothers in Christ, the Vestry is looking for those who feel led to be part of this parish's governing body in the future. If you feel so moved, please submit your name to Bob Rhodunda, Senior Warden or Jolene Baddick, Junior Warden at your earliest convenience. Nominees need to show their intent within the next couple weeks. Prayerfully consider this ministry. Many thanks.

Meditation and an Exploration of St. Teresa of Avila's: The Interior Castle

Through June 2025 - Sunday Mornings 9am

On January 12th, the group began with a meditation practice and silence, but will add time to reflect upon one of the classics of Christian Spirituality, *The Interior Castle* by St. Teresa of Avila. We will use the translation of this classic by Mirabai Starr. This is an accessible translation for all readers. Participants will have to order a hard copy or an ebook from Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

Below are the session dates and what will be covered at each meeting:

- *March 9th: Fourth Dwelling
- *March 23rd: Fifth Dwelling: Chapters 1-2
- *April 13th: Fifth Dwelling: Chapters 3-4 (Palm Sunday)
- *April 27th: Sixth Dwelling: Chapters 1-5
- *May 18th: Sixth Dwelling: Chapters: 6-11
- *June 8th: Seventh Dwelling

If you are interested in joining us, please send Fr. David an email at revdupl@comcast.net.

St. David's Rector Search Update

St. David's Rector Search Committee is excited to announce that the job posting in search of our new rector went live at the end of November. This was an important milestone in the life of our church, and the search committee worked conscientiously to achieve this.

The job posting has been widely distributed to reach potential candidates who share our vision and values. The Search Committee was able to accurately include those values and vision thanks to the parish community's candid and enthusiastic responses to the Holy Cow CAT survey and at the listening sessions.

The Diocesan Office has begun collecting rector candidate applications on our behalf. In the coming days, the search committee will gain access to candidate applications and begin the process of vetting and scheduling interviews with candidates. In preparation for these interviews, the committee worked to develop a set of interview questions that incorporates the priorities that you shared with us. It is the search committee's hope that, guided by prayer and discernment, the best candidate will come forward to lead us in our next chapter.

The Search Committee is committed to ensuring a thorough and thoughtful process, taking the time to find a rector who will help us continue to grow in faith and community. We encourage all members of St. David's to stay engaged and prayerful as we move forward. We will continue to provide updates on the process and timeline, so keep an eye out for more information in the coming months. In the meantime, let's join together in anticipation and excitement for what the future holds for St. David's!

Soup & Soul Suppers in Lent

beginning March 12th

Dinner at 5:30pm

Reflection Time at 6:30pm

Catching Hope: A Fisherman's Reflection on Lent

A Night out with

Friday, April 11, 2025

Delaware Veterans Hall

2535 Veteran's Drive

Wilmington, DE 19810

Aunt MARY PAT



\$40 pp, cash bar, 2-3 raffle baskets.... and a huge load of fun!

Spread the word and invite friends for a wonderful night of DelCo's finest! Grab your tickets fast! 150 maximum occupancy!

Doors open at 7pm - Show at 8pm



The Lord be with youse.
And also with youse!

Saint David's

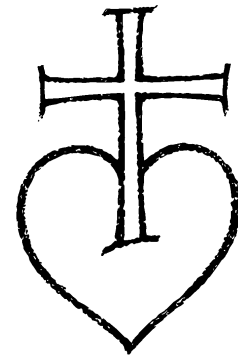
Aunt Mary Pat has been recognized as Delaware's Readers' Choice best entertainer 2019 and Best of Delco's 2019 for best comedian. Her catch phrases have become synonymous with the Philadelphia region. She embarked on her first national tour in 2020 called "The Fish Outta Woodier Tour." Aunt Mary Pat enjoys raising funds for local LGBTQ+ fundraisers.

BYOS - bring your own snacks to share at the table!
Tables of 10 can be reserved by texting Debbie at 302-547-5302

Ticket only available through Aunt Mary Pat's website. <https://souljoels.com/shop/tickets/auntmarypatfundraiser/>

We keep these people in our prayers and in our hearts...

Carron Ingham	Emily Gibson	Marie Seiler	
Carolyn Luttrell	Terry Doll	Maddox James	<i>Deceased</i>
Sheila Coffin	Maureen Brickley	Slawson	Rita Hamilton
John Van-Catledge	Olga Slocum	Sam Bell	
Jimmy Myers	Lori Wentzel	Malahkai Mahan	
Dick Mickles	Richard Crossan	Erin	
Pete Winnington	Lorraine Boker	Anne	
Viola Walters	Matthew Chambers	Lawny Davis	
Liz Wehle	Deva Scheel	Linda Frederick	
Anthony Ruggiero	Patty Curlett	Dan Benson	
David Payne	Patti D.	David Powers	
Kiri Snyder	Bret Peltier	Lauri Palm	
Pauline Gently	Ron Hartmann	Ross	
Jane Harvey	Marguerite Hutt	Ned Phillips	
The Coda Family	Linda Hunter	Krisin Christensen	
Caroline Bell	Bill Waid	Rita Ann Lucey	
Frank Mercante	Cacky Paraskewich	Theresa Elliott	
Don Somers	Steve Frederick	Mike G.	
James Khan	Tom Flanagan	Rick Harra	



Those who Serve and those who Celebrate:

Eucharistic Ministers - Laurie Milone, Paul Archer, and April Starkey

Lectors - Judy Gwaltney, Jeanne Marie Yohe, and Beth Yoncha

Intercessor - Elinor Knodel

Livestream Operator — Tom & Luke Byrne

Online Host/Moderator — Gen Van-Catledge

Sacristans - Barbara Sutton, Amy Harra, Gail Palumbo, Glenda Ruggiero,
and Walt Johnson

Counter - Rebecca Ford

Greeters - Rick & Amy Harra

Vestry Member of the Day - Bob Rhodunda

Ushers - Michelle Black, Barb DeHaven, and Steve Hutt

Hospitality Hour was graciously sponsored by Betty DiPirro and
hosted by Sandy Sierzenski

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries this week -

Grady Wheeler, Abigail LeGrow, Marcia Brinker, and Arbor Frieberg



THIS WEEK AT SAINT DAVID'S

Bold Font = Parish Activity

Regular Font = Outside Group

DAY	TIME	EVENT/LOCATION
Today <i>The First Sunday in Lent</i>	8 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave
	9 am	Sunday Meditation Group in the Conference Rm
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave & Livestreamed on Facebook
		Hospitality Hour in the Great Hall
Monday, March 10	7 pm	Vestry in the Memorial Room
	8 pm	AA Meeting in the Great Hall
Tuesday, March 11	10 am	Wisdom Seekers via Zoom
	11 am	Staff Meeting in the Office
	4:45 pm	Needles of Creation in the Memorial Room
	6:30 pm	Outside Rental in the Memorial Room (Delaware African Violet Society)
	8 pm	AA in the Great Hall
Wednesday, March 12	5:30 pm	Soup & Soul in the Memorial Room
Thursday, March 13	9:15 am	Day School Chapel in the Nave
	7 pm	Choir Rehearsal in the Nave
	7:30 pm	AA Meeting in Memorial Room
Friday, March 14	7 pm	AA Meeting in the Memorial Room
Saturday, March 15	10:30 am	Outside Rental in the Nave (Priory of the Delaware)
	7 pm	AA Meeting in the Memorial Room
Sunday, March 16 <i>The Second Sunday in Lent</i>	8 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave
	9 am	Growth & Vitality Committee/Memorial Rm
	10:15 am	Holy Eucharist in the Nave & Livestreamed on Facebook
		Hospitality Hour in the Great Hall
	4 pm	Water and Wilderness Church at Brandywine Park





Saint David's

BRANDYWINE HUNDRED

A Community of Disciples Passing Along God's Love to All

Staff of Saint David's

The Rev. Pete Nunnally, *Interim Rector*
Janet Leishman, *Day School Administrator*
Jackie Somers, *Administrative Assistant*
Steven Weatherman, *Director of Music/Social Media*

Retired Clergy at Saint David's

The Rev. David Andrews, *Priest*
The Rev. Anna Waid, *Priest*
The Rev. Dcn. Tom Deschaine, *Deacon*

Vestry of Saint David's

Rex Burnham, *Sr. Warden*
Bob Rhodunda, *Jr. Warden*
Karen Olmstead, *Treasurer*
Janet Leishman, *Clerk*
Barbara Emmel
Alyson Poppiti
Jonathan Taylor
Patty Curlett
Robyn Pierce
Carlene Deschaine
Deva Scheel



Parish Office Hours

Mondays through Thursdays 9 am until 1 pm
Office is closed on Fridays

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