



St. David's Episcopal Church and School Ashburn, VA Palm Sunday March 24, 2024, 10:00am

Today's Service is led by the Rev. Susan B. Pinkerton



The Liturgy of the Palms

The service will begin with the Liturgy of the Palms. Please gather in the parking lot outside of Peet's Coffee. We will process together into the Sanctuary.

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' "They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are

you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by

which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our

Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Amen.

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: Hosanna in the highest. Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

At this time, the congregation will process to the Church. Please gather outside the front doors for the concluding collect.

PROCESSIONAL "Prepare Ye" from Godspell Stephen Schwartz

Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first

he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The procession continues as the people enter the Sanctuary.

Prepare ye the way of the Lord! Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and

the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens — wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,

and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face

from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;

therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,

and I know that I shall not be put to shame;

he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?

Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?

Let them confront me.

It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

PSALM: *Psalm* 31:9-16

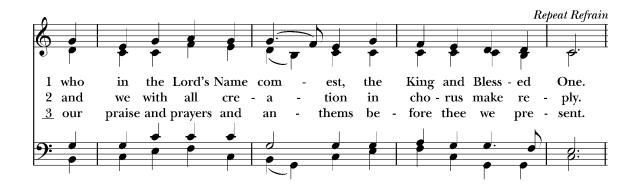
The psalm will be read responsively by whole verse.

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; * my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

10For my life is wasted with grief,
 and my years with sighing; *
 my strength fails me because of affliction,
 and my bones are consumed.

- ¹¹I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; * when they see me in the street they avoid me.
- ¹²I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; * I am as useless as a broken pot.
- ¹³For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; * they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.
- ¹⁴But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. * I have said, "You are my God.
- ¹⁵My times are in your hand; * rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.
- ¹⁶Make your face to shine upon your servant, * and in your loving-kindness save me."





THE PASSION GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

The customary responses before and after the Gospel are omitted. The congregation may be seated for the first part of the Passion. At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha, all stand.

Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Mark.

Reader: They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I pray.

Reader: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be

distressed and agitated. And said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.

Reader: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and

prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He

said,

Jesus: Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from

me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.

Reader: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep

awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the

spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Reader: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And

once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were

very heavy, and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has

come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up,

let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Reader: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve,

arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer

had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under

guard.

Reader: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: Rabbi!

Reader: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But

one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of

the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as

though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple

teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be

fulfilled.

Reader: All of them deserted him and fled. A certain young man was

following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked. They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole

council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave

false testimony against him, saying,

People: We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with

hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with

hands."

Reader: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high

priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

High Priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Reader: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked

him,

High Priest: Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?

Jesus: I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of

the Power," and "coming with the clouds of heaven."

Reader: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High Priest: Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy!

What is your decision?

Reader: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit

on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

People: Prophesy!

Reader: The guards also took him over and beat him. While Peter was below

in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant: You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.

Reader: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: I do not know or understand what you are talking about.

Reader: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the

servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant: This man is one of them.

Reader: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again

said to Peter,

People: Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.

Reader: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know this man you are talking about.

Reader: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter

remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows

twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

Reader: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with

the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led

him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Reader: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him

again,

Pilate: Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against

you.

Reader: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at

the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the

crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his

custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?

Reader: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had

handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of

the Jews?

People: Crucify him!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Reader: But they shouted all the more,

People: Crucify him!

Reader: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them;

and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting

him,

People: Hail, King of the Jews!

Reader:

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All stand as you are able.

Reader:

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take. It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

People:

Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!

Reader:

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

People:

He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.

Reader:

Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the aftenoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus:

Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?

Reader:

Which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

People:

Listen, he is calling for Elijah.

Reader:

And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last.

Silence is kept for a few moments, during which some may wish to kneel.

Reader: And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom.

Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this

way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: Truly this man was God's Son!

THE SERMON

The Rev. Susan B. Pinkerton

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively. Individuals are invited to lead the prayer from their seats.

Father, we prayer 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 those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, hear our prayer:

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, hear our prayer:

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.

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

The people may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the

multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and

for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your

vows to the Most High.

OFFERTORY HYMN "Scenes from Gethsemane"

J.M. Martin

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

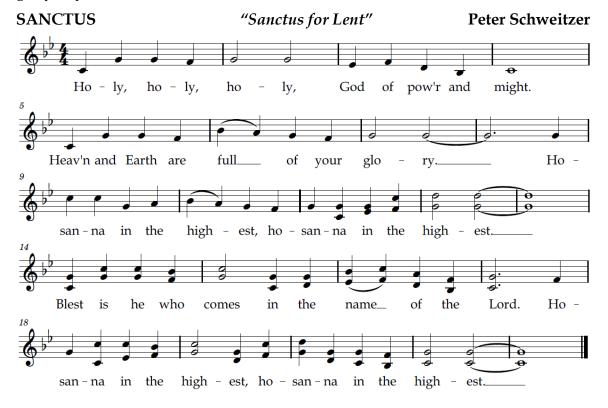
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:



The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer:

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker 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, Almighty God, 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 God, now and for ever. Amen.

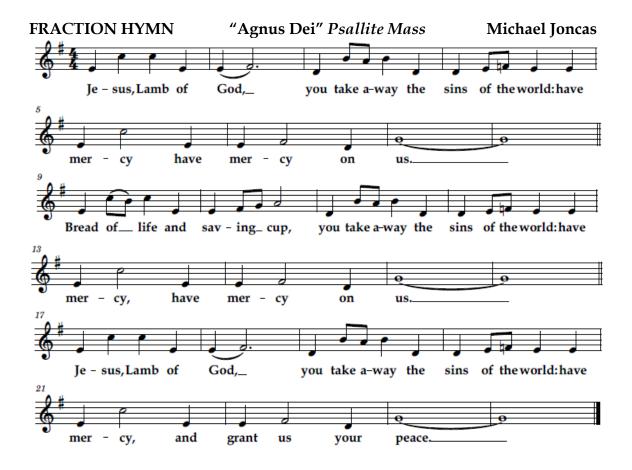
THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.



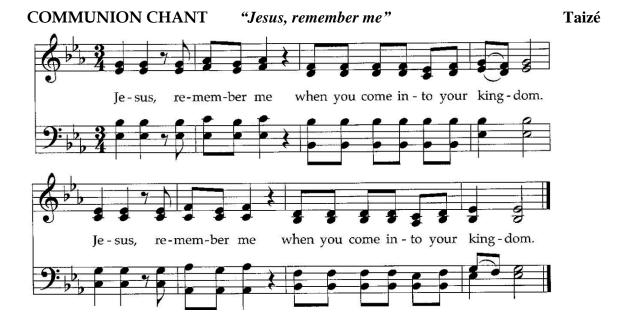
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Jesus invites the whole world to be in a relationship with him. All baptized persons of any denomination are welcome to our Lord's Table where bread and wine are blessed and broken and shared in remembrance of Christ Jesus our Lord. If you would like a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your needs known to the ushers.

Due to public health concerns, if you prefer to dip your wafer in the chalice, please have the chalice bearer or celebrant do it for you.

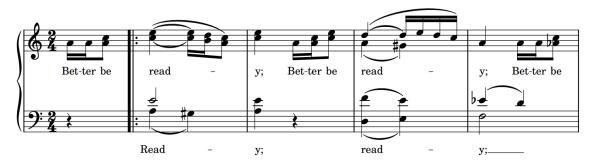
A healing minister will be near the entrance to provide healing prayers for anyone who would like a prayer for themselves or someone else during the distribution of the Holy Eucharist. All are welcome.

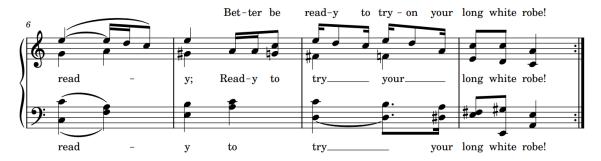


COMMUNION HYMN

"Better Be Ready"

Negro Spiritual (LEVAS 4)





COMMUNION SONG

"I Want to Be Ready"

Ben Harper

How I am strong is to know what makes me weak How I am found is to know just whom I seek The gift of a blessing, the burden of a sin Oh turn, turn to him.

I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
Ready to put on my long white robe.

Nailed across from hand to hand For the sin of every woman and man And all upon his earth is all within his plan And I know this shall be my journey home.

I want to be ready,

I want to be ready, I want to be ready, Ready to put on my long white robe.

Covet no silver, covet no gold Reach your empty hands for him to hold Up in his kingdom glory shall be proclaimed Oh sing the song and praise his name.

I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
I want to be ready,
Ready to put on my long white robe.

Ready, I want to be ready, I want to be ready, Ready to put on my long white robe.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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.

BLESSING

As we enter Holy Week, in lieu of dancing, the children are invited to place palms on the altar.

RECESSIONAL "This Time Tomorrow" Brandi Carlile

When the fire inside that burns so bright
Begins to grow faded
It can be hard to see the ground on which you stand
Though you may not be afraid of walkin' in the darkness
You will feel like a stranger in this land

You can try to carve a faith out of your own
But a broken spirit may dry out the bone
And the edges of the night may cause you sorrow
You know I may not be around this time tomorrow
But I'll always be with you
Yeah, I'll always be with you

When the hope that you hold tightly to has all but vanished And there are no words of comfort to be found You will know what it means to be lost and without love May you fight to kill that deafening sound

But our holy dreams of yesterday aren't gone
They still haunt us like the ghosts of Babylon
And the breakin' of the day might bring you sorrow
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But I'll always be with you I will always be with you I will always be with you I'll always be with you

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.



Holy Week at St. David's

Please join us for the rest of our Holy Week services

March 26th – Holy Tuesday

8:00 PM Online Stations of the Cross on Facebook Live

Facebook.com/sdlife

March 28th - Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Bilingual joint service with St. Gabriel's Episcopal

Church

Held at St. David's

March 29th - Good Friday

12 – 3 PM Church Sanctuary open for meditation & prayer

7:00 PM Worship Service

March 30th - Holy Saturday

10:00 AM Holy Saturday Stations of the Cross Hike at

Bear's Den

Join us for a Stations of the Cross hike at 10:00am at Bear's Den trail in Bluemont, VA, followed by a short stop at Bluemont Vineyard for fellowship and lunch. We will stop along the way of our hike to meditate on each of the stations. Please RSVP to mcarey@sdlife.org

March 31st - Easter Sunday

6:30 AM Sunrise Service & Potluck Breakfast

Join us in the Restoring Eden Garden for Sunrise Easter Service, followed by a potluck breakfast.

10:00 AM Easter Eucharist Service

Join us for our joyful Easter Sunday service at 10:00am in the main Sanctuary.

Happenings at St. David's

Week of March 24th

Easter Egg Hunt

Please join us outside immediately following today's service for an Easter Egg Hunt and a special visit from the Easter Bunny! Children may gather near the bell tower. Why the Easter Egg Hunt?

Children get candy; but they also get to connect with community and generosity. Treats may about, and they are surrounded by community, Christian symbols, encouragements, and opportunity to share their abundance. We hope you are inspired to consider Easter traditions, and how they can be used to teach and shine the light of Christ. While still enjoying a few jelly beans along the way!

Preschool Open Enrollment

St. David's Episcopal Preschool is now in Open Enrollment. We have a few spaces left for ages 3-5. Feel free to share with friends, family, and neighbors! Learn more at www.stdavidspreschool.org

Confirmation Class

Adult and Youth Confirmation Class will be combined and offered on Sunday, April 14th from 12pm-2pm. Lunch provided.

Please contact Rev. Susan for more information spinkerton@sdlife.org Confirmation will be June 9th with Bishop Stevenson.

VBS! (Volunteers needed!)

Vacation Bible School will take place June 17th – June 20th for kids ages 4 (by Dec. 2023) – 12. This year's theme is "Camp Firelight." In order for VBS to take place, adult and youth volunteers are needed both during the week, and behind the scenes. If you are able to give any of your time, please contact Maureen at mcarey@sdlife.org

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Prayer List

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Connor, Norma, John, Michele, Beth, Jim, Megan, Zachary, Akachi, Valerie, Charlotte, and all those being prayed for by our prayer teams. We pray for our clergy, vestry, discernment committee, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children. Loving God, we pray for all those who continue to be affected by the pandemic and natural disasters in the world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Worship With Us Sunday Services at 10 am

In-Person & Live Streamed (Facebook, Youtube)

www.sdlife.org

Church office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM. Monday & Friday by appointment.

View our Service Bulletin, livestreams, and more at www.sdlife.org/worship



See today's music selections:



Giving at St. David's

St. David's is entirely funded by the generosity of its parishioners and community. If you would like to support our many ministries, please consider contributing to the offering plate, or online:

Text-to-Give:

Simply text SDLIFE and the amount you'd like to give to 73256

Mobile App:

Download the "Realm Connect" app for free on iOS or Android

Contribute a one-time gift or contribute to a specific fund:



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