

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "The God of Abraham Praise" *Leoni* (H 401)

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."

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Cantor: People: Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.

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FIRST READING: Genesis 12:1-4a

Lector: *A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said to Abram, “Leave your land, your family, and your father’s household for the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation and will bless you. I will make your name respected, and you will be a blessing.

I will bless those who bless you,
those who curse you I will curse;
all the families of the earth
will be blessed because of you.”

Abram left just as the Lord told him, and Lot went with him. Now Abram was 75 years old when he left Haran.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 121

Lector: *We will read responsively by whole verse.*

- ¹ I raise my eyes toward the mountains.
Where will my help come from?
- ² **My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
- ³ God won’t let your foot slip.
Your protector won’t fall asleep on the job.
- ⁴ **No! Israel’s protector
never sleeps or rests!**

- ⁵ The Lord is your protector;
the Lord is your shade right beside you.
- ⁶ **The sun won't strike you during the day;
neither will the moon at night.**
- ⁷ The Lord will protect you from all evil;
God will protect your very life.
- ⁸ **The Lord will protect you on your journeys—
whether going or coming—
from now until forever from now.**

SECOND READING: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Lector: *A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans*

So what are we going to say? Are we going to find that Abraham is our ancestor on the basis of genealogy? Because if Abraham was made righteous because of his actions, he would have had a reason to brag, but not in front of God. What does the scripture say? *Abraham had faith in God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.* Workers' salaries aren't credited to them on the basis of an employer's grace but rather on the basis of what they deserve. But faith is credited as righteousness to those who don't work, because they have faith in God who makes the ungodly righteous.

The promise to Abraham and to his descendants, that he would inherit the world, didn't come through the Law but through the righteousness that comes from faith. If they inherit because of the Law, then faith has no effect and the promise has been canceled. The Law brings about wrath. But when there isn't any law, there isn't any violation of the law. That's why the inheritance comes through faith, so that it will be on the basis of God's grace. In that way, the promise is secure for all of Abraham's descendants, not just for those who are related by Law but also for those who are related by the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us. As it is written: *I have appointed you to be the father of many nations.* So Abraham is our father in the eyes of God in whom he had faith, the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that don't exist into existence.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

SEQUENCE HYMN: "Holy Spirit, Lord of Love" *Aberystwyth* (H 349) (vs. 1 before, vs. 2 after)

1 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Lord of love, who de - scend - ed
2 When the sa - cred vow is made, when the hands are

from a - bove, gifts of bless - ing to be - stow
on them laid, come in this most sol - emn hour

on your wait - ing Church be - low, once a - gain in
with your strength - ening gift of power. Give them light, your

love draw near; to your ser - vants gath - ered here; from their
truth to see; give them life, your own to be; dai - ly

bright bap - tis - mal day you have led them on their way.
power to con - quer sin; pa - tient faith, the crown to win.

THE GOSPEL

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a Jewish leader. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one could do these miraculous signs that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born anew, it's not possible to see God's kingdom."

Nicodemus asked, "How is it possible for an adult to be born? It's impossible to enter the mother's womb for a second time and be born, isn't it?"

Jesus answered, "I assure you, unless someone is born of water and the Spirit, it's not possible to enter God's kingdom. Whatever is born of the flesh is flesh, and whatever is born of the Spirit is spirit. Don't be surprised that I said to you, 'You must be born anew.' God's Spirit blows wherever it wishes. You hear its sound, but you don't know where it comes from or where it is going. It's the same with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus said, "How are these things possible?"

"Jesus answered, "You are a teacher of Israel and you don't know these things? I assure you that we speak about what we know and testify about what we have seen, but you don't receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you don't believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Human One. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so must the Human One be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life. God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him won't perish but will have eternal life. God didn't send his Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

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

SEASHELLS: "May All Children" Kenneth K. Guilmartin

May, may all, mayall chil-dren, Mayall people ev-'ry -
-where hear this prayer. May, may all, mayall chil-dren, Mayall
peo - ple ev - 'ry - where live in peace.
Sweet peace. Peace-ful minds, peace-ful
hearts, peaceon earth. Sweet peaceon earth.

SANCTUS *St. Patrick's Breastplate, Maddock*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of po - w'r, God of might.
Hea - ven and Earth are full of Your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed, bless-ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est,
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

FRACTION HYMN: "Agnus Dei" *Psallite Mass, Joncas*

Je-sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us._____

Bread of_ life and sav-ing_cup, you take a-way the sins of the world:

have mer-cy, have mer-cy on us._____

Je-sus, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:

have mer-cy, and grant us your peace._____

Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of March 01, 2026

Upcoming Events

- March 1st - Contemplative Eucharistic Service 5:00 pm
- March 4th - Centering Prayer 12:00 pm
- March 5th - Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm
- March 7th - Vestry Workshop 9:30 am
- March 8th - MSVA Winter Concert 5:30 pm
- March 15th - Pickup Choir 9:00 am

Come Sing with Us for Holy Week and Easter

If you've been thinking about giving choir a try, this is a wonderful moment to jump in. We're welcoming additional singers and instrumentalists for our Holy Week and Easter services—no long-term commitment needed. Whether you're an experienced musician or simply someone who loves to lift your voice in worship, there's a place for you. Reach out to Ginny at music@sdlife.org for rehearsal details and come make music with us this sacred season.

Save – the – Date:

VBS 2026 will be held June 22nd through 25th from 9:00 am -12:00 pm. Registration coming soon. Please reach out to Rev. Maureen at mcarey@sdlife.org to volunteer.

Contemplative Eucharist Service

Join us at St. David's Episcopal Church for a contemplative Eucharist in the sanctuary every Sunday at 5 PM. This serene service draws upon the rich traditions of the Book of Common Prayer, inviting you into a quiet space for reflection, prayer, and communion. Engage with scripture, participate in sacred rituals, and find peace in the presence of God. All are welcome.

St. David's Preschool 2026 - 2027 Registration

Enrollment for the 2026 - 2027 school year is open! All registrations will be done online. Visit our website at www.stdavidspreschool.org to access forms, tuition information, and important dates. Tours are available by appointment—schedule yours today and discover the warm, nurturing environment we offer for your child's early education!

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Prayer List

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: Eugene Kavanagh, Dotty, Taylor, Penny and Richard, Kevin Menard, Aiden and Lindsey Braun, Chuck Mitchell, Mary McClintock, Patricia Sullivan, Grace, Fred W., Mathew, Chech, and Sabina, Andrea Nelson, The DeVries Family, Peg Nugent, Jim Nugent, Wilma and the Colon Family, Sandy and The Martin Family, The Family of Everett Clowes, Dotty, Pat, Fred C, The Family of Marie McCann, David, Isaiah, Judah, The Stone Family, Richard, The Capps family, The Solomon family, Erin and Vinnie, Peter, Richard and the McCoy family, Erin, Maurice, Michael, Bob, Peter, the Linden Family, Jean-Marie, the Frank Family, the Elliot family, Cheryl, Norma, Amy, Baby Miles Gray, The Gray Family, Winston, Catherine, Ben, Sarah, Thomas, Connor, John, Michele, Beth, Zachary, and Akachi. We pray for the deceased, Ofelia, and our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.