

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"** Helmsley (H 57)

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on

our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the

saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine

train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

**ADVENT WREATH-LIGHTING: "Prepare the Way"** Joel Raney

(on cue)

Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Make

way for the Prince of Peace, King of kings,

Lord of lords, Je - sus, Em - man - nu - el.

Pre - pare the way, pre - pare the way.

## **FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

*Lector: A reading from the Prophet Isaiah*

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the  
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall  
inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

**Lector:** The Word of the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

## PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7,18-19

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- <sup>2</sup> **That he may rule your people righteously \***  
**and the poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> **He shall defend the needy among the people; \***  
**he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- <sup>6</sup> **He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \***  
**like showers that water the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- <sup>18</sup> **Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, \***  
**who alone does wondrous deeds!**
- <sup>19</sup> And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## **SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13**

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

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

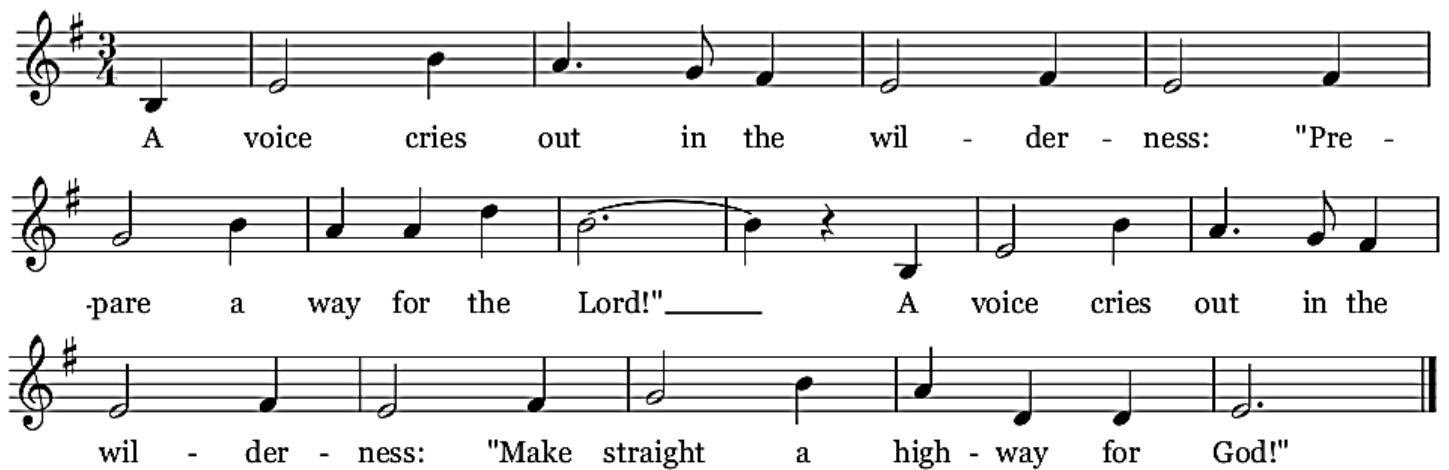
"The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## SEQUENCE HYMN: "A Voice Cries Out" Michael Joncas



## THE GOSPEL

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

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

### Matthew 3:1-12

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:  
'Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

**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 peo-ple 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: "Holy, Holy" *Mass of a Peaceful Spirit*, LaRosa

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.  
Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na, Ho - san - na, in the high - est.

# FRACTION HYMN: "Lamb of God" *Mass of a Peaceful Spirit, LaRosa*

The musical score is written on four staves in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a repeat sign. The second staff ends with a repeat sign. The third and fourth staves continue the melody and lyrics.

Lamb of God, you take\_\_ a - way\_\_ the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of  
God, you take a-way\_\_ the sins of the world, grant us, grant us peace.\_\_  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us grant us peace.

# Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of December 7, 2025

## *Upcoming Events*

1. December 13th - Wreaths Across America
2. December 13th & 20th - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
3. December 13th - MSVA Christmas Concert
4. December 16th - Preschool Christmas Tree Lighting
5. December 20th - Prayer Quilt Ministry
6. December 21st - St. David's Christmas Pageant

### *Toys For Tots*

St. David's is collecting gifts for children this holiday season. Please consider donating new, unwrapped toys to Toys 4 Tots. Donations accepted on **Sundays 9:00 am to 12:00 pm from November 16th until December 7th.** THANK YOU!!!

### *Kindness Rocks Project*

Join us on the **3rd Sunday of every month** after the 10:00 am service for the Kindness Rocks Project at St. David's! Together, we'll paint rocks with uplifting messages and place them in our rock garden to spread kindness and positivity throughout the community. It's a fun and creative way for people of all ages to come together, share love, and make a difference. Bring your creativity and help brighten someone's day, one rock at a time! Reach out to Maureen at [mcarey@sdlife.org](mailto:mcarey@sdlife.org) with questions or for more information.

### *Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery*

To all family and friends of St. David's, you are cordially invited to join in Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery on **Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am – 12:00 pm.** We will join others in the moving experience of laying wreaths on the graves to remember our fallen veterans, honor those who currently serve in our military, and teach our children the value of freedom. We will be taking the Metro. Plan to meet at the Ashburn Metro Station, at 7:00 AM. The train leaves at 7:11. We will be getting off at the Rosslyn Metro Station, which is about a 15-minute walk to the cemetery. Please reach out to Mike Gibson at [mgibson99@gmail.com](mailto:mgibson99@gmail.com) or **703-431-7869** so that they know you are coming!

### *Salvation Army Bell Ringing*

To family and friends of St. David's. Please join us in ringing the bells for the Salvation Army. Help is needed on Saturdays, **December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>**, from 10:45 am – 6:45 pm both days. Donations in the red kettle stay local – directly impacting the lives of our neighbors by helping them in their time of need. Please reach out to Mike Gibson at [mgibson99@gmail.com](mailto:mgibson99@gmail.com) or **703-431-7869**

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### *Prayer List*

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: 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.