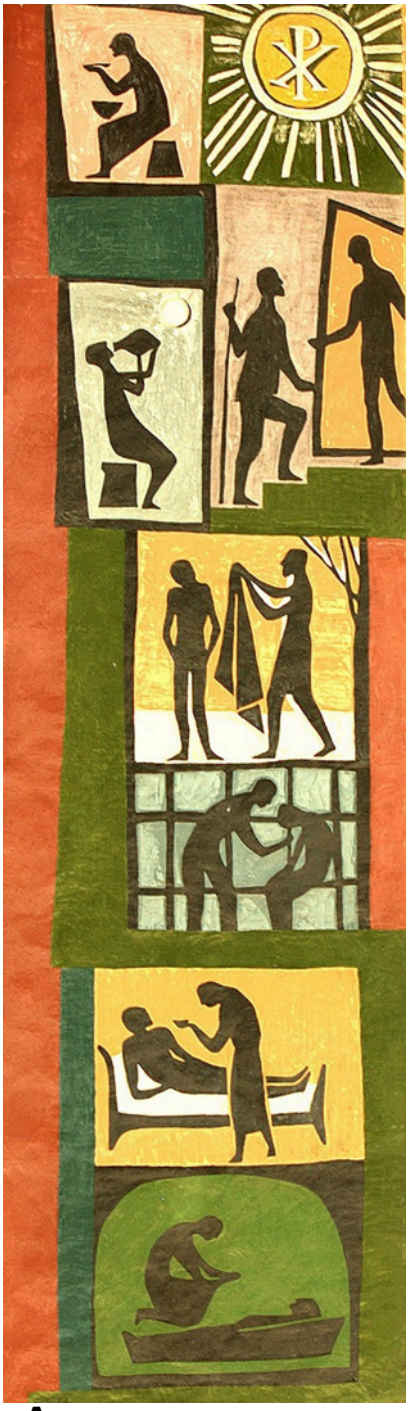
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Welcome to St. David's
Episcopal Church, Southfield, MI

Proper 29, *Year A*
November 22, 2026 8 am &
10 am service

Last Sunday after Petecost: Christ the King

Welcome: Howard Rush

Prelude: *Prelude To a Te Deum,*
Marc-Antoine Charpentier
Today we celebrate Christ the King, whose greatness is revealed not in domination, but in love. As we prepare for worship, may this music lift our hearts toward the One whose kingdom welcomes everyone.

At the sound of the bell, all rise

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Processional Hymn: *Crown him with many crowns* **Hymn #494** *(vs 1-3)*
We crown Jesus as King, but his crown is unlike any other. His power is mercy, his throne is love, and his kingdom makes room for the least and the lost. Let us stand and sing!

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you
People: **And also with you**
Celebrant: Let us pray.
Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

In our first lesson, the prophet Ezekiel offers a beautiful picture of God's leadership. Unlike rulers who seek power for themselves, God promises to search for the lost, heal the injured, and protect the weak.

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

May your word dwell in us.
People: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

The Psalm: 100

We belong to a God who knows us, loves us, and calls us the sheep of God's pasture. With grateful hearts, let us praise our faithful Shepherd.

Refrain: **O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

Be joyful in the Lord / all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence / with a song.

Know this: The Lord him / self is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep / of his pasture.

Refrain: **O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his / courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call up / on his Name.

For the Lord is good;
his mercy is / everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from / age to age.

Refrain: **O Worship the King, all glorious above!**

The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

In our second lesson, Paul reminds us that Christ reigns above every earthly power. But this isn't power that intimidates or excludes. It is the power of resurrection, hope, and love, entrusted to the Church to share with the world.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

May your word dwell in us.

People: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Sequence Hymn: *All hail the power of Jesus' Name* **Hymn #450** *(vs 1-3)*

We sing of Jesus as Lord of all. Yet in today's Gospel, this mighty King reveals himself in a surprising place: among the hungry, the stranger, and those in need. Let us sing as we prepare to hear his words.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew:

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

Gospeler: Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Very Rev. Chris Yaw

Affirmation of Faith

All: **We believe in God,**
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that wants to enslave us all,
and whose love , defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and doubting, we trust in God;
and, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,
in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love;
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,
for the glory of God.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Sung Response: **Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord;**
Incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace.

The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant and People: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Welcoming of New Friends:

Genique Collins • Maria Shrere • Esomchi Obi • Scott Tupper • Del & Maia Mullens
Angelena Braxton • Gabe, Ali & Clare Lopez • Dr. Ivy Awurum • Ina Awurum • Kirk Bradford
Sheila Brice • Mike & Angela Dagle, Layla, & Isaiah • Jodi LePage • Chris & Ronda Johnson
Joy & Jeff Zug • Nabil Abdul-Sater • Tiana Hall • Jim & Diane Mihelich • Jack Templar

The Peace | Announcements: Mary Bensmiller **| Greeting of Online Guests**

The Offertory

The Offertory Anthem: *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above***,**
George Frederick Handel

Today we celebrate a God whose reign is marked by compassion and faithfulness. As we listen, may our praise become more than music, inspiring us to reflect God's love in the way we live

The Offertory Hymn: *He is King of Kings* **LEVAS #96**

Jesus is King of kings, yet he identifies himself with the most vulnerable among us. As we offer our gifts, may we remember that every act of generosity is an opportunity to serve Christ himself.

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 our duty and our joy to thank and praise you, God of heaven and earth; for you are our shepherd, who called Abraham by name gathered a people under Moses, fed your flock in the wilderness, and led them out of Egypt and Babylon to take refuge in your sheepfold.

***People*:** **In the fullness of time you sent Jesus to be our shepherd king,
leading us beside still waters,**

And delivering us from the valley of the shadow of death, thus restoring our souls. And so with all your gathered flock, with sheep that are not of this fold, and with saints and angels surrounding your glorious throne, we praise your name and join the unending hymn.

Sanctus (Sung)

***Celebrant and People*:** **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of hosts.
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.**

The people stand or kneel. - The Celebrant continues

God of Abundance, you bestow upon your people the riches of your glorious inheritance and the immeasurable greatness of your power. You sent upon your disciples the Spirit of wisdom and revelation.

***People*:** **Send now that same Spirit to breathe upon your church
and make it resound with your praise.**

Sanctify this bread and cup, that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Acclamation of Faith

Celebrant (Sung): Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***Celebrant & People(Sung)*: Christ has died,**
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

God of glory, you sent Jesus to be our prophet, priest, and king, and you show us his fac in the face of those on whom the world turns its back. As the tempted Christ was hungry in the wilderness, make yourself known to all who search for food.

***People*: As the crucified Christ was thirsty hanging on the tree,**
reveal your love among those who lack clean water.

As the infant Christ was a stranger in Egypt, manifest your presence through any who are pilgrims from afar. As the newborn Christ was naked in the manger, live in all who experience shame and exposure. As Christ in his passion was sick to the heart in Gethsemane, declare your grace among those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

And as Christ, under judgment, was a prisoner under Pontius Pilate, be with all who are incarcerated by folly, injustice, or fear.

***People*: Renew your church by making it resemble Jesus,**
our crucified king, our savior, Lord, and friend,
with you and holy Spirit, one God, forever.

***Celebrant & People (Sung)*: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

And now as Christ our Savior has taught us, we now sing:

***All*: 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 forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem: *Lamb of God (Sung)*

***All*: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,**
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace. *[repeat]*

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

***All*: In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church**
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you,
and, since we are not all receiving you sacramentally,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself with you,
and embrace you with all the love of my soul.
May I live in you, and may you live in me. Amen.

Communion Hymn: *One Bread, One Body* **LEVAS #151**

At this altar, there are no strangers, no outsiders, and no one more important than another. We come as one body, nourished by the same love and sent to share it with the world.

Post Communion Prayer

All: **God of abundance,**
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
That we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
And continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* **Hymn #460** *(vs 1, 3, 4)*

We leave today proclaiming Christ as King. But his kingdom isn't built with crowns or castles. It's built with kindness, justice, mercy, and love. Let us sing, and then go out and help make that kingdom visible.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world to love and serve God and our neighbor.
People: **Through worship, outreach, and love for all. Amen.**

Postlude: *Allegro Pomposo*, Greorge Frederick Handel

We thank our timpanist this morning, Mr. Patrick O'Brien.





Vestry Elections Today, After the 10 am in Parish Hall!

Ray Litwinowicz

Ray is a retired engineer who keeps busy with gardening, household projects and fixing things. He and his wife, Cindy, joined St. David's in 2010 and live in Royal Oak. Ray is currently an usher and has previously served several terms on the Vestry. He is honored to be joining the leadership team once again.

Isaiah Dagle

17 years old and currently in 11th grade at Berkley High School. He has been a member of the Episcopal Church his entire life, currently serves as an usher at St. David's, and volunteers monthly at the Berkley Cares Food Pantry. Outside of church, he enjoys spending time with his friends, watching, and playing sports. Isaiah is looking forward to serving on the vestry, becoming more involved in the church, and bringing a youth perspective to its leadership.

Lisa Reynolds Smoots

I'll start my introduction by saying that I am thankful to have been led to St. David's Episcopal Church. I relocated to the Detroit area in April 2021, and one of my early tasks was to find a church. St. David's was exactly the type of congregation that I was seeking: loving and warm, diverse, welcoming to all people, active in the community, teaching…. and here I am – ready to serve.

I am originally from St. Louis, MO. I was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in 7th grade, and was re-confirmed in the Episcopal Church in 2018. I attended college at Northwestern University, majoring in Industrial Engineering. After graduation, I returned to St. Louis and worked at McDonnell Douglas Aerospace and Monsanto Chemical. I was engaged and married in 1988, and moved to the Philadelphia area where we raised 2 beautiful daughters, Ashley and Jasmin. In 1999, I switched careers and entered into the field of education, studying Education Leadership at University of Pennsylvania. After serving in several schools, the position at Cranbrook is what brought me here. I currently serve as the Director of Cranbrook Horizons-Upward Bound, a college access program for 1st generation, income eligible students who attend Detroit Public Schools.

In my free time, I enjoy crafting, reading, yoga, travelling, movies, dinner parties, reality television and fun times with friends. I am also a Reiki Master. I am active in several organizations, both professionally and socially.



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