



Artist: Bazzi Rahib, *The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her Daughter.*

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

**The Twelfth
Sunday after
Pentecost**

Proper 15, Year A

**The Baptism of
Claire Maire Lopez
August 16, 2026
8 am & 10 am**

WELCOME: Anne Jeannette LaSovage

PRELUDE: *Order My Steps*, Glenn Burleigh - Adwoa Tandoh, Soloist
At the sound of the bell, all rise

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*, **Hymn #296**

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: **One God and Father of all.**

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 FIRST LESSON: Genesis 45:1-15

Our first lesson is from the first book of the Bible, Genesis, and describes the exciting climax of Joseph's reunion with the brothers who had sold him into slavery in Egypt.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

May your word dwell in us.

People: And bear much fruit to your glory.

THE PSALM: Psalm 133 *Spoken*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Our second lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans who reminds us that God's gift to the Jews is irrevocable.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

May your word dwell in us.

People: And bear much fruit to your glory.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Jesus Loves the Little Children, LEVAS #222

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15 (10-20), 21-28

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeler: [Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON: The Very Rev. Chris Yaw

The Baptism

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Presenters: We present *Claire Marie Lopez* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Presenters: We will with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: We will with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Presenters: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Presenters: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Presenters: I do.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate - Sung

Celebrant: Let us now pray for Claire who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Soloist: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Soloist: Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Soloist: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Soloist: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Soloist: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Soloist: Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Soloist: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that Claire, who is baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. Amen.

The Thanksgiving Over the Water

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water.

Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation.

Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise.

In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism.

In it we are buried with Christ in his death.

By it we share in his resurrection.

Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit.

Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Baptism

Celebrant: **Claire** I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant: **Claire** you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized:

Celebrant and People:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Celebrant may asperge the congregation as a reminder of their baptismal promises.

THE PEACE | ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mary Bensmiller | GREETING OF ONLINE GUESTS

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SOLO: *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* - Jeanne Petersen, Soloist

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, **LEVAS #189**

THE HOLY COMMUNION & 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 God thanks and praise.**

Thanks and praise be to you, Lord God of mercy and grace, for you entered into covenant trust with your chosen people, and bestowed on them boundless gifts and an irrevocable calling. In Jesus you take your children's food and give it to all creation, even we who lurk in the shadows, hoping for the crumbs of your eternal glory.

People: While our lives are circumscribed by the limitations of our minds and bodies, your life is beyond our reach and outside our imagining.

You have lifted us from the floor to your table, and from a place beyond redemption to the joy of your heart. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

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

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Cleansing God, in Christ you come among us in infectious purity, and heal us from inside out. You give us eternal food that, in you, we may never be hungry again. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may become people who take in the holiness of your mercy, and give out the abundance of your grace.

People: By the power of that same Spirit, take the fragile flesh of your people and transform it into that of the resurrected glory of your church.

Sanctify this bread and wine, that they may become 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 for the 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." Great is the mystery of faith.

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.**

The Celebrant continues

Forgiving God, you sent Joseph to Egypt, through the conspiracy of his brothers, to redeem your people from the curse of famine. You sent your Son Jesus to the cross, through the corruption of our human will, to liberate us from sin and death.

People: As in Christ you proclaimed your word to the spirits in prison, make yourself known to all who find themselves incarcerated in body, mind, or spirit.

Raise up among us children of hope, of courage, of truth, and of vision, who embody your will to turn our evil into your good. Transform the lives of all who live under famine today; visit any who are excluded by envy or prejudice or fear; and lift the hearts of those who are weighed down under burdens too great to bear. Gather at your resurrection banquet your whole church, living and departed, that all creation may feast with eyes and ears and touch and tongue on the effervescence of your glory, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever.

Celebrant & the People (spoken): Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever, forever, forever.
Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Lamb of God - Hymn S-161 (Sung)*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

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: *My faith looks up to thee, Hymn #691*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray:

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

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Lift high the cross, Hymn #473*

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: *Fugue in C Major, Dietrich Buxtehude*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Writers: Preparing for Advent 2026!

We're hoping you'll want to take advantage of the slower summer months to contemplate God's majesty - and put into words some inspiration to help us make Advent 2026 special. As you may know, every November we give away an Advent Daily Devotional. This is a booklet of 26 scripture reflections that we read, one per day during the season of Advent, to prepare for the Christmas feast. This year we're writing our own. Is the Spirit inviting you to help? There's a sign up sheet at the Ministry Hub that lists the days and the Gospel text for each. Feel free to sign up for one or more. 300 words should do it - and you can include an image if you like. Submissions are due to Amy in the front office by Oct 4. See Jessica Rienstra for details.

September 12: Faith and Equity - Exploring Power and Privilege

This fall, join a ten-session program designed to awaken individuals and groups to racial injustices within our systems and structures that empower some and oppress others. Saturday September 12 – November 21, 10:00 am – 12:30 pm (10:00 am – 2:00 pm on September 12) Registration is covered by Transfiguration. Participants purchase books, and attend session in the Parish Hall Church of the Transfiguration 25225 Code Road Southfield, Michigan 48033. To register or ask questions, please contact: Amy Burgin at 248-356-8787 or aburgin@transfigsfld.org or Mary Stone at maryhuetteman-stone@gmail.com, 313-316-0457.

St. Anne's Mead BBQ 8/21/2026 @5 pm

Join our neighbors for an early evening BBQ and Fun Day! It's fun for the whole family, petting zoo, sing-a-long, and bounce house. RSVP by 8/14 to info@stannesmead.org

Consider Assisting the Altar Guild!!

Our members serve on a rotation that works best for their schedule. We are specifically asking for help on Sundays, after the 10 AM service, for clearing the table and cleaning the vessels. Your help would be needed 5-6 Sundays per year, for 15-20 minutes. You will grow spiritually in this ministry of care, dedication, and preparation. Your commitment is an offering of service to your St. David's family that enriches both their worship experience and yours. Everyone is welcome to participate: men, women, couples. Contact Diane Schoch/ Anne Jeanette LaSovage for more information.

Welcome!

IF YOU ARE A GUEST Please introduce yourself so we can give you a warm welcome.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! If you have time this morning, come enjoy some coffee & conversation in Parish Hall following the 10 am service.

ABOUT ST. DAVID'S: A COMMUNITY OF LOVE!

St. David's is a joyful community of Christian people. Everyone is welcome here as we journey together into a deeper relationship with God. Through worship and service we seek to build up our community and the world. While you are here, your talents will be put to use, your voice honored, your needs respected, and your wounds treated with care. At its heart this is who we are at St. David's: compassionate and thoughtful Christians who respect and care for each other and the world. And since we believe we should reflect the open-hearted God whom we worship, we are also a place of warm and generous welcome!

HOW DO I JOIN ST. DAVID'S? A PLACE FOR ALL

Membership in the Episcopal Church is open to absolutely everyone. At St. David's, communion is also open to everyone. Regular Sunday worship will lead you into the heart of this community, which you may join at any level you choose. Those who regularly attend worship, participate in activities and fellowship, and contribute financially to our common work are likely to feel more deeply a part of this church community. To join St. David's, contact the Rector The Rev. Chris Yaw, to set up an appointment. He can be reached in person on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church at (248) 557-5430 and by email churchoffice@stdavidssf.org



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