

St. David's Episcopal Church

"First Sunday in Lent, 2017"

"St. David's Patronal Festival"

March 5th, 2017



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and the Oppressed"

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service. Thank you!")*

Holy Eucharist

Introit Hymn: "Like the Sound of Many Waters" (Procession, all Standing)

Like the sound of many waters
Let the Church's anthems rise
For our father, great Saint David,
Throned above the starlit skies;
As on earth he sang God's glory,
Guided by his Holy Dove,
Still his voice in worship mingles
With angelic songs above.

David, Guardian of Christ's people,
Shepherd of his flock indeed,
Tending, feeding, and protecting,
Watching them in hours of need;
May thy voice in strong entreaty
To the throne of God ascend,
With prevailing intercession
All who seek thine aid befriend.

Honour be to God and blessing,
Lord of endless power and might,
Glorious in his Saints we praise him,
Glory to him in the height;
Be eternal adoration
Paid by all the Angel Host,
To the Godhead, high, majestic,
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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(The people standing, the Celebrant says)

“Bless the Lord who forgives all our Sins”

People: His mercy endures forever

The Celebrant says:

The Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

“Kyrie eleison” (BCP)

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The Celebrant says to the people:

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray

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Collect for: “First Sunday in Lent”:

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan; Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Collect for: “St. David”

Almighty God, you called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: Mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive our heavenly reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

A Reading from Genesis 2: (15-17; 3: 1-7)

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to till it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God say, "You shall not eat from any tree in the garden"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; ³but God said, "You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die."' ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not die; ⁵for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God,^{*} knowing good and evil.'⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. (*moment of silence*)

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
* and whose sin is put away!
- 2 *Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!*
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 *For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.*
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, * and did not conceal
my guilt.
- 6 *I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.*
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; * when the great waters overflow, they shall
not reach them.
- 8 *You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.*
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; * I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
* who must be fitted with bit and bridle or else they will not
stay near you."

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Reading from The Book of Romans (5: 12-19)

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— ¹³ sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. ¹⁷ If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. ¹⁹ For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God. (*moment of silence*)

Gradual Hymn: "*One Person's Sin Changed Every Life*"

One person's sin changed every life;
When Adam strayed, we too were lost.
The world soon filled with death and strife
And every person bears the cost.

Not satisfied with what you gave,
Your people sought to be like you.
Those early humans disobeyed –
Their story is our story, too.

Then, God, in love you sent your Son,
For as in Adam we did fall,
So through the faithfulness of One,
Salvation was your gift to all.

O God, we've seen what death can do,
And now with joy we know rebirth.
In Jesus Christ, you make us new
And give your life for all the earth.

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to
Matthew 4: (1-11)*

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. ³The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' ⁴But he answered, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of

God.”⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶saying to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.”’⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test.”’⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; ⁹and he said to him, ‘All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.’¹⁰ Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, “Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.”’¹¹ Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: **Father Nisbett**
(*moment of silence*)

The Nicene Creed (BCP)

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The Prayers of the People

RE-DEDICATION:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose today is to rededicate the various ministries and organizations of this Church in the Name of God and of all this congregation, and to pray for the special ministries to which they are called.

The Clergy: Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders of ministers in your Church: Give your grace, we humbly pray, to those who have been called to serve in this part of your vineyard. So fill them with the truth of your doctrine, and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the

glory of your great Name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Wardens and Members of the Vestry: O Eternal God, the foundation of all wisdom and the source of all courage: Enlighten with your grace the Wardens and Vestry of this congregation, and so rule their minds, and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek your glory and promote the mission of your Church; through Jesus us Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Altar Guild Members, Chalice Administrators, and Servers of the Sanctuary (Acolytes): O God, our gracious Father: Bless the Servers of the Sanctuary and the Altar Guild Members that they may serve before your earthly altar in reverence and holiness, and care for the vessels and vestments of your worship and the adornment of your sanctuary in order to make the place of your presence glorious; grant that they may attain, with all your saints and angels, the joy of serving you and worshiping you before your Heavenly Altar; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Choir Director, Organist, Choristers and Steel Orchestra: O God, who inspired David the King, both to write songs and to appoint singers for your worship; Give grace to the music-makers in this Church, that with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, they may sing and make music to the glory of your Name to enhance our worship, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Sunday School Teachers, and Catechists: God of all wisdom and knowledge, give your blessing and guidance to all who teach in your Church, that by word and example they may lead those whom they teach to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officers and Members of all the other Church Organizations: The Brotherhood of St. Andrew; The Fund Raising Committee;, The Episcopal Church Women; The Young Adults Fellowship; The Ushers' Guild; The Youth Group; Parish Staff; The Outreach Committee; The Hospitality Committee; Finance Committee; Newsletter Committee; Stewardship Committee; and other committees and all volunteers: "O Lord, without whom our labor is lost: we beseech you to prosper all works in your Church undertaken according to your holy will. Grant to your workers a pure intention, a patient faithsuccess on earth, and the blessedness of serving you in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen".

Priest: Regard, O Lord, and confirm your heavenly benediction on your servants that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer you a service acceptable to your Divine Majesty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: In the Name of God and of this congregation we re-dedicate ourselves to our various ministries, may we serve with gladness and to the honor and glory of God. Now then, go forth to love and serve the Lord Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitence (BCP)

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Exchange of the Peace

*"Bind us together, Lord Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken
Bind us together, Lord Bind us together*

*Bind us together in Love
There is only one God, There is only one King
There is only one Body, That is why we sing."*

At The Offertory

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: "*Our Lord, You Were Sent*"

Our Lord, you were sent to a place wild and vast
To ponder your mission, to pray and to fast;
Then hungry and weary, you faced night and day
The subtle temptations to turn from God's way.

How could it be wrong to want bread on the shelf?
To seek, in one's serving, to first serve one's self?
But by God's own word you remained ever sure:
It's only in God that our lives are secure.

How could it be wrong to step out and to dare,
To prove with great drama the depths of God's care?
But you knew God's word, true since all time began:
It's wrong to expect God to work by our plan.

How could it be wrong to just once bow the knee,
To shake hands with sin to achieve victory?
Yet you made it clear that no matter the cost:
Your path was obedience, your way was the cross.

Our Lord, in your struggle you chose to obey;
God's word filled your heart and you trusted God's way.
Now risen, you save us from sins that destroy;
You give us your Spirit, your peace and your joy.

Hymn after the Offertory

*Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One:
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
And now let the weak say, "I am strong"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!*

Presentation of Elements

The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "A")

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The Great Mystery

Hymns during Communion: (Levas)

Nos. 170, 187, 59

Post Communion Prayer:

"Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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."

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: "With No House of Worship"

With no real house of worship.
In Cambria Heights, New York
Episcopalians traveled to Joseph Queens Village
Donald, their Rector saw the plight
and asked Ms. Robert Gnad
Who willingly shared her home
To fourteen families

Like Israel of the old days
Nomadic was the church.
Moving to three locations on Linden Blvd.,
Purchased a lot of prime land
They built a modest church
The new Mission was growing,
in no uncertain terms.

The Civil Rights new movement
Reached Cambria Heights at last.
Led by Mayor William Durham
who crossed the picket lines.
As “blacks” emerged, the “whites” left.
The Mission was transformed
Thanks to Leo, the Vicar
Transition was complete.

God raised your servant, Joshua
To carry on the work
Began by your own Moses
To build a new building
The faithful gave and labored,
accomplished that great task.
In gratitude, we thank them
For their unselfish deeds.

Some planted, others watered
But God ensured its growth
As we respect and care for, but never idolize
Instead the spiritual temple
deep down within our hearts.
Build up the church that’s in us
For all eternity

Musical Postlude (*please remain seated, quietly*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Usher's:

8:00 AM – Marlene Thompson; Yohance Johnson

10:30 AM – Roy Waterman; Herman Clark; David Roye; George
Lawson

(March Ushers schedule now posted)

We welcome all visitors this morning, especially anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do *visit us again*.

You are all invited downstairs this morning following the service for breakfast/brunch.

During the Lenten Season, we will have “*Stations of the Cross*” every Friday evening beginning @ 7:30 pm. You will hear from your *Care Group Leader* with information on when your group will be meditating, and the procedures.

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Casting Call, for Father Nisbett's play “Who's on Trial” If you are interested in taking part in the *passion play*, please contact *Lorna Moodie-Jones* or leave your name and telephone number in the church office. Thanks!

Health Guild reinstated. If you are interested in joining (member need not be health professional), you may speak to *Sylvia Vernon RN*.

Note: There are NO flowers in the Sanctuary during Lent. You may, however, continue to offer Sanctuary Candles and please donate \$25.00 towards Easter Lilies. Thanks!

There will be a second collection taken this morning in order to replenish The Rector's Discretionary Fund (1st Sunday). You are asked to please give generously as these funds are used by Father Nisbett to give aid to anyone that requests help. Thanks!

Sanctuary Lamp:

“is given in thanksgiving to God for the safe return of our Rector, *The Very Rev. Dr. & Mrs. J. Mastine Nisbett*” from the entire St. David's family.

“given in loving memory of *Edgar N. Maynard “Grandpa Eddie”* who departed this life 5 years ago on March 5, 2012. Papi, we miss you and will always love you.” From wife, Clara Maynard, children Melva Lewis, Frank Maynard, Caridad Jerome and grandchildren and family.

“*Lorenzo McGale Campbell, O.D.J.P.*, born 8/27/1929, passed, March 1st, 2016.” Sadly missed by children, grandchildren, sisters; Lily & Daisy, brother; Claude, extended family friends & colleagues. “May God continue to grant him eternal rest on his first year of his passing. Forever in our hearts.”

THIS WEEKS EVENTS

Bible Study: Next meeting, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

Wednesday Night Lenten Service:

St. Gabriel's (March 8, 2017 @ 7:30 PM: 196-10 Woodhull Ave., Hollis, NY 11423)

Telephonic Prayer Group: Every Wednesday and Thursday evening @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are welcome and invited to participate).

Parish Choir rehearsal – Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays @ 7:30 PM. (during Lent)

St. David's Episcopal Church Youth Group presents a “Black History Month Celebration” on Saturday, March 11th, 2017. (6 to 8 PM) Come and hear the story behind our African American Inventors and Negro Spirituals. For more information call: *Elsa Burke: 516/616-0990; Randy Moses: 516/825-1815; Carol Callender: 516/488-0264.*

Parish Choir Rehearsal – Thursdays @ 7:30 PM

Youth Choir Rehearsal – Saturdays @ 5:00 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Refreshment Sunday (mid-Lent): Sunday, March 26, 2017. Add'l. information forthcoming.

Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)- @ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. (Tickets \$125.00 per person.) See *Barbara Morrison* for add'l. information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062 (asking for members & associates to take ads or page in Jubilee Journal) Thanks!

SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS & FAMILY

Inez Atkinson; Andrea Alleyne; Veronica Alleyne; Dennis Alston; *Icilda Anderson*; Anne Arley; Maritza Armen; Nelda Binal; *Etta Blagrove*; Sherron Bokonga; Lilly Bowens; Ewart Bowie, Lowell Bowie, Ginnderland Brooks; Kirk Brouwer; Winston Brown; Jerome Bryan; Ralph Coard; *Lilla Codner*; Priscilla Coleman; Lancelot Cowan; Che' Constantine; Niall Constantine; Justine Cunningham; Kayden DaCosta; Muriel Cust-Francis; Cicely Daniel; Herbert Daniel; Sharon Davis; Egan Davson; Lawrence Demeglio; Eunice Dixon; Cecile Fearon; Jeanette Francis- Fearon; Winifred Garrison; Muris Gayle; Gordon C. Gladden; Patrick Goin; Winnie Gooden; Gem Grant; Nellie Green; Viola Gretton; Jeffrey Grosvenor; Sylvia Grosvenor;; Shae Haris; *Gem Harris*; Khaled Hassanin; Ida Headley; *Roy Henneman*; Janiese Henry; *Maureen Henry*; Donald Herbison; Rita Herbert; Louise Hermon;; Leslie Hutchinson-Morris; Ivy Irons; Marlon Jacobs; Victor Jiminez & family; Cecil Johnson; James Johnson; *Melrose Johnson*; *Joyce Jones*; Yvonne Jones; Rhonda Jordon; Michelle Joseph; *Germaine King*;; Christie Laieta; *Ellen Lawrence*; *Jean Lawrence*; Dudley Lawson; Ronald Lee; Isabella Lewis; Robert Lewis; Lorna Lewis; *Fitz Longman*; Bertram Longsworth; Joyce Lundy; Rev. Washington L. Lundy; Flavia Lytch-Threatt; Brandon Manasse; Amyika Marcial; *Bevon Mars*; Marc A. Mathews; Clara Maynard;; William D. Mullings;; *Kerwin O'Brien*; *Blanche O'Reilly*; John Parkes; Gene Pendarvis; Theresa Pulla; Nancy Taylor–Hall; Geneva Randolph; Monique Robert; Rev. Egbert Robertson; Sonia Rochester; Richard Rose; Henry Samuel; Joy Simon; Pauline Sekou; Lloyd Simmonds; Yvonne Simmonds; Leroy Small; Shirley Smith; Gerretta Sores; Calvin Souden; Dudley Spence; Hugh Springer; Marjorie Stevens; *Cecil Stevens*; *Beresford Stewart*; *Lillieth Stewart*; Dan Stewart; Sonia Thompson; Beatrice Tomlinson; Christine Turner; Cleveland Vanier; Myron Wade; *Olive Walford*; Barbara Wanaselja; Amanda Watts; *Emma Weekes*; Alberta West; Anita Williams; Carmen Williams;; Ken Williams;; Yvonne Williams; Phondel Yarboro. (*Italics indicate members of St. David's*)

Meditation: “You Are Not Alone”

For many of us, life seems overwhelming: looming deadlines, familial obligations, money struggles, work challenges, and more. We are tempted to believe that we are on our own in this world, left to struggle through trial after trial without guidance, encouragement, or purpose. However, in the time of Lent, we are invited into a journey alongside all the faithful, finding comfort in worship, prayer, and Christ’s abiding presence. As we look at this passage from Matthew, we realize that there is comfort to be found in spite of the sometimes overwhelming obstacles in life. We might feel tested in our faith, but Jesus also was tested—and he overcame. As he is the “pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (*Heb. 12:2*), we understand that because of him, we also can overcome any roadblock set before us. In *Matthew*, the trials set before Jesus tried to make God into something less than God. Jesus was tempted to make himself glorious and powerful instead of leading others to God. We too are tempted to believe that God does not care about us—or worse, that we can work ourselves into being our own god. We are not alone in this trial. Jesus walks alongside us on this journey, reminding us that we are not alone, our God is with us, and there is something greater to be gained. On this Lenten journey, we are invited to put aside our fears and doubts and refocus our lives. Our lives are more than the to-do lists piling up in front of us. We are called to turn our eyes to Jesus, to renew our faith in him, to set aside the trials and temptations around us, and place ourselves squarely in God’s promises. (*copyright © 2011 Augsburg Press*)

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