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St. David's Episcopal Church*

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The Season of Lent at St. David's
The Third Sunday in Lent - A Service of
Morning Prayer - March 7, 2010

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Today's liturgy draws upon the following sources:

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The **Dismissal** is from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*.

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Join us tonight for Taize' Worship at 6:30 PM. Taize' is a quiet service of meditation with soft light and candles.

The service is a time of peace in the hectic world around us.



WELCOME HOME

We welcome all visitors and newcomers to St. David's and are pleased you have joined us. If you are visiting us for the first time, please do not put anything in the offering. Your presence is gift enough for God and for us. Regardless of your faith tradition, you are also welcome to receive communion in this church.. We hope you will return many times and consider St. David's as your church home. We encourage you to sign our guest book.



St. David's Ministry Team

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Senior Warden - Mary McDonald

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Music Director - Mary McDonald

Musicians - Virgil Barstad, Mary McDonald and Mary Stevens

Rector- The Rev. Steve Keplinger

We Gather in God's Name

Announcements

Prelude

Entrance Hymn - # 401 - The God of Abraham Praise-

The Hymnal - (Blue hardback book) or see next page

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - mighty - y King!
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

Opening Sentence

Presider - Rend your hearts and not your garments.
 Return to the Lord your God, for God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Opening Acclamation

Presider: Bless our God who forgives all our sins.
 People: **Whose mercy endures forever.**
 Presider: 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.

Prayer of Invocation

Presider: Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us.
 People: **Come, Creator, into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. Amen.**

S-102 Holy God - Trisagion - The Hymnal (blue hardback book) or see next page

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Salutation

Presider - Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
 let us praise and worship God who has called us together.
 Let us celebrate God's majesty,
 and delight in the wonder of God's love.
 Together, we shall confess our sins
 and receive assurance that we are forgiven.

As the scriptures are read,
 we can allow God's word to speak to us,
 and ponder its meaning for our lives.
 In our prayers, we give thanks for God's goodness,
 we pray for others as well as for ourselves,
 and we offer our lives anew in Christ's service.

All this we do,
 because we believe in the presence among us
 of our Savior Jesus Christ,

and in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit.

Silence

Hear these words of Scripture.

Love one another, for love is of God,
and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

People - **Spirit of God, search our hearts.**

Silence

Confession of Sin

Deacon:

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.

I will confess my sins to the Lord,

I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence

Deacon:

God forgives us and heals us

All: We need your healing, merciful God:
give us true repentance.

Some sins are plain to us; some escape us;
some we cannot face.

Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us;
set us free to serve you.

Presider:

God forgives you.

Forgive others.

Forgive yourself.

Silence

Through Christ, God has put away your sin;
approach your God in peace. Amen.

Opening Versicle

Presider - O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People - And your glory all the day long.

Silence

We Proclaim and Respond to the Sacred Text The Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also

seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever,
and this my title for all generations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s Creation.

People - **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm 63:1-8 Deus, Deus meus

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live

- and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No

testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's Creation.

People - **Thanks be to God.**

Silence - marked with Tibetan Bell

Sequence Hymn - # 390 - Praise to the Lord, The Almighty - The Hymnal-Blue hardback book or see below

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

The Gospel- Luke 13:1-9

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

The Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

People -**Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Reflection - Ms. Kathalin Walker

Silence

The Apostles' Creed - (Presider and People together all standing)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again
to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.

The Prayers

Presider - May God be with you.

People - And also with you.

Presider - Let us pray.

Presider - Help us, O God our Savior;

People - Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

Presider - Look upon your congregation;

People - Give to your people the blessing of peace.

Presider - Declare your glory among the nations;

People - And your wonders among all peoples.

Presider - Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;

People - Never forget the lives of your poor.

Presider - Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;

People - And your favor to those who are true of heart.

Presider - Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

People - So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Prayers of the People

Each prayer is read by a different member of the congregation. Please feel free to participate by reading a prayer.

Officiant: In this holy season of Lent, let us offer our prayers to God, who leads us through the wilderness.

For the church, that in this season of repentance, it may turn from its own shortcomings to the transforming grace of God. We especially pray for St. Paul's Church in Salt Lake City, our sister churches Grace in St. George, St. Jude's in Cedar City, and Spirit of the Desert in Ivins, the church in South Africa and Assembly of God Church in Page. *(The people may add their prayers for the church silently or aloud.)*

God of love and compassion,

Show us through the wilderness.

For our world, that the angels might still wait on those who wander among the beasts of poverty, hunger, and all oppression. We pray for the 2.8 billion people in the world who now live on less than two dollars a day.

(The people may add their prayers for the world silently or aloud.)

God of love and compassion,
Show us through the wilderness.

For our nation and our leaders, that they may have the courage to guard the rights of the poor and the powerless. We especially pray about the widening income gap in America, where the top 1% now command nearly 20% of the nation's income. *(The people may add their prayers for the nation silently or aloud.)*

God of love and compassion,
Show us through the wilderness.

For those who suffer, that they may be blessed by our willingness to enter their wounds, with Christ; and that we may be blessed by their willingness to share them. We especially pray for Tom, Gerry, Katie, Robert, Bridgette, Roy, Terry, and Scott. Are there others? *(The people may add their prayers for any who suffer silently or aloud.)*

God of love and compassion,
Show us through the wilderness.

For Page and our surrounding communities, that we open ourselves to examine, with discipline, the places around us still waiting to experience Your message of abundance for all. *(The people may add their prayers for the local community silently or aloud.)*

God of love and compassion,
Show us through the wilderness.

For our special concerns and hopes that, in their naming, we may know the certain presence of God with us. This

week we pray for the safe return of our youth and adult leaders from Florida. *(The people may add their prayers silently or aloud.)*

God of love and compassion,
Show us through the wilderness.

For all who have died, including Paula Devan and Gerri Soehnem, that they may rest completely and joyfully in You, O God, even as they join with you to lead us through the wilderness. *(The people may add their prayers for those who have died silently or aloud.)*

God of love and compassion,
You will bring us home.

Presider: Holy God, loving Friend, keep us eager in the things of Christ. May we learn the ways of loving discipline, without anxiety or reluctance, rejoicing in small victories and rising up from defeats with the confidence of those who know they have a sure Saviour. To your honour and praise. **Amen!**

The Collects

Living Mystery, whose way is not ours, whose name cannot be bought or sold: lead us from justice without compassion and sacrifice without mercy to a love which nurtures and a grace without price; through Jesus Christ, the true Bread. Amen.

Presider - Holy and everliving God,
by your power we are created

and by your love we are redeemed;
 guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,
 that we may give ourselves to your service,
 and live each day in love to one another and to you,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

People - In darkness and in light,
 in trouble and in joy,
 help us, gracious God,
 to trust your love,
 to serve your purpose,
 and to praise your name,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace -

Presider - The Peace of God be always with you.

People - And also with you.

Presider- Sisters and brothers, we are the Body of Christ.

People- By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.

Presider - Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of
 peace.

People - Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Birthdays - Anniversaries

We Offer Our World to God

*If you are visiting us for the first time, please do
 not put anything in the offering. Your presence is
 gift enough for God and for us.*

Offertory Hymn -# 757 - Will You Come and Follow Me -
 Wonder, Love and Praise - (green paperback book or below)

1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when

I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and

nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your

let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. (Final Ending)

you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

Doxology - Old 100th

**Speak to us Lord from Mountain height,
 From snow-clad spires Your day proclaim,
 Your glacial cascades boast delight,
 While aspens whisper out your name.
 Your valleys, rivers, desert, herds,
 Your forest creatures all adore,
 A God whose Love surpasses words,
 Whom all our hearts must raise yet more.**

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Lord's Prayer - (Traditional)

As now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to
 say,
 People and Celebrant
 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 thine is the kingdom,
 and the power,
 and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

**General Thanksgiving -
 Presider - Let us pray.**

People - Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
 that when we were still far off
 you met us in your Son and brought us home.
 Dying and living, he declared your love,
 gave us grace and opened the gate of glory.
 May we who share Christ's body
 live his risen life;
 we who drink his cup bring life to others;
 we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
 so we and all your children shall be free,
 and the whole earth live
 to praise your name. Amen.

Concluding Sentence

Officiant - Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do
 infinitely more than we ask or imagine: Glory to God from
 generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus
 for ever and ever. Amen.

**Closing Hymn - # 411- O Bless the Lord, My Soul -
 The Hymnal (Blue hardback book or see below)**

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

**Dismissal - Presider - Go in peace to love and serve
 the Lord.**

People - Thanks be to God.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

A great Lenten discipline for you may be Taize' worship. Taize' is a wonderful way to experience the simplicity and quiet of Lent. Join us **tonight at 6:30 PM** for this beautiful 30 minute service.

Come join us this **Wednesday** for our fabulous Soup Supper and a Movie Night. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. We'll have some great soups and settle down a little, then move to the Sanctuary and the Big Screen. This week's movie is *Precious*, the story of Harlem teen Precious Jones. Viciously abused by her mother and pregnant by her father, Precious has an unexpected chance at a different life when she enrolls in an alternative school. Teacher Blu Rain encourages her, but Precious must battle unimaginable barriers everywhere in her life. This is a tough film to watch, but up for several Oscars.

If you would like to be a soup provider for one of our movie nights, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the church.

This Friday, St. David's women will gather at Connie Tkalcevic's home on Butte Court for their March meeting. The theme is St. Patrick's Day, so Irish or green foods are welcome. The evening starts at 6:30 pm. Since it's Lent, go easy on the decadence.

If you have never been Baptized in any Christian tradition and are considering that possibility, this is also the best time to learn more. Let Jody or Steve + know of your interest. We will baptize on Easter Sunday.

From your Senior Warden:

My dear St. David's family,

I want to thank you for your well wishes (and some condolences!) regarding my appointment as Senior Warden. As you can see, we are not in church today but I wanted you to know that I have not changed my mind! Virgil and I have two weekend commitments in March but overall, it looks like you will be seeing a lot more of both of us.

I love the Episcopal Church. It has been a very important part of my life for over 50 years. Before I moved to Kanab, I was the choir director and Senior Warden for my previous parish and I am very much looking forward to this opportunity.

Just for fun I looked up synonyms for the word "warden" in a thesaurus. I had to laugh when I read "jailor, gamekeeper, watchdog, and bodyguard"! The funniest one of all was dogcatcher!" Other synonyms which I much prefer - *"caretaker, guardian and deacon."* I will do my best to live up to *those* definitions with a spirit of joy, gratitude and of course, humor.

Blessings and love to all,

Mary McDonald