

# Welcome to St. David's Episcopal Church

"We are one in the Spirit"



The Christmas Season at St. David's  
The Feast of the Epiphany  
January 3, 2010

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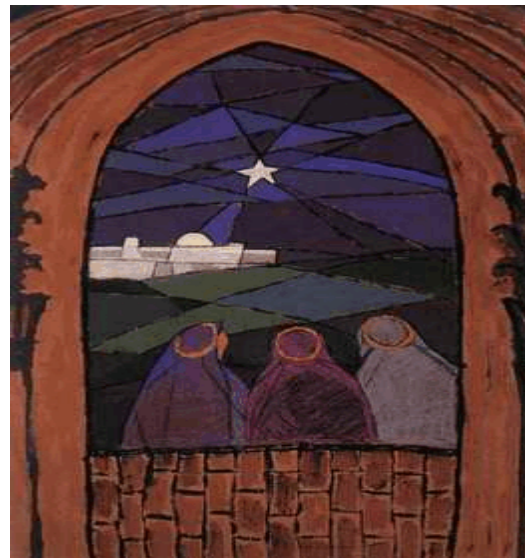
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Taize' worship returns this Wednesday at 6:30 PM Taize' is a service of soft music and quiet meditation. It lasts about 30 minutes. Come join us.



### St. David's Ministry Team

All members - Ministers

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Parish Administrator - Jody Gebhardt

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Youth Group Directors - Greg Poling and Mary Jewett

Music Director - Mary McDonald

Musicians - Virgil Barstad, Mary McDonald, and Mary Stevens

Rector- The Rev. Steve Keplinger



### 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 welcome to receive communion in this church. So that all may partake in communion, all the wine used at St. David's is non-alcoholic. We hope you will return many times and consider St. David's as your church home. We encourage you to sign our guest book.

### We Gather in God's Name

Prelude - March of the Kings - Bizet

Announcements

During the entrance hymn, the three wise people from our Pageant will make their way to the nativity scenes and their images will be placed in the manger scenes.

Entrance Hymn - # 117 - Brightest and Best - The Hymnal

(Blue Hardback Book) or see below

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing,  
3 Shall we then yield him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion,  
4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple o - bla - tion,  
5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

1 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;  
2 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
3 o - dors of E - dom, and of - ferings di - vine,  
4 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure,  
5 dawn on our dark - ness, and lend us thine aid;

1 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,  
2 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
3 gems of the moun - tain, and pearls of the o - cean,  
4 rich - er by far is the heart's a - dor - a - tion,  
5 star of the east, the hor - i - zon a - dorn - ing,

1 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.  
 2 Ma - ker and Mon - arch and Sa - vior of all.  
 3 myrrh from the for - est, and gold from the mine?  
 4 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 5 guide where our in - fant Re - deem - er is laid.

**Opening Acclamation-**

Presider - Blessed are you, O Christ, Son of God, you were before time began and came into the world to be with us.

People - **Blessed are you, Son of Righteousness, you shine with God's love and illumine the whole universe.**

Presider - Blessed are you, Son of Mary; born a child, you shared our humanity.

People - **Let heaven and earth ring out their praise.**

Presider - O Mystery of the Word made flesh, with all the voices of heaven, we celebrate your coming as our Savior.

People - **Let women and men and angels sing of your glory.**

Presider - O Splendor the Father's Light, with all the creatures on earth we sing and dance at your birth.

People - **Praise and honor and glory to you, O Incarnate Word.**

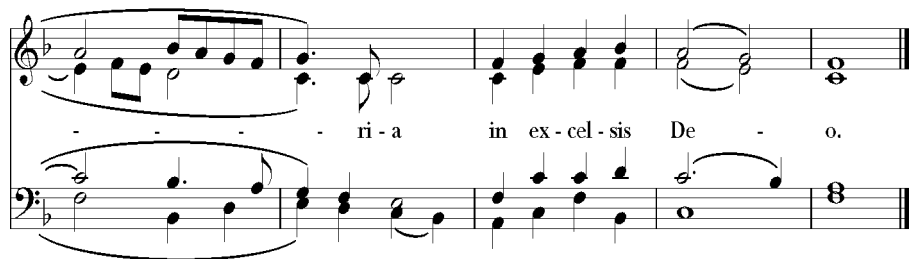
**Song of Praise - # 96 - Angels We have heard on High - The Hymnal - (Blue Hardback Book) or see next page**

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sing - ing sweet - ly through the night,  
 2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of hap - py cheer?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;  
 4 See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels praise a - bove;

and the moun - tains in re - ply ech - o - ing their brave de - light.  
 What great bright - ness did you see? What glad tid - ings did you hear?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ, the Lord, the new - born King.  
 Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid, while we raise our hearts in love.

*Refrain*  
 Glo - - - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -



### Salutation and Collect

Presider- May God be with you.

People- **And also with you.**

Presider - Let us pray.

*Silence*

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### We Proclaim and Respond to the Sacred Text

#### The Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6, 9

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all

those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD. For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the LORD your God, and for the Holy One of Israel because he has glorified you.

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

People - **Thanks be to God.**

#### The Psalm 72:1-7, 10-17 Deus, iudicium

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the  
people, and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people;  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure,  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field,  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; there shall be  
abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay  
tribute, and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him,  
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in  
distress, and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor;  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and

violence, and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

15 Long may he live! and may there be given to him gold from Arabia; may prayer be made for him always, and may they bless him all the day long.

16 May there be abundance of grain on the earth, growing thick even on the hilltops; may its fruit flourish like Lebanon, and its grain like grass upon the earth.

17 May his Name remain for ever and be established as long as the sun endures; may all the nations bless themselves in him and call him blessed.

*Silence marked with Tibetan bell*

**Sequence Hymn - # 128 - We Three Kings - The Hymnal**  
(Blue hardback book) or see below



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -



1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,

star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,

still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

### The Gospel- Matthew 2:1-12

*The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.*

People - Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Gospel- Matthew 2:1-12**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

*The Gospel of Jesus Christ.*

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

“Faces Around the Manger!” - A Live Christmas and Epiphany Pageant, written by Kenneth E Nolin.

**The Cast**

*Gabriel* - Tammy Poling

*Mary* - Caylee Safley

*Joseph* - Greg Poling

*Innkeeper's Wife* - Carol Parry

*Shepherds* - Bernadette Pierson, Kathalin Walker

*Wise People* - Judy Gossard, Jody Gebhardt and John Crowther

*Shepherds, Angels, Animals* - The people of St. David's

*At the end of the pageant, the congregation sings Silent Night*

Si - lent night, ho - ly night, all is calm,  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, shep - herds quake  
 Si - lent night, ho - ly night, Son of God,

all is bright round yon vir - gin mo - ther and child.  
 at the sight, glo - ries stream from hea - ven a - far,  
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from thy ho - ly face,

Ho - ly in - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in hea - ven - ly  
 heaven - ly hosts sing al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sa - vior, is  
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace. Sleep in hea - ven - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sa - vior, is born!  
 birth. Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

**A CHRISTMAS CREED**

**I believe in Jesus Christ and in the power of the gospel, begun in Bethlehem.**

**I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a small village, of whose coming shepherds saw the sign, and for whom there was no room at the inn.**

**I believe in the one whose life changed the course of history, over whom the rulers of the earth had no power, and who was not understood by the proud.**

**I believe in the one to whom the oppressed, the discouraged, the afflicted, the sick, the blind, the injured gave welcome, and accept as Lord and Savior.**

**I believe in the one who--with love--changed the heart of the proud and with his life showed that it is better to serve than to be served, and that the greatest joy is giving your life for others.**

**I believe in peace, which is not the absence of war,**

**but justice among all people and nations**

**and love among all.**

**I believe in reconciliation, forgiveness, and the transforming power of the gospel.**

**I believe that Christmas is strength and power,  
and that this world can change if with  
humility and faith we kneel before the manger.**

**I believe that I must be the first one to do so. Amen.**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

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

God of Light who dispels the darkness from the earth, accept the gifts we bring and help us receive the gifts of your Spirit.

For kings, rulers, leaders and all who are in positions of authority, we ask for your gift of justice and a hunger for righteousness so that peace will reign in human hearts and in the world. May all those still suffering from the ravages of war and human turmoil around the world not be forgotten by any of our leaders or any of us.

God of Light,

**People: We thank you for the gift of peace that makes us strive for justice.**

Leader: For the church and all who call upon your name, we ask for the gift of clear vision so that we can see and follow in your footsteps. We especially pray for all of the world's churches, synagogues and mosques that we may continue to find creative ways to reach out to those suffering throughout the world.

Incarnate God,

**People: Thank you for the gift of incarnation that shows the church how to be real.**

Leader: For nature and all of your creation, we ask for the gift of grace and wisdom so that we know our place in your creation and respect its beauty, variety, and power. May those who will face natural catastrophe this year find God in the midst of their suffering, knowing that God is not in the disaster, but rather God is the one who gives humanity strength in the relief effort.

Creator God,

**People: We thank you for the privilege of being human.**

Leader: For those who suffer and for those who are in need, we ask for the gifts of compassion and redemption so that we can be channels of healing. We ask for the gifts of humility and obedience so that we can live our lives in ways that end oppression and violence. We especially pray for those who are in harm's way in ethnic and religious violence that continue to plague this world, for those who are ill or suffering, especially Tom, Gerry, Mary, Marilyn, Cathy, Robert, Roy and Katie. Are there others?

Redeemer God and friend of sinners,

**People: We thank you for the gifts of healing, forgiveness and redemption.**

Leader: God of Resurrection, we ask for your gifts of patience, comfort, and courage to all those who grieve. We thank you for the gift of eternal life for those who have died.

God of Eternity,

**People: We thank you for the gift of saints and life that does not end.**

Leader : For those we love and for all the earth, we ask for your gift of blessings. Help us to remember that suffering and hardships can also be blessings. We especially pray for the

celebrations of Christmas, for candlelight and unbelievable music, for the opportunity to give and accept gifts, for the Light of Epiphany, and for our own epiphanies.

God of Epiphanies,

**People: We thank you for the gift of journeys, for stars to follow and for angels who accompany us along the way.**

Presider: Empowering God,

When the road ahead looms endless,

**People: Empower us to be companions**

**For one another along the road.**

Presider: Inspiring God,

When the road forward is blocked,

**People: Inspire in us creative responses**

**That move us beyond the barriers.**

Presider: Enabling God,

When the road before us divides,

**People: Enable us to hear your voice**

**From beyond the divide.**

WORDS OF MISSION

Minister and People

Mysterious God, confounding our expectations meeting us where we least expect to find you...

People: Stay with us now.

Child of the manger,

healing our pain, sharing our weakness...

People: Stay with us now.

Source of life,

birth of God within our own experience...

People: Stay with us now.

Stay with us in our frailty

stay with us on our journey...

People: Walk beside us, live within us,

lead us to glory, lead us home.

Presider- Hear the Good News;

The true light that enlightens all has come into the world.

That light shines on in the darkness,

and the darkness has never been able to put it out.

Because of that light, nothing in all creation,

neither what we do nor what has been done to us,

can separate us from the love of God made known to us at Christmas and poured out upon the earth through the Spirit. Go in peace. Amen

People - Thanks be to God.

The Peace -

Presider - The Peace of God be always with you.

People - And also with you.

Birthdays/Anniversaries/Celebrations

For a Birthday

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as he begins another year. Grant that he may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen his trust in your goodness all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Offer Our World to God

Offertory Sentence - Presider

*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 - # 119 - As with Gladness - The Hymnal - Blue hardback book or see below

1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man - ger - bed;  
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man - ger rude and bare;  
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus! ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;  
 5 In the heaven - ly coun - try bright, need they no cre - a - ted light;

1 as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
 2 there to bend the knee be - fore him whom heaven and earth a - dore;  
 3 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
 4 and, when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - sored souls at last  
 5 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down:

1 so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.  
 2 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek the mer - cy - seat.  
 3 all our cost - lest trea - sures bring, Christ! to thee, our heaven - ly King.  
 4 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
 5 there for ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our King.

Doxology - *Old 100<sup>th</sup>* - Music Below

**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 Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 1

Celebrant May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to our God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant We thank you loving God,

for you did not abandon us or stand far off

but came in awful nearness with the urgency of love.

In creation's dawn, you gave birth to all that is;

to the people of Israel you revealed yourself a Father

and shared the human story.

Now we praise you for the Word made flesh

born of Mary's body, nurtured in her womb,

cradled in her arms, greeted by her song.

The fullness of God dwells in his flesh,

a touch of welcome for the one thrown aside,

good news of bread for the hungry and poor,

a shepherd to find those who are lost.

Now we are caught up, body and soul resound

with the glory of music divine,

echoing through the hallowed earth:

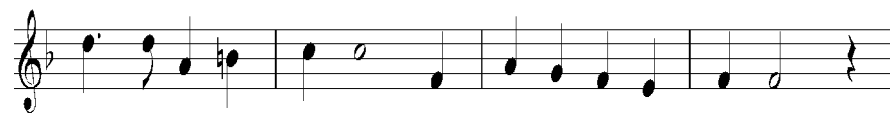
Celebrant and People - S-125 - The Hymnal - (Blue hardback book or see next page)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The People and Celebrant continue

Blessed are you, gracious God,

creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image

and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful caretakers  
and show forth your bountiful grace.  
The Celebrant continues  
But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another, and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.  
Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.  
At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to

hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the  
cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel  
containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
People and Celebrant:  
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

The Celebrant continues:  
As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said:

People and Celebrant:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant:  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:  
Celebrant and People  
Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues:

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

The Celebrant and people continue:

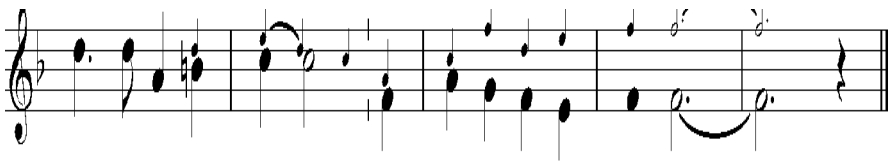
By your Holy Spirit may they be for us +  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit +  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Celebrant:

Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, the three kings and all  
your saints, past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever.



Amen Amen A - - - men

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.

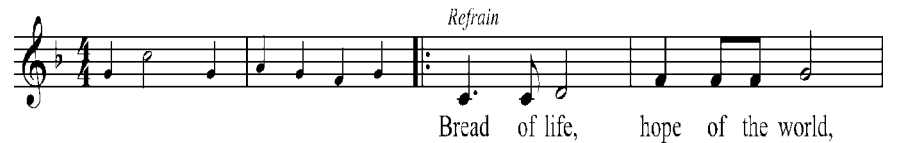
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.

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.

**Breaking of the Bread - Silence**

**Fraction Anthem - Bread of Life - Musicians sing Verses  
- Congregation sings refrain**



Verses

Verses:

**A child is born for us, a son is given to us,  
in our midst, Christ, our Lord and God  
comes as one who serves**

**With our own eyes we see, with our own ears we hear  
the salvation of all the world,  
God's incarnate Word**

**You are the hope of all, our promise and our call,  
Radiant light in our darkness,  
Truth to set us free.**



1 As we pro-claim your death, as we re-call your life,  
2 This bread we break and share was scat-tered once as grain:  
3 We eat this liv-ing bread, we drink this sav-ing cup:



we re-mem-ber your prom-ise\_\_\_ to re-turn a-gain.\_  
just as now it is gath-ered,\_\_\_ make your peo-ple one.\_  
sign of hope in our bro-ken world, source of last-ing love.\_

**We Receive from God the World Made New**

Presider - The Gifts of God for the People of God  
The Communion of the People of God

No matter who you are, or where you are on your spiritual journey, you are invited to receive communion at St. David's. The wine used at St. David's is non-alcoholic, so that all may partake. It is appropriate to stand or kneel.

**Communion Duet - Nothing But a Child - Mary McDonald and Virgil Barstad.**

**Post Communion Prayer -**

Presider - Let us pray.

All - **We are filled with joy**

**for we have heard good news of great joy.**

**We are filled with love**

**for we have tasted the sign of God's great love.**

**We are filled with hope**

**for the angels still sing in our world**

**and there is a Light for us to follow.**

Epiphany Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find God. Amen.

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth.

Amen.

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. Amen.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

**Closing Hymn - # 109 - The First Nowell -The Hymnal - (Blue Hardback book) or see below**

1 The first No - well the an - gel did say  
 2 They look - ed up and saw a star  
 3 And by the light of that same star  
 4 This star drew nigh to the north - west,  
 5 Then en - tered in those wise men three

1 was to cer - tain poor shep - herds in fields as they lay;  
 2 shin - ing in the east be - yond them far,  
 3 three wise men came from coun - try far;  
 4 o'er Beth - le - hem it took its rest,  
 5 full re - verent - ly up - on their knee,

1 in fields as they lay, keep - ing their sheep,  
 2 and to the earth it gave great light,  
 3 to seek for a king was their in - tent,  
 4 and there it did both stop and stay  
 5 and of - fered there in his pres - ence

1 on a cold win - ter's night that was so deep.  
 2 and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.  
 3 and to fol - low the star wher - ev - er it went.  
 4 right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 5 their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.

*Refrain*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

6 Then let us all with one accord  
 sing praises to our heavenly Lord;  
 that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
 and with his blood our life hath bought.

*Refrain*

*Alternative Refrain*  
*Descant (others unison)*

No - well, No - well, No - well, No - well,  
 born is the King of Is - ra - el.

## Dismissal -

Deacon -Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of God with Us! Alleluia! Alleluia!

People - **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Epiphany! Okay. It's time now. You can take down your Christmas tree, at least by Wednesday.

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Next Sunday, **January 10**, is the Baptism of Jesus. We will baptizing new members as well as renewing our own baptismal vows. If you are interested in being baptized, either for yourself or for your child, **please let Steve know as soon as possible.**

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This coming **Wednesday** is our special Epiphany Taize' service. Taize' is a quiet service of soft music and meditation to still your soul in our hectic world. The service begins at 6:30 PM and lasts about 30 minutes.

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Also beginning on **Wednesday evening** is our always informative Inquirer's class. Everything you want to know about church history and the Episcopal Church, but were afraid to ask. The class will run for six weeks, covering everything from church history to what is a sacrament to why we do things the way we do (see Annual Meeting below.) Although the class is intended primarily as preparation for being received into the church, everyone is welcome to take part in the class. Some of us have gone back two or three times just to learn more.

On the horizon is our annual meeting. Annual meeting is the day we talk as a parish about all the business and activities of the church over the last year, and where we see ourselves going in the future. Please be there so your voice may be heard. The meeting is **Sunday, January 31**, right after the service. We will also be electing new vestry members and delegates to convention. If you are interested in these posts, please see a Vestry member as soon as possible. This will be a very important and exciting year to be making decisions for this church.

As usual, we don't talk at St. David's without eating. This will be a potluck meal. Please plan to bring something to something to share.

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Finally, mark your calendars for **Sunday, February 7**, when Bishop Carolyn Tanner Irish makes her last official visit to St. David's. On this day, she will celebrate with us and receive new members into the church. Bishop Irish will also confirm our youth and reaffirm baptism vows. Please let Steve know if you wish to be received and let Greg or Mary know if you would like to be confirmed. Tell your friends and make plans to be here on this very special day for all of us. We'll get you home in time for the Superbowl.

