

St. David's Episcopal Church
1519 Elmwood Rd
Lansing, MI 48917

St. David's Day Celebration

March 1, 2020

St. David's will be a Christian Community where people may come and experience our love of God, our faith in Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit working in and through us.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

Prelude
 Processional Hymn #423

"St. Denio"

+The Word of God+

Salutation
 Collect for Purity
 Gloria S-275 (Front of blue hymnal)

BCP p. 355
 -Harrison

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.

The First Lesson
 Psalm 16:5-11
 The Second Lesson
 Gradual Hymn #587
 The Holy Gospel
 Sermon
 The Nicene Creed
 The Prayers of the People, Form II
 Confession
 The Peace
 Offertory
 Presentation of Tithes & Offerings
 Presentation Hymn #657

Micah 6:6-8
 BCP p. 600
 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12
"Rhosymedre"
 Mark 4:26-29
 BCP p. 358
 BCP p. 385
 BCP p. 360
 BCP p. 360

"Hyfrydol"

+The Holy Communion+

The Great Thanksgiving
 Sanctus: S-130 (Front of blue hymnal)
 Eucharistic Prayer B
 Amen: S-146 (Front of blue hymnal)
 The Lord's Prayer (traditional)

BCP p. 361
 -Schubert
 BCP p. 367
 —Robinson
 BCP p. 364

+The Communion of the Faithful+

All Baptized people who believe in the Sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist are welcome to come forward to receive.

Communion Music
 Post-Communion Prayer
 Blessing
 Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversary Blessings
 Recessional Hymn #690
 Dismissal
 Postlude

BCP p. 366

"Cwm Rhondda"

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Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for this is the House of God. Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Personal Prayers for healing are available immediately following the services today. Simply go to the north (left) end of the communion rail where the Prayer Ministers will spend time praying for your special needs and concerns.

SENIOR WORLD PROGRAM

The next St. David's Senior World Program will be held on Thursday, March 12. All are invited to attend—young and old, men and women. Join us in the Great Hall. The program begins with lunch at 11:30 AM, followed by a short program, a few songs, and closing prayers. Please bring a dish to pass. If you have questions, please see John Post, Fr. David, or Rev. Carol.



THIS WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S

Sunday, March 1 — *St. David's Day Celebration*

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM: "Between the Services" Bible Discussion, Room 2/5
10:20 AM: Sunday School
10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist
12:00 PM: St. David's Day Potluck, Great Hall



Monday, March 2

7:00 PM: Promise Keepers, Library
7:30 PM: Divorced, Widowed, Separated Support Group, Room 9

Tuesday, March 3

9:30 AM: Holy Eucharist, St. Non Chapel
10:00 AM: Bible Study, Room 2/5
12:00 PM: Bible Study Lunch Bunch

Wednesday, March 4

10:15 AM: Holy Eucharist, Delta Retirement Center
6:30 PM: Holy Eucharist followed by Potluck
7:15 PM: Lenten Program, Great Hall

Thursday, March 5

6:00 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM: Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM: Community Band Rehearsal, Great Hall

Friday, March 6

9:00 AM: Holy Eucharist, St. Non Chapel

Saturday, March 7

Diocesan WMI & EMI Leadership Day, Great Hall

Sunday, March 8 — *Daylight Saving Time begins*

8:00 AM: Holy Eucharist
9:15 AM: "Between the Services" Bible Discussion, Room 2/5
10:20 AM: Sunday School
10:30 AM: Holy Eucharist

TODAY'S ASSISTING MINISTERS

8:00 AM

Greeters: Lar Carey
Lay Reader: Gay Mugnolo

10:30 AM

Acolytes: Hannah Poirier, Sydney Leinbach, Jason Gentry
Altar Guild: Carol Abbott, Courtney LeRoy
Coffee Hour: St. David's Day Potluck
Counters: Carol Abbott, Bob Mitchell
Greeters: **Volunteers Needed**
Ushers: Bob Mitchell, Dave Spangenberg
Lay Readers: Carey Draeger, Kerry Chapin

We ask that you keep in your prayers this week the following individuals and families: Adam Howrani, David Wehrwein and Jane Jakeway, Adrienne Johnsen, Brano and Beverly Kasper, Christopher and Sarah Kiester.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins on March 8. *That's next week!* Remember to "spring forward" and turn your clocks ahead one hour.



"There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature — the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter."

—Rachel Carson

ST. DAVID'S DAY

THE FIRST LESSON: Micah 6:6-8

“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 16:5-11

In Domino confido

⁵ O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup; *
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land; ***
indeed, I have a good- | ly heritage.

⁷ I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night | after night.

⁸ **I have set the LORD al- | ways before me; ***
because he is at my right hand I | shall not fall.

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices; *
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me | to the grave, ***
nor let your holy one | see the Pit.

¹¹ You will show me the | path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for | evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON: 1 Thessalonians 2:2b-12

But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the face of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from error or uncleanness, nor is it made with guile; but just as we have been entrusted with the gospel, so we speak not to please men, but to please God who tests our hearts. For we never used either words of flattery, as you know, or a cloak for greed, as God is witness; nor did we seek glory from men, whether from you or from others, though we might

have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you like a nurse taking care of her children. So, being affectionately desirous of you we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.

For you remember our labor and toil, brethren; we worked night and day that we might not burden any of you, while we preached to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our behavior to you believers; for you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-29

And he said, “The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed upon the ground, and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should sprout and grow, he know not how. The earth produces of itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

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DAFFODIL HOPE

In Lisa Genova's novel *Love Anthony*, Olivia lives on Nantucket Island, where winter is long but daffodils bloom even while it's still cold. In one scene, she watches the flowers “shivering in the wind, impossibly bright and fragile and brave against the cold grayness.” Struggling with deep grief, Olivia finds hope in the bright yellow blooms after a long, bleak winter. She embraces the daffodil as a sign that summer will come again—and that “life will return to her as well.”



In Christ, God gives us hope that sometimes appears vibrant against the grayness of earthly life. We cling to it because we've seen the promise made good before—winter yielding to summer, a new beginning granted—and we trust that new life will return to us, as well.