

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

St. David's Episcopal Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020 – 9:00 am

Eucharist in the Time of Covid-19

Welcome to the celebration of Eucharist as we observe cautions to protect the health of each of us, especially those who are described as most vulnerable (one of whom is Fr. Don). We believe that by sacrificing some of the familiar parts of our worship, basing our design for this celebration on the best advice of medical experts, we may have communion with the greatest possible safety. Your observance of these cautions is an act of love for others. The recommended practices are included in this worship bulletin.

Please keep your mask on throughout the service except when indicated. Maintain social distancing by remaining in the seats to which the usher has directed you.

Singing by members of the congregation is not permitted at any time. You may join in the prayers by speaking softly while wearing your mask.

Holy Eucharist II 355

Prelude

Elegy in F Major, op. 55, no. 3
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

Opening Hymn

1982 Hymnal 372

Praise to the Living God

- 1 Praise to the living God!**
All praised be his Name
who was, and is, and is to be,
for ay the same.
The one eternal God
ere aught that now appears:
the first, the last, beyond
all thought his timeless years!
- 2 Formless, all lovely forms**
declare his loveliness;
holy, no holiness of earth
can his express.
Lo, he is Lord of all.
Creation speaks his praise,
and everywhere above, below, his will obeys.

3 His Spirit floweth free,
high surging where it will:
in prophet's word he spake of old:
he speaketh still.
Established is his law,
and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart,
on sea, on land.

Priest Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Priest 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.**

Gloria: *(spoken by all)*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Priest In time of anxiety, illness suffering and death, your people turn to you for hope and comfort. Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Peter Tobasco

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 **The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **“O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 **“O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn**LEVAS 72****Just a Closer Walk with Thee**

(All stand as you are able.)

You may softly speak the words as they are sung by the Cantor.

**1 I am weak but thou art strong;
 Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
 I'll be satisfied as long
 As I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

**Refrain: Just a closer walk with thee,
 Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
 Daily walking close to thee,
 Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

2 **Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. [Refrain]**

3 **When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. [Refrain]**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

**Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.**

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Children's Sermon

Father Don

**Just a closer walk with thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

Sermon

Father Don

The Nicene Creed *(all standing)*

All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary
and was made man
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Stewardship Minute

The Prayers of the People

Reader: With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Reader: Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We pray for the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin, our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop William, our Priest Don, our Deacon Hank, Brother John, Pastoral Associate Kate, Deacon Postulant Carol and Postulant Allie. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt especially for all those on our parish prayer list. Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: We especially pray today in remembrance and thanksgiving for the birthdays of Ron Herzog, Amy Derosé, Justin Durrant, Cassidy Herzog, and David Thomsson also the wedding anniversary of Hank & Susan Bristol. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you especially those taken by the coronavirus. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. We pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Confession of Sin (*Please stand or sit. Please do not kneel*)

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

*The peace may be shared through a sign, a nod, a bow. Please do not leave your place.
Only members of the same household may exchange the Peace by touching.*

All may be seated

The Holy Communion

Offertory Music *Please do not sing. You may quietly speak the words as the Cantor sings.*

*No collection will be taken up. We urge you to use mail or bank debit to make your offering.
In person offerings may be dropped into the container at the door.*

The priest will wash his hands and set the gifts to be consecrated upon the altar.

Priest: Gracious and generous Creator, your people come before you this day with the offering of their whole selves, of all that they are, and all that they have. The gifts they have made to support the ministry and mission of St. David's Church are a symbol of their very lives and their commitment to invest a portion of themselves in your on-going work in the world. May those who make this sacrifice of praise and gratitude be so filled with your own generous spirit, that it pours out of each and every one into the world around them. Hear these prayers and accept our humble gifts. Bless them. Make them abound that all people through our work and sacrifice in your name, may know and feel your abundant blessings. All this we ask of you, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

**All: 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Invitation

Communion Song

Center of my Life Paul Inwood

- Refrain:** O Lord, you are the center of my life:
I will always praise you,
I will always serve you,
I will always keep you in my sight.
- Verse 1:** Keep me safe, O God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord, "You are my God.
My happiness lies in you alone;
my happiness lies in you alone." {Refrain}
- Verse 2:** I will bless the Lord, who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. {Refrain}
- Verse 3:** And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even in safety shall my body rest.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. {Refrain}

If you are not receiving communion physically, you may use this prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Led by Kate O'Connor

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, we desire to offer to you our praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you will come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Please follow the instructions of the ushers to come for communion. Keep your mask on. Little children may come to communion with an adult. Observe spacing by standing on the markers in the aisle. When you reach the dispenser, take some hand sanitizer and rub it into your hands thoroughly.

When you reach the priest, remain standing, keep your mask on and extend your hands, one cradled in the other, so that the priest may place the host in your hand. As you step away from the priest, lower your mask to consume the host, then follow directions from the ushers to return to your seat. After communion, the priest will clean his hands.

Post Communion Prayer

Priest: Let us pray

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ.
You have fed us with the spiritual food of your Word
and you have given us the means to partake
of the abundance of this world.
Make us mindful now that you have called us
to be your presence in this world,
and grant us strength and courage to love
and serve you and the people you have set before us
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Vestry and Discernment Prayer

All: **Lord, we ask you to guide the members of our
Vestry and Discernment Committee
so that they may hear Your voice leading St. David's Church
into the future to which you are calling us.
Give them wisdom and insight into the qualities of
Leadership needed to best serve our precious church.
Inspire also the person You intend to be our spiritual leader
and pastor. Give us all a sense of happy anticipation
as we await the one we know will be the right one
according to Your plan for us.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Birthday Blessings

Anniversary Blessings

Announcements

Final Blessing

Priest: May the blessing of God the Father, who created all things and set them before us, give you joy in his creation.

All: **Amen.**

May the Son of God, Jesus the Christ, who showed us the Way of love fill you with the spirit of love for one another.

All: **Amen.**

May the Spirit of God who abides with the Church, lead you to take up your call to live as a citizen of the Kingdom of God.

All: **Amen.**

Priest: And may Almighty God be with you always and bless you, +
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord and one another.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn

1982 Hymnal 594

God of grace and God of glory-594

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient Church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.
- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise:
grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

4 **Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.**

Please follow the instructions of the ushers to depart the church. Please do not congregate on the way out or in the parking lot, unless you observe six feet of distance and wear masks.

Postlude in F Major, op. 50, no. 3
Alexandre Guilmant (1837–1911)

Announcements

Registration for in-person services is primarily online, using the link found on the Events page of the parish website. It will cap attendance at 25 households. We will keep three future services up so that you can pre-register. Right now, it seems that the maximum number of registrants is not being met, so if you have already attended a service and you would want to attend the following week, you may do so, subject to the maximum capacity limitation. You can do this by going to the registration site on Thursday. It will tell you if there is still available space so you can register.

The altar party (priest, deacon, lay reader, music director) must also register (remember to put your title next to your name.)

Seamen's Church Institute – Christmas at Sea

The collection of personal items for our Christmas at Sea program has begun. Please place items in bin located to the left of the front doors. Items needed are the following:

Unscented, Hypoallergenic Hand Lotion (2-4 oz bottles)
Unscented, Colorless Lip Balm
Sealed Packages of Holiday Sweets
Microwave Popcorn
Books or Activities like Sudoku, Word Searches
Sugarless Chewing Gum & Playing Cards

Fr. Don and Mel Caron study/discussions group on Thursday, October 22 at 7:00. The topic for that evening will be "Reclaiming the World"

You may join from the Events page of the St. David's Website, clicking on the Thursday night Study link.

Stewardship 2021: Reflection and Renewal - Each Sunday we will post a reflection from a parishioner about one of our many ministries.

Worship

"When I came to St. David's I finally found the true meaning of a community, both in worship and service to others!"

Sunday School Halloween Event

October 25th the St. David's Sunday School will be sponsoring a Halloween Spooktacular drive by delivery to the homes of children in our parish who are in 5th grade and below. For any parents who would like their child to receive a delivery from our teachers, please see form link on eblast to register. Your child does not need to be a participant of Sunday School in order to receive our spooky treat. Be on the lookout for more events to come in the fall.

The Prayer Station - "Just let God into the situation and hold it there"

Dr. Rowan Williams, former Archbishop of Canterbury, on intercessory prayer.

Deacon Hank and Pastoral Care Associate Kate are available to pray with you following the dismissal from the Sunday morning service.

The station is open for 30 minutes.

They each have their own Zoom link on the Events page. Join them by clicking on the link with their name.

They look forward to meeting you in prayer.

Something New in Pastoral Care! Telephone Call Ministry

We want to stay connected as a St. David's community, so several of our parishioners are each taking a page from the roster and will call everyone on that page – including YOU - every month or two.

They'll be making a friendly visit with some conversation, and then ask how you are doing. It's something we can do as "way of love" – a way our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry calls us to live and be for one another. Don't be surprised when you hear from us!

Pastoral Associate Kate will continue making her calls, but now you'll also hear from another St. David's parishioner as well. It's all good!

Contemplative Prayer Offerings at St. David's

Monday, October 19h at 7 PM - St. David's Account at <http://www.stdavidscranbury.com/events.html>

Wednesday October 21st and 28th at 1 PM - St. Francis Account at <https://www.stfrancisdunellen.org>

The evening Contemplative Prayer group meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM on the St. David's Zoom account. Click on the button on the events page. You can phone into St. David's Zoom by calling 1-646-876-9923, meeting ID 451 815-3355#, when prompted for participant ID press #.

Beginning in October, we are adding afternoon Contemplative Prayer with St. Francis in Dunellen.

In partnership with our sisters and brothers at St. Francis we also have the opportunity to meet on Wednesdays at 1 PM on the St. Francis Zoom account <https://www.stfrancisdunellen.org> except for the first Wednesday of the month. You can phone into St. Francis Zoom by calling 1-669-900-6833, meeting ID 595-854-4455 #, when prompted for participant ID press #, for password enter 2475689.

No experience with silent prayer or meditation is required. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us. Contact Pastoral Care Associate Kate with any questions, k_oconnor22@verizon.net

Please remember in your Prayers this week: Judy Evans, Tom Evans, Karen Rowden, Michael Koretsky, Don Nanchoo, Lourdes Sanchez, Nora, Gabriel, Adrian Sun, Cameron Polanco, Tappen Soper, Barbara, Elke Lindemann, Mary Channon Cushing, Ken Robinson, Lynda Hammel, Beau Sawyer, Meridith Stout, Yvonne Tessier, Theresa Wilson, Ed Merkel, Tracy Rozkowski, Alyssa, Debbie, Susan Harroun, Carol Toth, Omar Holmes, Kathleen Sinclair, Ed Kornberg, Ron Surtz, Sue Dell, Talan, Linda, Rita, Marion, Lisa, Lillian, David Muggeo, Jane Muggeo, Lisa Muggeo, Gary Long, Diane Roby, Arthur Roby, Laura, Mary, Jeff Reed, Paul Szymanski, Bea, Rachel Krimkowitz, Harry Krimkowitz, Nicole Sitko, Thomas Gregory, Rita Lecorchick, Robin Machnik, Joanne Morse, Roger Hammel, Timothy Doyle, Linda Turato, Adam Krimkowitz, Neal Rouse, Loraine, Kathy, Laura, Cliff Shore, Alice Wilberforce, Doug Szalai, Diane Doscher, Lily Chung, Bill, Piper Sousa, Hilda Delgado, Carl, Kai, Tom Coulter, Joyce, Brian, Carl, Joyce, Nanci B., Stewart Sowter, Marna McDermott, Kristen Holobowicz, Sarah Nestrock, Ted, Katie Turner, Jennie Herbert, Martha Henry, Daniel Rew.

(Names remain on the healing list for four weeks. Please contact the parish office to have names added or to extend those already on the list.)

Pray for those in the Armed Forces and others who are serving at home and abroad: Donald Whitlock, James McDermott, Joseph Matson, Gregory Seymour, James Kelly, Sam Crumbaugh, Ken St. Germain, Trevor Stranko, Grace Stranko, Drew Vigliotti, Shawn Porter, Nathan Pane and John Michael Vavala.

Sanctuary Flowers have been donated today by Penny Stout gratefully for St. David's.



On All Saints' Sunday, we honor our loved ones who have passed. We need your assistance in compiling a current and accurate listing of these Saints who have gone to be with our Lord. If you would like to add a NEW NAME to our current listing, please fill out this form and mail to 90 S. Main Street or email (office@stdavidscrabury) to the Church Office by October 25th.

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Please include the name(s) of my loved one(s) on the list:

Submitted by:

Name

Phone Number
