

The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church 90 South Main Street, Cranbury, NJ 08512

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Sunday Services

8:00 am Holy Eucharist II 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II

Wednesday Service

9:30 am Holy Eucharist and Healing

Rector

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The Rev. Carol Patterson

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And whatever your labors and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace in your soul. - "Desiderata" by Max Ehrmann

By the time you are reading this...

Holy Week is a time for us as Christians to deeply engage in the final days of Jesus. We have walked together through the entrance into Jerusalem, the struggles of debate with the men of power, the betrayal and arrest, the crucifixion, and the discovery of the empty tomb. Lent is over. Our emotional elements have been on an intense roller coaster ride. If we have given up or taken on something for Lent, it's done now. We've finished a long hard race, and our sense of accomplishment is likely encouraging us to give ourselves a break. Take it easy until next year.

What if we look at Easter in a different way?

Look at the discipline we as individuals took on for the 40 days. It was probably difficult and when Easter Sunday arrives, we are ready to drink that glass of wine or stop walking every day. Is Easter really the end? While it can feel like a conclusion, it's truly the start. When the women arrived at the tomb, looked into the cave, realized that the body was gone, it was the first day of their new ministry. Everything changed, and all the disciples needed to figure out how to move ahead with this amazing gift.

When we consider Easter as an end goal, we take away the meaning of the event. Perhaps this year is as good as any to readjust our thinking. Looking back at our individual Lenten routine: how difficult was it to remove that element from our lives? How did it impact us overall? For example, I decided to try things outside of my usual comfort zone. Looking back, I realize that I have become more confident in areas that I was avoiding. I found a positive energy around thinking about what to do and ended up looking forward to trying something each day. I may not be interested in repeating this daily for the rest of my life, yet I can see it as being part of a rule of life going through the Easter season.

During the 50 days of Easter, I want to encourage all of us to begin thinking about what we may want to do for a longer-term discipline. If someone gave up Facebook for Lent, could the idea of a weekly no-tech day be a way to help move away from a dependence on the smartphone? Let's begin conversations stemming from the Desiderata poem introduced on Easter morning and seeing how we as a community can help support our growth toward a deepening of commitment to walking with one another on our journey through life.

May your Easter season be full of opportunities to grow in relationship to God and to one another. The tomb is empty – he has risen indeed!

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DESIDERATA BY MAX EHRMANN

GO PLACIDLY AMID THE NOISE AND THE HASTE, AND REMEMBER WHAT PEACE THERE MAY BE IN SILENCE. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, WITHOUT SURRENDER, BE ON GOOD TERMS WITH ALL PERSONS.

SPEAK YOUR TRUTH QUIETLY AND CLEARLY; AND LISTEN TO OTHERS, EVEN TO THE DULL AND THE IGNORANT; THEY TOO HAVE THEIR STORY.

AVOID LOUD AND AGGRESSIVE PERSONS; THEY ARE VEXATIOUS TO THE SPIRIT. IF YOU COMPARE YOURSELF WITH OTHERS, YOU MAY BECOME VAIN OR BITTER, FOR ALWAYS THERE WILL BE GREATER AND LESSER PERSONS THAN YOURSELF.

ENJOY YOUR ACHIEVEMENTS AS WELL AS YOUR PLANS. KEEP INTERESTED IN YOUR OWN CAREER, HOWEVER HUMBLE; IT IS A REAL POSSESSION IN THE CHANGING FORTUNES OF TIME.

EXERCISE CAUTION IN YOUR BUSINESS AFFAIRS, FOR THE WORLD IS FULL OF TRICK-ERY. BUT LET THIS NOT BLIND YOU TO WHAT VIRTUE THERE IS; MANY PERSONS STRIVE FOR HIGH IDEALS, AND EVERYWHERE LIFE IS FULL OF HEROISM.

BE YOURSELF. ESPECIALLY DO NOT FEIGN AFFECTION. NEITHER BE CYNICAL ABOUT LOVE; FOR IN THE FACE OF ALL ARIDITY AND DISENCHANTMENT, IT IS AS PERENNIAL AS THE GRASS.

TAKE KINDLY THE COUNSEL OF THE YEARS, GRACEFULLY SURRENDERING THE THINGS OF YOUTH. NURTURE THE STRENGTH OF SPIRIT TO SHIELD YOU IN SUDDEN MISFORTUNE. BUT DO NOT DISTRESS YOURSELF WITH DARK IMAGININGS. MANY FEARS ARE BORN OF FATIGUE AND LONELINESS.

BEYOND A WHOLESOME DISCIPLINE, BE GENTLE WITH YOURSELF. YOU ARE A CHILD OF THE UNIVERSE NO LESS THAN THE TREES AND THE STARS; YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE HERE.

AND WHETHER OR NOT IT IS CLEAR TO YOU, NO DOUBT THE UNIVERSE IS UNFOLDING AS IT SHOULD. THEREFORE BE AT PEACE WITH GOD, WHATEVER YOU CONCEIVE HIM TO BE. AND WHATEVER YOUR LABORS AND ASPIRATIONS, IN THE NOISY CONFUSION OF LIFE, KEEP PEACE IN YOUR SOUL. WITH ALL ITS SHAM, DRUDGERY AND BROKEN DREAMS, IT IS STILL A BEAUTIFUL WORLD. BE CHEERFUL. STRIVE TO BE HAPPY.

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April Outreach Urban Promise Outreach Sunday, April 14, 2024

Since 2011 Urban Promise has worked to provide a path to better opportunities and a better future for children and youth. Our goal is to create and maintain programs that allow students the opportunity to progress in life skills, spirituality, and education with the support of a passionate team behind them.

Urban Promise is a much-respected charity providing much-needed educational support to under-privileged youth in Trenton.

An Invitation to a Grief Support Group at St. David's

Are you experiencing feelings of loss over the death of a loved one, whether a family member or a friend? If so, you are invited to come to our **Grief Support Group** at St. David's.

We will meet for six consecutive weeks beginning on Monday, April 8 from 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM in the Library.

Please contact Chaplain Kate O'Connor *in advance* at <u>k_oconnor22@verizon.net</u> or 609-658-7315 if you are interested in being a member of the group. I'd like to have a sense of where you are in your bereavement before our first session. Thank you.



St. David's Golf Outing –Monday, June 24th

It's the St. David's annual golf tournament on Monday, June 24, 2024. Once again, it will be held at the famous, exceptional, fantastic, beautiful Peddie School Golf Course in Hightstown, NJ. Please register by using the link below: Fore!!!

St. David's Episcopal Church Annual Golf Outing Tickets, Mon, Jun 24, 2024 at 7:30 AM | Eventbrite

Golf Registration Fee = \$135 (includes luncheon) Luncheon Only Registration Fee = \$60 (excludes golf)

Just a reminder, you can register through Eventbrite, but are NOT obligated to pay on the site. You are more than welcome to mail a check to St. David's so you are not incurring the Eventbrite service fee.

Looking forward to another fun-filled golf outing! Any questions please contact Marcus Aris.



St David's will once again be returning to <u>Peddie Golf Course</u> to host our next golf outing on <u>Monday</u>, <u>June 24</u>, <u>2024</u>, as another fundraising project. In the past, St. David's members have generously supported the following hosting needs also recognized in the Outing Ad Book provided by sponsors and donors.

HOLE SPONSORS	\$75	Name
SNACK & SODA SPONSORS	\$35	Name
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Attn: Penny Stout

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Lay Participation Schedule for April 2024 10 am Service

	April 7	April 14	April 21	April 28
Eucharistic Minister	Edmund Abramovitz	Corinne Peters	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Tracy Smires
Eucharistic Minister	Steve Channon	Todd White	Tricia Metzger	Leslie Terhune
Intercessor	Steve Channon	Barbara Jensen	Kathy Herzog	Leslie Terhune
Lector-1st Lesson	Beau Sawyer	Collin Duck	Kim Elaine Neighbor	Tom Pearson
Lector-2 nd Lesson	Edmund Abramovitz	Corinne Peters	Tom Reynolds	Zach Duck
Ushers	John Patterson Obafemi Sonubi	Richard Bennett Ed Miller	Carol Hartmaier Deanna Emerson	David Thomsson Patty Thomsson
Acolytes	Collin Duck Leslie Terhune Zach Duck	Joseph Eswine Zach Duck Kaylyn Eswine	Zach Duck Joseph Eswine Arleen Astudillo	Leslie Terhune Arleen Astudillo Harrison Katona
Presenters	Gene & Marna McDermott	Carol Hartmaier Virginia K. Davis	Phyllis Robinson Jean Hegedus	Joyce Hiscock Penny Stout
Verger	TBD	Maria Eswine	Pat Kraft	TBD
Counters	John Patterson Mary Ann White	Jackie Asafu-Adjaye Tena Achen	David Thomsson Joyce Hiscock	Winsome Bailey Bernadette Bruce



RAISING FUNDS FOR ST. DAVID'S BY PURCHASING PREPAID GIFT CARDS

Don't forget! You can contribute to St. David's ministries – in the parish and in the community at-large – by purchasing pre-paid gift cards through UnitedScrip. Use the paper form found on the bulletin board by the water fountain, or use the Internet (www.scripzone.com). You receive the full face value of the card and St. David's receives a percentage of the face value of the card – depending upon the issuer of the card. If you use the Internet to place an order, remember to use 609655SDE when you first sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Harry Ruhl, at 609-443-5863 or at hjr29@verizon.net.



Women's Lunch and Learn Group

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, April 10th from 12:00 PM –1:30 PM in Fish Library. All women of the parish are welcome. We meet each month on the second Wednesday in the library and discuss a book, current event topic, or occasionally a video presentation. It is always a lively and interesting discussion. This is a "brown bag" event—so please bring your own lunch. This month we are reading Almost Everything by Anne Lamott.

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

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- 21 Todd White & Beau Sawyer
- 24 Dan & Tracy Smires





Kyle Joseph Robinson and Chanel Dehond were married in Canada (her home country) March 23, 2024. Kyle and Chanel live in London. Proud family include parents; Ken and Phyllis Robinson and big sister, Kristen.

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Altar Guild Flowers & Candle—ORDER FORM 2024

Your Name (Given By)	(Daytime Phone Number)
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* Sunday Services *
8 am — Holy Eucharist II
10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School & Nursery

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Room Legend

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