



The Tablet

St. David's Episcopal Church
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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

The Rev. Amy S. Cornell

Deacon

The Rev. Carol Patterson

Director of Music

Dr. Brian Katona

Pastoral Care

Chaplain Kate O'Connor,
M.Div., BCC

Treasurer

John Patterson

Parish Administrator

Judy Henningsen

Now, we pray, be with those who leave and with us who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever nearer to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saints. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

As you are all probably aware by now, this will be my last article for the Tablet, as I am leaving for a new call in Manchester, England. Along with all the countless boxes to pack and unpack, the logistics of transferring addresses and purchasing new electrical plugs, I've had some time to reflect on my ministry here at St. David's. One exercise I came across some years ago was to see which biblical character you felt the most like in any situation you were in. Perhaps it was remembering this that has reminded me of a little known part from Acts of the Apostles:

The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose...so Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

Barnabas is one of my favorite people in the Bible, because he usually finds himself in places where he is able to live into his name. (Barnabas means "son of encouragement".) There were so many wonderful things going on in the Antioch community and Barnabas was chosen to check it out. Finding a community of good and faithful people, working hard to care for themselves and the community around them. Doing God's work, spreading the Good News, making others feel at home. He was so happy that he invited others to come see what an amazing place he found, and his leadership role was to observe and celebrate, teach and welcome, encourage joy and preach among them.

Sounds an awful lot like St. David's.

My (nearly) four years as your Rector have been overwhelmingly beautiful. This parish has felt like the right place to be since I pulled past the "Welcome Home" sign on my first day. So many individuals who shared their stories, expressed their interest in learning together. I felt welcomed into all the traditions and also saw the openness to creating new memories. It would be impossible for me to list all of the people who have made this time better than I could ever imagined with open hearts and unshakable faith. Instead I would like to leave you with two points that I know to be true:

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- God has amazing things planned for this community. Stay true to God’s Word and you will always thrive.
- Keep caring for one another. Whether it’s your first Sunday or your 90th year of Sundays, you are a part of the family.

And as you begin to search for your new rector, I want to offer the advice that was given to me by the late Bishop George Councell: the best that a priest can bring to your new congregation is yourself. You need to love them, and let them love you. I know that when the right person comes in, you will embrace them with love and they will feel it as soon as they see that sign: Welcome home.

Blessings,

Mo. Amy+



**April Outreach
Urban Promise
Outreach Sunday, April 13, 2025**

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.



**Women’s Tea Party
Saturday, May 3, 2025 - 3 pm—5:30 pm
Tickets: \$40 payable to St. David's Episcopal Church**

**Please join the women of St. David’s Church for a Tea Party.
Enjoy a splendid afternoon exploring the beau-TEA of color and discover the
color palette that complements your own natural beauty!**

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RSVP by April 21: Contact Deanna at 609-426-9484, see sign up sheet or return form to the office for tickets.

Name _____

Phone # _____

of Tickets Requested: _____

Total Paid: _____



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13th: 8:00 am Holy Eucharist II, 10:00 am Holy Eucharist II
Palm Sunday Blessing of the Palms

Monday, April 14th: 7:00 pm Evensong

Tuesday, April 15th: 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, April 16th: No Healing Service
 7:00 pm Tennebrae

THE TRIDUUM — THE GREAT THREE DAYS

Thursday, April 17th: 5:30 pm Dinner
Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing &
 Stripping of the Altar
 9 pm Vigil at the Altar of Repose

Friday, April 18th: 6:00 am – Morning Prayer (Vigil Ends)
Good Friday Noon - Good Friday Service
 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 19th: 7:30 pm Easter Vigil with Holy Eucharist II
Easter Vigil Easter Vigil Celebration!

April 20th — EASTER SUNDAY
Choral Eucharist 8 am & 10 am - No Church School



HOLY WEEK AT ST. DAVID'S

April 13 - April 20, 2025

Holy Week is the most significant and dramatic week of the entire Church Year. It contains some of the richest symbolism, the most stirring rites and customs, and has been provided with some of the finest music the Church has created. The week begins with Palm Sunday, and the sacred Triduum (the three holy days) begins at sunset on Thursday and continues through sunset on Saturday. This liturgy begins on Thursday evening and continues through until the Easter Vigil Mass, with each service part and parcel of the whole.

Palm Sunday—April 13

On Palm Sunday, the liturgy has two distinct parts. At each service, we will begin outdoors with The Liturgy of the Palms, a rite of joy and triumph. As we recall our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, we wave our palm branches and sing of his glory as we process into the sanctuary. The atmosphere changes and, this year, the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ is read from the Gospel according to Luke. This dramatic reading includes the congregation in various parts. We are now fully into the experience of Holy Week and, in the words of the preface to the Eucharistic Prayer, we celebrate Christ who was "lifted high upon the cross to draw the entire world to himself."

Monday — April 14

7 pm

Monday evening's service is Evensong, using the readings of Holy Monday. The service will mostly be chanted, in a simple plainsong tone that all can join in together.

Tuesday — April 15

7 pm

Tuesday is the Stations of the Cross, walking through the final steps of Jesus as he approaches the cross and his death. The prayers focus on the traditional walk that is marked in Jerusalem and symbolized in the stations we have here in the church.

Wednesday — April 16

7 pm

Wednesday's Tennebrae service is known as the Service of Darkness when ancient texts are read aloud as the space is slowly immersed in darkness as candles are slowly extinguished to focus on the upcoming three days.



Maundy Thursday—April 14

7 pm

The Maundy Thursday service marks the beginning of the Triduum, and it commemorates the evening meal shared by Jesus and His friends. At this meal, Jesus showed His love to His disciples in the simple act of washing their feet. The foot washing echoes the mandate of Christ to love one another, a powerful symbol of the church's vocation to follow its savior in acts of servant ministry. We will share a meal together at 5:30 pm and then move into the church for the service at 7:00 pm. After the celebration of Holy Eucharist, there is a procession to the Altar of Repose, located in the Fish Library, where the sacrament is placed until Good Friday. The vigil will end with Morning Prayer at 6 am. After the sacrament is removed, the members of our Altar Guild strip the Altar area of all remaining ornaments as Psalm 22 is recited. The liturgy ends and all leave in silence either to our homes or to sit vigil. Parishioners are asked to sign up for a time to sit vigil with our Lord in the garden. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for your use.

Good Friday — April 15

12:00 pm & 7 pm

On Good Friday at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm the Good Friday Liturgy will be offered. Both services will include veneration of the Cross and chanting of the Gospel and the Solemn Collects. We will conclude with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The congregation departs in silence to emphasize that it is not the end, but a pause, in the great liturgy of the Triduum.

The Great Easter Vigil — April 15

7:30pm

The Easter Vigil on Saturday evening is one of the most dramatic liturgies of the entire year. It is the Passover of the Lord, the paschal feast of the people of God. We gather at 7:30 pm outside to light the new fire and bring the light of Christ into the church. The oldest litany in the church, the Exsultet, is then chanted, and the history of the salvation of God's people is then told through four storytellers. This is followed by the renewal of baptismal vows and the reading of St. John of Chrysostom's Easter Vigil sermon. Then, as the celebrant says "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" the ancient paschal greeting, the First Eucharist of Easter begins. The altar candles and the sanctuary are fully lighted, and the liturgy moves to its final segment, the celebration of the first mass of Easter. Light has broken through the darkness and in that light, we see the Risen Lord. The liturgy ends with the dismissal, concluding the sacred Triduum, the three holy days. After the service, join us for a festive celebration with sweets and something bubbly!

Easter Sunday - April 20

8 am & 10 am

On Easter Sunday, there will be two choral services for our celebration of the Day of Resurrection. The services will begin at 8:00 am and 10:00 am with the St. David's Choir. Please feel free to attend the service that best fits your family's schedule. Lenten donation boxes may be brought with you on Easter Sunday or any Sunday thereafter.





Birthdays & Anniversaries

2	Corinne Peters	14	JoAnne Cornell	21	Todd White & Beau Sawyer
4	David Miller	15	Ryan Spero	24	Dan & Tracy Smires
6	Tai Parrish Lauren Sgalambro Erica Spero	23	Richard Bailey		
7	Tara Dailey	24	Alexander Hall Madeline Katona		
8	Jon Christiansen James McDermott Mark Pane	25	Helen Micale		
9	Taylor (Bud) Reeder	26	Christa Laustsen		
10	Emily Lecorchick	29	Heather Giske Michael Laustsen Emmanuel Apau		
13	Amanda Thomas	30	Natalie Krauser		



Altar Guild Flowers & Candle—ORDER FORM 2025

Your Name (Given By)

(Daytime Phone Number)

Sanctuary Flowers (\$40 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Sanctuary Candle (\$20 Donation)

Date: _____

In Loving Memory / In Honor Of

Check Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "St. David's Church"
Attn: Penny Stout

April 2025

Room Legend

s—Sanctuary
mh—Meirs Hall / fl—Fish Library
dc—Double Classroom - bc-J2A Classroom

* Sunday Services *
8 am — Holy Eucharist II
10 am — Holy Eucharist II, Church School & Nursery

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30	31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Holy Eucharist I (s) 10am Holy Eucharist II (s) & Zoom 10am Sunday School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am AA (mh) 9:30am & 10:30 am Jazzercise (mh) 12:30pm AA (mh) 5:30pm Jazzercise (mh) 7pm NJGMC Rehearsal (s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am AA (mh) 8:30am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Tai Chi (mh) 12pm ACA (fl) 4 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 9:30am Holy Eucharist Healing (s) 12:30pm AA (mh) 3 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 2 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7am AA (mh) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 10am Office Closed 10:30am Jazzercise (mh) 2 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am New Life SDA Church (s) 9am Jazzercise (mh) 1pm Knitters Group (fl) 7pm Pentecostal (s)
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2025

**St. David's Church welcomes all in the loving Spirit of Christ,
through Faith, Worship, Nurture and Community**

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