

# St. David's Episcopal Church

Fifth Sunday after "The Epiphany"

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017



The Very Rev. Dr. J. Mastine Nisbett, *Rector/Dean*  
Richard Williams, Herman Clark, *Wardens*  
Phyllis Fibleuil, *Music Director/Organist*  
Dorothy Lundy, *Parish Secretary*

**"Proclaiming Good News to the Poor, the Blind, the  
Captive and the Oppressed"**  
*("You are asked to please turn off all mobile devices during the  
service. Thank you!")*

## *Holy Eucharist*

Processional Hymn: *“A Little Bit of Salt”*

A little bit of salt will quickly show its worth;  
A little bit of faithfulness will change the earth.  
God, make us worth our salt — a church that's glad to be  
The change that you desire in each community.

A lamp that's in a house gives safety, warmth and light;  
It's set upon a table where it shines so bright.  
God, make your church a light that bravely takes a stand  
To bring your love and justice into all the land.

A garden is a place where so much beauty grows,  
Where flowers bloom and food is raised and water flows.  
When worship leads us out to care for the oppressed,  
O God, you say we're like a garden at its best.

When worship leads us out to love and serve the poor,  
To welcome in the immigrant\* at our own door,  
O God, then we'll be called "repairers of the breach,"  
And we your church will be "restorers of the streets."

It's tempting to remain well-hidden, quiet, bland —  
Yet, God, you make us salt and light to change this land.  
You send us out to love, to build and to repair,  
Till peace and justice flourish here and everywhere.

*THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD (Rite II) p. 355*

*(The people standing, the Celebrant says)*

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever,  
*Amen*

*The Celebrant says:*

**The Collect for Purity:**

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

*Hymn of Praise (1982)*

No. S280

*The Celebrant says to the people:*

The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Collect for: "Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany":**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*A Reading from The Prophet Isaiah 58: 1-9a, (9b-12)*

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.<sup>3</sup> ‘Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?’ Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.<sup>11</sup> The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like

a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

(*moment of silence*)

Psalm 112: 1-9, (10)

- 1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 *Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \* the  
generation of the upright will be blessed.*
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \* and their  
righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 *Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \* the  
righteous are merciful and full of compassion.*
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \* and to  
manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 *For they will never be shaken; \* the righteous will be  
kept in everlasting remembrance.*
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \* their heart  
is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

8 *Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.*

9 They have given freely to the poor, \* and their  
righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their  
head with honor.

10 *The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash  
their teeth and pine away; \* the desires of the wicked  
will perish.*

*(All) Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for  
ever. Amen.*

*A Reading from Paul's letter to 1 Corinthians 2(1:12,13-16)*

When I came to you, brothers and sisters,<sup>\*</sup> I did not come proclaiming the mystery<sup>\*</sup> of God to you in lofty words or wisdom.<sup>2</sup> For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.<sup>3</sup> And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling.<sup>4</sup> My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom,<sup>\*</sup> but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.<sup>6</sup> Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish.<sup>7</sup> But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.<sup>8</sup> None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.<sup>9</sup> But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—<sup>10</sup> these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.<sup>11</sup> For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.<sup>12</sup> Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.<sup>13</sup> And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.<sup>\*</sup><sup>14</sup> Those who are unspiritual<sup>†</sup> do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually.<sup>15</sup> Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.<sup>16</sup> 'For who has known the mind

of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

*People Thanks be to God. (moment of silence)*

Gradual Hymn: (1982)

No. 512

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according  
to Matthew 5(13-20)*

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

13 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.<sup>14</sup> 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.<sup>17</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.<sup>18</sup> For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter,<sup>\*</sup> not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished.<sup>19</sup> Therefore, whoever breaks<sup>\*</sup> one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.<sup>20</sup> For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees the kingdom of heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: *Father Nisbett*  
(*moment of silence*)

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*At The Offertory*

Anthem (Choir):

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn: "*Up On a Mountaintop*"

Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down,  
Teaching the people who gathered around:  
Look for the blessings that God kindly brings;  
God's loving kingdom is changing all things.

You are the salt and you're also the light.  
Flavor God's world, with your faith shining bright.  
Know that I've come here, God's word to fulfill.  
Keep the commandments and follow them well.

Let go of anger, for it is a sin.  
It will destroy you, both outside and in.  
Even your thinking can lead you astray;  
Whatever tempts you, just throw it away.

Keep strong the bonds between husband and wife;  
Keep your commitments for all of your life.  
Don't swear by heaven or by earth below;  
Let "yes" be "yes" then, and let "no" be "no."

If any hurt you, then you may resist,  
But not with hatred or weapon or fist.  
God's way is stronger than any you face;  
Stand up and love them! And give them God's grace.

Love those who hate you and pray for them, too.  
God's mercy reaches out far beyond you.  
Seek, as God's people, God's wholeness each day  
So you can witness to God's perfect way.

**Hymn after the Offertory**

*Give thanks with a Grateful Heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One:  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say "I am rich,"  
Because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!*

***Presentation of Elements***

**The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer "A")** *pg. 361*

***The Great Mystery***

Hymns during Communion: (Levas) Nos. 114,183,158

**Post Communion Prayer:**

*"Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen."*

Greetings and Announcements

The Blessings

Recessional Hymn: "*O God of Light, May Our Light Shine*"

O God of light, may our light shine  
In ways that serve and honor you.  
May we be loving, just and kind,  
Proclaiming Christ in all we do.

God, where your people are oppressed  
And where they cry out in despair,  
Make us your light – to heal, to bless –  
A witness, Lord, that you are there.

Christ, when your way is pushed aside  
By those who trust in wealth and might,  
Make us your lamps that we may guide  
A searching world to your love's light.

O Spirit, in this world of doubt,  
We often sin and drift away;  
When our own faith is flickering out,  
Shine on our path and light our way.

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Dismissal:

Musical Postlude: (*please remain seated, quietly!*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today's Usher's:

8:00 AM – *Marlene Thompson; Vernese Smith*

10:30 AM – *Roy Waterman; Herman Clark; David Roye  
George Lawson*

*(February Ushers schedule posted)*

We welcome all visitors this morning, especially anyone visiting for the first time. Please sign our Guestbook located in the narthex (lobby) and do *visit us again*.

Asking for volunteers to host upcoming *Fellowship Hours* following morning services. See list on desk in rear of the church. Thanks!

We send our deepest sympathy to *Gloria Sharpe* whose son-in-law, William McIzer, passed away this past Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

There will be a second collection taken this morning (*1<sup>st</sup> Sunday*) in order to help replenish *The Rector's Discretionary Fund*. You are asked to please give generously as these funds are used to help persons who request assistance. Thanks!

### This Week's Events

*The Silver Jubilee Committee* will meet on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ 7:30 pm.

*Bible Study*: Next meeting, Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @9:00 AM. All invited and don't forget your book.

Telephonic Prayer Group: Every Wednesday and Thursday evening @8PM (712)432-8399, access code:707241# (all are welcome and invited to participate).

Parish Choir rehearsal – Thursdays, @ 7:30 PM. All members are asked to be present. Currently accepting new members.

Women's Health Fair!, Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ Hollis Ave. Congregational Church (211-04 Hollis Ave., Queens Village, NY (5PM–8PM) *Free! Free! (see flyers in narthex)*

St. David's Vestry hosting a Pre-Valentine Party: Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (8:00pm – 12:00pm) *Refreshments; music; entertainment. Bring the family & friends. (no charge to attend!)* See Sharon Brown

Youth Group meet on Fridays\_ @ 7:30 pm. (*cancelled this week*)

Youth Choir rehearsals – Saturdays @ 5:00 pm

### Upcoming Events

Free Income Tax Preparation: Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 @ St. Peter's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, (137-28 244<sup>th</sup> St., Rosedale, NY (10AM – 2PM) (*see flyers in narthex*)

The ECW will meet February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 following the 10:30 AM service. All Ladies are invited to join us.

*Brotherhood of St. Andrew (Queens Assembly) Annual*

*Scholarship Luncheon:* Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (church service starts @ 9:30 AM St. Joseph's Episcopal Church (99-10 217<sup>th</sup> Lane, Queens Village) followed by 12 Noon luncheon @ Thomasina's Banquet Hall (205-35 Linden Blvd., St. Albans. See any member of BSA for tickets. (\$45.00 adults: \$30.00 children (under 12).

*Quiet Day* - Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 (10am - 2pm).

Conductor: *Rev. Dr. Dennison Richards.*

*The February and March Birthday Fellowship Hour* will take place March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 following both services. Please see *Rosalyn Brown (8AM)* and *Annette Marion (10:30AM)* for information.

*Refreshment Sunday (mid-Lent):* Sunday, March 26, 2017.

*Silver Jubilee of the New Edifice: Friday, June 23, 2017; (8PM-12:30AM (Black-Tie Gala)-* @ The Coral House, 70 Milburn Ave., Baldwin, NY 11510. see *Barbara Morrison* for add'l. information (718/712-8969 or (917)374-1062

### SICK AND SHUT-IN MEMBERS & FAMILY

*Inez Atkinson*; Andrea Alleyne; Veronica Alleyne; Dennis Alston; *Icilda Anderson*; Anne Arley; Maritza Armien; Nelda Binal; *Etta Blagrove*; Sherron Bokonga; Lilly Bowens; Ewart Bowie, Lowell Bowie, Ginnderland Brooks; Kirk Brouwer; Winston Brown; Jerome Bryan; Ralph Coard; *Lilla Codner*; Priscilla Coleman; Lancelot Cowan; Che' Constantine; Niall Constantine; Justine Cunningham; Kayden DaCosta; Muriel Cust-Francis; Cicely Daniel; Herbert Daniel; Sharon Davis; Egan Davson; Lawrence Demeglio; Eunice Dixon; ; Cecile Fearon; Jeanette Francis- Fearon; Winifred Garrison; Muris Gayle; Gordon C. Gladden; Patrick Goin; Winnie Gooden; Gem Grant; Nellie Green; Viola Gretton; Jeffrey Grosvenor; Sylvia Grosvenor;; Shae Haris; *Gem Harris*; Khaled Hassanin; Ida Headley; *Roy Henneman*; Janiese Henry; *Maureen Henry*; Donald Herbison; Rita Herbert; Louise Hermon;; Leslie Hutchinson-Morris; Ivy Irons; Marlon Jacobs; Victor Jiminez & family; Cecil Johnson; James Johnson; *Melrose Johnson*; *Joyce Jones*; Yvonne Jones; Rhonda Jordon; Michelle Joseph; *Germaine King*; Christie Laieta; *Ellen Lawrence*; *Jean Lawrence*; Dudley Lawson; Ronald Lee; Isabella Lewis; Robert Lewis; Lorna Lewis; *Fitz Longman*; Bertram Longsworth; Rev. Washington L. Lundy; Flavia Lytch-Threatt; Brandon Manasse; Amyika Marcial; *Bevon Mars*; Marc A. Mathews; Clara Maynard;; William D. Mullings;; *Kerwin O'Brien*; *Blanche O'Reilly*; John Parkes; Gene Pendarvis; Theresa Pulla; Nancy Taylor–Hall; Geneva Randolph; Monique Robert; Rev. Egbert Robertson; Sonia Rochester; Richard Rose; Henry Samuel; Joy Simon; Pauline Sekou; Lloyd Simmonds; Yvonne Simmonds; Leroy Small; Shirley Smith; Gerretta Sores; Calvin Souden; Dudley Spence; Hugh Springer; Marjorie Stevens; *Cecil Stevens*; *Beresford Stewart*; *Lillieth Stewart*; Dan Stewart;; Christine Turner; Cleveland Vanier; Myron Wade; *Olive Walford*; Barbara Wanaselja; Amanda Watts; *Emma Weekes*; Alberta West; Anita Williams; Carmen Williams;; Ken Williams;; Yvonne Williams; Phondel Yarboro. (*Italics indicate members of St. David's*)

*Meditation: “Spice and Light”*

You are salt, Jesus says. You are light. You are flavorful and bright. Sprinkled and sparkling, you season things and shine! In the Sermon on the Mount, stretching our understanding of faith, Jesus gives countless teachings that are daunting, to say the least: love your enemies, turn the other cheek, go the extra mile. But first, he pronounces blessings—surprising ones. Blessed are the poor, the grieving, the persecuted. It is hardly what we expect. But Jesus is opening us up to the view from the kingdom. Then: You are salt for the earth, light for the world. Another surprise! Another blessing! We may be far more aware of how we have grown stale and hidden whatever light we once thought we had. We may feel dull from anxiety and stress, in danger of being snuffed out or trampled underfoot. In naming us salt and light, Jesus is not making a simple statement of the obvious, but is bestowing an affirmation from a loving and creative God. Jesus is expressing God’s faith in our acceptance of God’s gift of grace—grace that empowers us to love one another. God’s grace alone frees us to serve; it alone brings real joy. “Let your light so shine,” we say, handling the newly baptized or godparent a candle, a miniature pillar of fire. It is the light of Christ—shining *before* we receive it—that will never be snuffed out. It shines in all the baptized so we may share our bread with the hungry and shelter the homeless poor, undo injustice and restore streets to live in. Others will taste and see goodness and glorify God, from whom comes all spice and scintillation .

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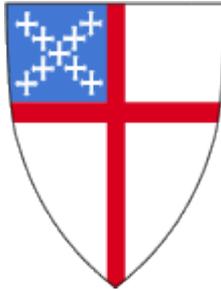


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