

WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David  
Early Morning Service February 19, 2012  
In Search of Living Faith

# VISITING THE MOUNTAINTOP

Gathering: *Let's go up the mountain. Let's go up to the place where the land meets the sky where the earth touches the heavens, to the place of meeting, to the place of mists, to the place of voices and conversations, to the place of listening*

Hymn: Jesus on the mountaintop

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Confession: *We open our eyes and we see mist, the cloud of your presence which assures us of all we do not know and that we do not need to fear that. Teach us to trust.*

**We open our eyes and we see Peter's constructions, his best plans, our best plans, our missing the point, our missing the way. Forgive our foolishness and sin.**

*We open our eyes and we see Jesus, not casting us off, but leading us down, leading us out - to ministry, to people. Your love endures forever*

**We open our ears and we hear your voice, 'This is my beloved Son, listen to him!' And we give you thanks. Amen**

**Absolution:** Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins. **Christ, have mercy on us and show us a new way.**

*Sung response: Lord, have mercy*

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**Passing the Peace** Let us share the peace of the Lord with one another. **The peace of the Lord be with you.**

Words for reflection: 2 Kings 2: 1-9 Mark 9: 2-9

Prayer in response to scripture: **God of power, without your love we can do nothing. Give us a double share of your spirit so that we can work together, across the world, to bring about the end of poverty for all. Teach us to follow the examples of the prophets, to speak clearly alongside the poor and to work tirelessly for the good of all people. Through your Son Jesus Christ who brought healing and love to the whole world.**

**Amen**

Hymn: Open our eyes Lord

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**Reflection: What can you see from the Mountaintop?**

Prayers for others:

God it may be good at times to remain on the mountaintop but we know the need to return back to the plain and everyday life to which we have been called. It may be good, on occasion, to see the brightness of your glory but help us never to forget the pain on the

plain and the suffering of some many. So we pray for those who do not know where they will sleep this night and what they will eat this day – refugees, poor, homeless, those living with the effects of war and famine and political disruption.

**May your light and glory touch and transfigure their lives.**

**May we be used by you to effect this change where possible**

We pray for those hungry and thirsty – children who go to bed with empty stomachs, and those who have no taps to turn and no water to drink.

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We pray for those who have no work – young people struggling to find their first job or seeking entrance to more education. We pray for those who have been let go after long service or pushed out in the changing economy, for those tired of filling in applications which rarely get read.

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We pray for those known to us who are not in the best of health – those experiencing sickness, suffering, the ill effects of aging, those frail, housebound, living alone, living in fear.

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**May we be used by you to effect this change where possible**

And in a time of silence we pray for those uppermost in our minds this day (silence) In all these and all other prayers...

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**May we be used by you to effect this change where possible**

Hymn: Give us this day our daily bread 668

Our invitation: **Invitation** Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table and share with all in need: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears.

**May we who share these gifts share Christ with one another and all humanity.**

Hymn: You thirsty ones 190

Prayer of Thanksgiving, concluding with...

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on all gathered here, that we might be your light in the world. **Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine, that we might be infused with the gift of your nourishing guidance.***

*Transform us with your nourishing grace, even as we eat of this bread and drink of this wine. **Transfigure us to be your presence in the world, even as we are redeemed and reclaimed by your great love. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at the heavenly banquet. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever more.***

Hymn: Behold the lamb of God 525

**Communion**

Hymn Now let us from this table rise 556

***Dismissal Blessing*** *Go now, and speak of what you have seen of God's glory. Do not cling to the holy moments when heaven overshadows you, but as the Lord lives, listen to Christ and follow him from the places of revelation to the places of mission. **May God shine the light of glory into our hearts. May Christ be with you and never leave you. And may the Spirit renew the image of God within us. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.***

Hymn: Thuma Mina 777