

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Opening Responses: [from *Eggs & Ashes* Wild Goose Publications]

L> In winter and springtime, in summer and harvest

ALL> God speaks to us.

L> In struggle and suffering, in death and resurrection

ALL> God speaks to us.

L> In word and action, in prayer and promise

ALL> God speaks to us.

Prayer of Approach: (*said together*)

Gracious God, you have given us Jesus
to be our high priest, our mediator before you.
We praise you that he is able to sympathize
with our weaknesses
because he has been tested in every way as we are,
yet without sin.
Therefore we approach the throne of grace with boldness,
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help
in time of need.
All glory and thanksgiving be to you, O God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God forever.

Hymn: My faith looks up to thee 677

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Listen for the Word that God has spoken;

**ALL> Speak, Lord, to our speaking,
speak, Lord, to our listening,
speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.**

The Word of God: *Psalm 51:1-12*
Hebrews 4:14-5:10

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.
ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Hymn: Bread of the world 551

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer: (*said together*)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us.
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.
So, O God, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Hymn: My song forever shall record 54

Commission & Blessing:

L> This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL> We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L> We will not offer to God

ALL> offerings that cost us nothing.

L> Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL> We will seek peace and pursue it.

L> Glory be to God who made us
and to Christ who saved us
and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith.

**ALL> As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**