

Welcome to
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - June 17, 2018

Opening Responses:

L> With the angels in highest heaven,

ALL> We gather to worship God.

L> With the saints of every age,

ALL> We gather to worship God.

L> With the church throughout the world,

ALL> We gather to worship God.

L> With our hearts and our voices,

ALL> We gather to worship God.

Hymn: I waited for the Lord my God 23

Prayer of Adoration & Confession:

ALL> O God, we celebrate the new life you have given us.

We have experienced broken lives made whole,
old wounds of alienation healed over,
and tired spirits renewed with energy and vision.
We are grateful for the purpose and possibilities
you have placed before us.

Yet there are times when doubt overcomes hope,
cynicism replaces dedication,
the world's values capture us more than yours,
and confusion clouds our thinking.

Rescue us in those times, we pray,
and forgive our sin through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

L> "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God who has reconciled us to himself through Christ. . . ."

ALL> Thanks be to God! Gracious God, grant us courage to go forward by faith, not by sight. Sow within us and others the seed of a new day when your realm is acknowledged and realized in the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

ALL> Our hearts and minds are open.

The Word of God: *I Samuel 15:34-16:13*
Mark 4:26-34

L> *This is the word of the Lord.*

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: In the bulb there is a flower 674

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others:

Communion

Prayer:

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament
you have given us your Son,
who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us as your people
that our daily living may show our thanks and your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: For the bread which you have broken 549

Blessing: *[from The Iona Community]*

L> May the everlasting God shield you;
east and west and wherever you go.
And the blessing of God be upon you,

ALL> the blessing of the God of life.

L> The blessing of Christ be upon you,

ALL> the blessing of the Christ of love.

L> The blessing of the Spirit be upon you,

ALL> the blessing of the Spirit of grace.

L> The blessing of the Trinity be upon you,
now and forevermore.

ALL> Amen.