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FROM OUR RECTOR

Alleluia. Christ is risen. While I write to you this month, I am thinking what a truly great fifty days of Easter might look like and anyway I slice it; I see it including a large dose of prayer and worship of Almighty God with one's parish family. May is always an outstanding month of the year. Who doesn't like the month of May? Warmer weather, outside activities, Mother's Day, graduations, weddings, cook-outs, celebrations, etc., etc., all wonderful and delightful events. In many of those activities it represents a new beginning of sorts. And how many of us don't need a new beginning? If we believe we have "arrived" in some way in life, especially spiritually, then we probably will not grow into the full stature of Christ as promised in our baptism. Spring is a time to observe everything around us turn green, look alive and grow and blossom into a beautiful creation as God has His way with the earth. But how is God working in us? Recently I visited two shut-ins when bringing them their Easter communions who told me they wanted to receive the Blessed Sacrament every week! Both are unable to attend a liturgy on Sundays, but value the sacramental grace they receive when our Lord is brought to them in the form of the Real Presence. Human nature is such that often we want what we don't have in life or are unable to obtain somehow. How many of us deny ourselves that sacramental grace in the Real Presence of Christ when the weather becomes more pleasant because we find other things to do with our time away from God and do our "own thing"? Parents; do you make sure your child is physically fit and healthy by taking them to their doctor for check-ups and involving them in physical activity? Do you make sure they are doing well at school, either at home or the classroom and are making academic progress? Are you making sure your children eat right and get enough sleep? If you are parents who are concerned about all those things for your child, then where does the concern about their spiritual health rank on your list for their well being? If you are not bringing your child to Sunday School, then you are denying them the opportunity to grow and mature spiritually. Eternal life is forever.

Recently I rode in another 40 mile bike rally with a parishioner and it made me realize how blessed I really am. I was reminded once again how many ways I should be thankful to the Almighty for all of the many gifts and benefits He has bestowed upon us with His creation and that all that was ever made was done by Him for our benefit! Incredible. How is it possible that we worship a God who gives us everything in life to enjoy and then sends us His Risen Son for the atonement of our sins so that we can be with Him forever. Brothers and sisters in Christ, now that is a loving God! I am asking that each of us during these fifty days of Easter, slow down and count our blessings in this life and see just how many ways God is working in our lives. If you are reading this right now, you already have much to give thanks. Our thankfulness **begins** in one place: around God's altar on the Lord's Day. Our Lord gives us another gift: 168 hours each week. Don't you have an hour and a half each Sunday to give back to Him? Easter has not ended; it has just begun. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

See you in church.

Faithfully,
Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC
VI Rector

Saint David's Day—On Sunday, May 3, we will celebrate our Patronal Feast Day. During the 10:30 a.m. liturgy our wonderful adult choir will present Easter Lessons and Carols. Following the 10:30 a.m. liturgy we will gather for a cook out. The Vestry will supply the hamburgers and hot dogs as well as the drinks. Parishioners are asked to bring a side dish or dessert. There will also be a bounce house for the children. If you have any questions, please contact Holly in the parish office.

Parishioner Giving Statements—The statements for the first quarter of the year are now available from the parish office. If you would like to have your statement e-mailed to you, please stop by the table in the narthex and sign up for your statement to be delivered by e-mail. On May 15, any statements that have not been e-mailed will be sent out via regular mail. Also, if you would like your children to give their tithes and offerings separately from yours we now have offering envelopes for children in the parish office. We will set the children up their own parishioner account and they will receive a statement for each quarter. Please contact Holly in the parish office for more information.

Parish Surveys— if you are reading this and did not receive a parish survey in the mail the week of April 19th and you are 16 years of age or older, please contact Holly at the parish office to obtain one. We want to thank all of you who have already returned your survey and encourage everyone to return their survey as soon as possible so that they might be tabulated. Your vestry thanks you in advance for your participation.

Ascension Day—is the Principal Feast of the Church whereby we remember our Risen Lord Jesus Christ ascending to His Heavenly Father to reign in glory, forty (40) days after the Resurrection. Once again this year we will observe this feast day on Wednesday evening, May 20 with a Solemn High liturgy, beginning at 6:30 p.m. This is a day of obligation for all Christians and is one of seven principal feasts of the Church which rank above Sunday. We look forward to seeing you and your family that day.

The Feast of Pentecost—is the fiftieth day after the Resurrection in the Church and will be celebrated on Sunday, May 31st this year. Pentecost is another Principal Feast of the Church in which we remember the birthday of the Church and the acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit. The congregation is encouraged to wear something red that day in observance of this feast day.

Recognition Sunday—will be on Sunday, May 31, during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. All organizational heads are asked to recognize their membership and those serving over this past year including Christian Education and all graduates. All members are asked to be present for this most important recognition with a brief reception to follow in the parish hall. If you or someone in your family is graduating this year (no matter the school or degree) please notify the office no later than Sunday, May 24.

Holy Week and Easter Attendance—was outstanding. Record attendance was recorded for the join Palm Sunday liturgy, Maundy Thursday over 100, Good Friday over 100, the Easter Vigil over 140 and over 200 people attended the 10:30 a.m. Easter Day liturgy! God continues to bless us with more and more people who are visiting our parish and then joining to call it their parish home. Although our numbers were good throughout Holy Week and Easter, we still have much work God has called us to do as a parish family. If you are reading this and didn't join us this year for Holy Week and Easter, don't wait until next year, rejoin us now regardless of how long you have been away.

Thank You—to Tom Williams who built some kneelers for the altar rail in the chapel which make it so much easier to get up and down during our weekday liturgies. Come join us and try them out. Thank you Tom.

Also a big thank you to JoAnn McMillen for making ties for the chapel altar cushions and for making linens for our home communion set as they are beautiful. Thank you JoAnn.

To all of the serving groups during Holy Week and Easter; the adult choir, altar guild, acolytes, ushers, lay readers, hospitality folks and of course our staff and clergy for all of their hard work and contributions as everyone was needed and there was great benefit for all.

Vestry Subcommittees—have been created for 2009 and each has a vestry liaison to report back the work of the committee and any funding requests. Any members of the parish wishing to serve in any of these capacities are encouraged to contact the vestry liaison responsible for that sub-committee.

1. Website/Evangelism – Andy Odom
2. Worship/Music - Rector
3. Finance/Stewardship – Treasurer, Jan Rousey
4. Mission Outreach and Support – Jolayne LaCour
5. Christian Education – Mary Jo Pickens
6. Hospitality/Fellowship – Lindsay Keffer and Jolayne LaCour
7. Buildings and Grounds – Jr. Warden
8. Fixtures and Furnishings – Lindsay Keffer
9. Strategic Planning/Feasibility – Vern Bassett
10. Ecumenical and Community Concerns – Eddie Touraine
11. New Member/Parish Enrichment – Steve Hale, David Williamson, Vern Bassett, Jan Rousey

The Senior Warden and the Rector are ex-officio members of all vestry subcommittees. All committees are required to contact the parish office to advise when and where they are meeting. Please consider helping do the work of the church in these most important working committees.

Bishops Statement—recently, a group of Bishops, including Bishop Stanton of our Diocese released a statement regarding the state of the Episcopal Church and it's relationship to the Anglican Communion. The statement may be found on the Internet at anglicancommunioninstitute.com/?p=391

Children's Christian Education—Sunday, May 24 will be the last day of Sunday School until the fall. Sunday, May 31 will be recognition Sunday and we do plan to recognize all of our Sunday School teachers and students so please make plans now to be present during the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. For those who are interested in teaching or assisting for our 2009-2010 school year, there will be a meeting on Saturday, May 9 at 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall. We will be looking at our new curriculum, Seasons of the Spirits, which is lectionary based. For more information, please contact Leslie Latham at 940.453.2589.

Vacation Bible School—Our Vacation Bible School will take place August 10-August 14. Join us as we journey to Rome with Saint Paul. We will be asking for two sets of volunteers; one group to help us with supplies and another group to volunteer to work at VBS. You may certainly do both. During the month of May there will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for you to volunteer to work at Vacation Bible School. In June and July we will post a list of items needed for VBS at which time you can sign up for one of the items. Vacation Bible School really is a parish wide endeavor as it could never take place without your support. Partner with us again this year to make our Roman Adventure a great one!

Summer Church Camp—this year once again, Father Herrmann will be going to Camp Crucis for a week of Church Camp for the session of Confetti II, from Sunday, July 26 – Friday, July 31. Partial scholarships are available and applications can be obtained from the parish office. Speak to the Rector for more information.

WOSD Summer Used Book Sale—The Women of Saint David's are looking for your used books and magazines. Clear out your old collection! Look for new treasures! Books & magazines will be sold on the cart through summer at low prices. All money raised will go to the WOSD. All types of books are welcome, fiction, non-fiction, children's picture books, cookbooks, coffee table books, craft books, etc. Old magazines, in fair to good condition, are welcomed as well. Please no used activity or coloring books. Please place books & magazines in the basket labeled "Items for Cart", the basket will be located under the WOSD bulletin board in the parish hall.

Saint of the Month

Each month, we will pick a saint or saints of the Church to learn a little bit our heritage in the faith of those who have gone before. Our May saint is Dame Julian of Norwich, 1417, who is observed on our calendar on May 8, 2009.

The Lady Juliana was born about 1342, and when she was thirty years old, she became gravely ill and was expected to die. Then, on the seventh day, the medical crisis passed, and she had a series of fifteen visions, or "showings," in which she was led to contemplate the Passion of Christ. These brought her great peace and joy. She became an anchoress, living in a small hut near to the church in Norwich, where she devoted the rest of her life to prayer and contemplation of the meaning of her visions. The results of her meditations she wrote in a book called Revelations of Divine Love, available in modern English in a Penguin Paperback edition. During her lifetime, she became known as a counselor, whose advice combined spiritual insight with common sense, and many persons came to speak with her. Since her death, many more have found help in her writings. The precise date of her death is uncertain.

Her book is a tender meditation on God's eternal and all-embracing love, as expressed to us in the Passion of Christ. She describes seeing God holding a tiny thing in his hand, like a small brown nut, which seemed so fragile and insignificant that she wondered why it did not crumble before her eyes. She understood that the thing was the entire created universe, which is as nothing compared to its Creator, and she was told, "God made it, God loves it, God keeps it."

She was concerned that sometimes when we are faced with a difficult moral decision, it seems that no matter which way we decide, we will have acted from motives that are less than completely pure, so that neither decision is defensible. She finally wrote: "It is enough to be sure of the deed. Our courteous Lord will deign to redeem the motive." A matter that greatly troubled her was the fate of those who through no fault of their own had never heard the Gospel. She never received a direct answer to her questions about them, except to be told that whatever God does is done in Love, and therefore "that all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well." Speaking of her visions of heaven and hell, she said, "To me was shown no harder hell than sin."

Of our response to the sins of others, she said (ch. 76): "The soul that would preserve its peace, when another's sin is brought to mind, must fly from it as from the pains of hell, looking to God for help against it. To consider the sins of other people will produce a thick film over the eyes of our soul, and prevent us for the time being from seeing the 'fair beauty of the Lord'-- unless, that is, we look at them contrite along with the sinner, being sorry with and for him, and yearning over him for God. Without this it can only harm, disturb, and hinder the soul who considers them. I gathered all this from the revelation about compassion...This blessed friend is Jesus; it is his will and plan that we hang on to him, and hold tight always, in whatever circumstances; for whether we are filthy or clean is all the same to his love."

"Glad and merry and sweet is the blessed and lovely demeanour of our Lord towards our souls, for he saw us always living in love-longing, and he wants our souls to be gladly disposed toward him . . . by his grace he lifts up and will draw our outer disposition to our inward, and will make us all at unity with him, and each of us with others in the true, lasting joy which is Jesus." -- Julian of Norwich

Congratulations to all of those who were baptized during Easter Vigil: Domingo Sosa, Julia McCane, Delilah Sosa, Grace Kensinger, Priscilla Sosa, Giselle Tello, and Zachary Sosa.

Congratulations to all of those who took their first communion during Easter Week: Julia McCane, Domingo Sosa, Delilah Sosa, Priscilla Sosa, Zachary Sosa, and Giselle Tello.

OUR MEMBERS

For The Faithful Departed: Mary Barger; Jason Sparks; Sharon Broiles. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon them. **For The Bereaved:** the Mallory family; the Sparks family; the Broiles family.

May Anniversaries

5/5	Tommy and Pat Caruthers	5/21	Canon and Ginger Herrmann
5/11	Brent and Barbara Wingfield		Andy and Crystal Odom
5/17	John and Esther Andrews	5/25	Sean and Bridget Hall
5/19	Redheart and Cindy Roberts	5/29	Harry and Barbara Hodges

May Birthdays

5/1	Brenda Holland	5/6	Amanda Youngblood	5/18	Leslie Klausling-Graham	5/30	Caitlin Prater
5/3	Jane Arledge		Irelyn Stone	5/19	Ginny Anderson		Jordan Haynes
	Don Reese	5/7	Joe Holland	5/21	Harry Hodges		
	Bob Ralph		Donna Trammell		Isabella Rose		
	Travis Czerw	5/13	Betsy Kensinger	5/24	Preston MacKenzie		
5/4	Phyllis Griffin		Emily Harrison	5/26	Richard Briner		
	Russell Miller	5/15	Lynn Hagler		Sheila Baird		
	Sheresa Sloan		Mary Bridges	5/27	Keira MacDaniel		
	Zach Sams		Delie Fisher		Chelsey Stafki		
5/5	Bruce Lindgren	5/16	Denise Clifford	5/28	Donald Pickens		
	Jeff Kitts	5/18	Beth Collins		Vandy Brown		

Food Pantry: The item for May is paper goods. Please deposit your items in the donation box in the parish hall.

Daughters of the King—will meet on Saturday, May 9 for the installation of officers on. If you have any questions, please contact Dana Seatvet, 940.387.0725, Betsy Kensinger, 940.566.2713, or Leslie Latham, 940.453.2589.

Women of Saint David's—The Women of Saint David's will meet on Saturday, May 16 at 9:00 a.m. in the parish hall. All women of the parish are encouraged to attend.

Brotherhood of Saint Andrew—The Brotherhood will meet on Saturday, May 30, at 8:00 a.m. for prayer and breakfast. Any questions? Call David Williamson at 940.382.3385.

Hospitality Teams—Our Hospitality Teams Coordinator, Wendy Bussell, is in need of volunteers for Sunday Hospitality assignments. If you would like to serve in this way, please contact Wendy at 940.591.9477.

Guest Committee—The Guest Committee is currently looking for new members. Each Sunday this committee follows up with guests who have been welcomed to Saint David's. They contact our guests and compile an information sheet which is then turned into the office to better help us track our attendance. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact Larry or Betty Shultz at 972.219.8919.

Financial Update from Treasurer, Jan Rousey:

	<u>April Actual</u>	<u>April Budget</u>	<u>Actual YTD April 30</u>	<u>Budget YTD April 30</u>
Income:	\$ 27, 636	\$ 27, 141	\$ 121, 443	\$ 108, 564
Expense:	\$ 24, 044	\$ 27, 266	\$ 113, 189	\$ 109, 064

May 2009

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1 Rector's Day Off <i>Saint Philip and Saint James</i>	2 <i>Athanasius of Alexandria</i>
3 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II Saint David's Day Cook Out 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II <i>Easter IV</i>	4 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class	5	6 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II	7 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	8 Rector's Day Off <i>Julian of Norwich</i>	9 10:00 Daughters of the King
10 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II <i>Easter V</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	11 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class	12	13 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II	14 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study <i>Saint Matthias</i>	15 Rector's Day Off	16 9:00 Women of Saint David's
17 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II <i>Easter VI</i>	18 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class	19 6:40 p.m. Vestry Meeting <i>Dunstan of Canterbury</i>	20 6:30 p.m. Ascension Eve Liturgy <i>Alcuin of Tours</i>	21 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study <i>Ascension Day</i>	22 Rector's Day Off	23
24 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II <i>Easter VI</i>	25 7:00 p.m. Inquirer's Class <i>The Venerable Bede</i>	26 <i>Augustine of Canterbury</i>	27 6:30 p.m. Healing Liturgy and HE Rite II	28 9:30 Morning Prayer, HE Rite I 10:30 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Bible Study	29 Rector's Day Off	30 8:00 Brotherhood of Saint Andrew/Men of Saint David's
31 8:00 HE Rite I 10:30 HE Rite II 5:00 p.m. HE Rite II <i>Day of Pentecost</i>						

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 2009

	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
<u>Ushers</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Todd	Touraine	Rousey	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Clifford Baird	Hundley Mays	Ridout Niemiowski	Clifford Mays	Ridout Hundley
<u>Altar Guild</u>					
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV	Team I
<u>LEM's</u>					
8:00 a.m.	A. Rainey	Phillips	Yoder	Pickens	B. Rainey
10:30 a.m.	Mays Hundley	Williamson Kensinger	Bradbury Dodson	Hale Seatvet	Mallory Johnston
5:00 p.m.	Giffin	Ballantine	Hodges	Sager	Giffin
<u>Acolytes</u>					
	Team I	Team II	Team III	Team IV	Captains
	W. Strecker K. Ivey T. Clifford B. Cotton K. Stafki	G. Bussell S. Connor J. Niemiowski B. Keffer	R. Clifford T. Strecker Q. Ivey M. Connor	T. Wright D. Bussell A. Niemiowski I. Fisher	
<u>Golden Nook</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Miller	Touraine	Fisher	Touraine	Touraine
10:30 a.m.	Clifford	Hale	Sidor	Odom	DuChemin
5:00 p.m.	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico	Carrico
<u>Hospitality</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Ballantine	Pickens Collins	Prentice Basset	Johnson Roach	DuChemin Ingoldsby
10:30 a.m.	Ridout Andrews	Shultz Shultz	Clifford Clifford	Mallory Ealey	Bahnsen
<u>Guest Committee</u>					
	Dodson	Sutphin	Hays	Shultz	Dodson
<u>Vestry Greeters</u>					
8:00 a.m.	Touraine	Bassett	Rousey	Keffer	Pickens
10:30 a.m.	Odom	Hale	Williamson	LaCour	Hale

MAY SUNDAY LECTIONARY

May 3 The Fourth Sunday in Easter	First Reading: Acts 4: (23-31) 32-37; Psalm 96: 1-7; Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2: 2b-12; Gospel: Mark 4: 26-29
May 10 The Fifth Sunday in Easter	First Reading: Acts 8: 26-40; Psalm 66: 1-11; Epistle: 1 John 3: (14-17) 18-24; Gospel: John 14: 15-21
May 17 The Sixth Sunday in Easter	First Reading: Acts 11: 19-30; Psalm 33: 1-8, 18-22; Epistle: 1 John 4: 7-21; Gospel: John 15: 9-17
May 24 The Sunday after the Ascension of our Lord	First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11; Psalm 47; Epistle: Ephesians 1: 15-23; Gospel: Luke 24: 49-53
May 31 The Day of Pentecost	First Reading: Acts 2: 1-11; Psalm 104: 25-37; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-13; Gospel: John 20: 19-23

Our Staff

The Reverend Canon H.W. Herrmann, SSC, Rector
The Reverend Father Esteban Saucedo, Retired, Assisting
The Reverend Father Lloyd Seatvet, Retired, Assisting
Dr. Pamela Youngblood, Organist and Choir Director
Leslie Latham, Director of Children's Christian Education
Barbara Wingfield, Asst. Director of Children's Christian Education
Roger and Wendy Bussell, Sextons
Bunny Marcotte, Nursery Supervisor
Holly Robinson, Secretary to the Rector, Bookkeeper

Our Vestry

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Sunday Liturgies

8:00 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite I
9:15 a.m. Christian Education (Adults and Children)
10:30 a.m. *Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Children's Chapel
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*A nursery is provided for all children to age 5.

Mid-Week Bible Studies

Thursday 10:30 a.m. Bible study (In Library)
6:30 p.m. Bible study (In Library)

Mid-Week Liturgies (In Chapel)

Monday-Thursday
7:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and
Healing Liturgy, Rite II
Thursday
9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and
Holy Eucharist, Rite I

****Confessions are heard by appointment.*