

Discernment Prayers by George Rector

A Prayer for St. David's and for The Discernment Committee

March 4, 2020

Almighty and eternal God, just as Christ turned water into wine, we pray for this life's uncertainties to be transformed into an understanding which will deepen our faith. You hear our prayers and inspire in us the hope that You will grant what is best for us, now and always. You enlarge our lives through the blessings of Your grace and guide us on the path of discipleship as we seek to follow Your will. May we give our whole hearts in service to You and may we always speak the truth to one another in a spirit of love. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom we have received life and all blessings, strengthen us with the power of Your grace so that we might faithfully fulfill our duties to You and to this church. Bless the work of our hands and of our minds and give us the inward serenity to serve you in all seasons and at all times. We pray to be wholly devoted in service to You and to be united to one another through the gift of love. By faith we entrust lives, now and always, to Your care. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

February 20, 2020

Almighty and everlasting God, just as the rivers flow to the sea, we pray that You would direct our lives upon a course that unites us with Your holy will. Lead us in thought, word, and deed and let all our efforts rest upon the foundation of Your eternal and divine truth. Let our trust always be in You, following the path which has been prepared for us. As we ask to know Your will, we also pray to be transformed in our lives so that we may more perfectly love you and serve those in need. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Gracious and loving God, we are grateful for ---, our --- in Christ, who has heard the call to serve You and the church. Bless and protect --- in --- life and in --- ministry as --- continues to share the good news of Christ's message. As we search to discover Your will for St. David's, we offer our whole hearts, desiring nothing more than to live more boldly by faith and by a deeper relationship with You. Let us know You in all that we do, remembering that the purpose of our work is always to honor and serve You and Your creation. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we ask that You would grant us the spirit of peace and grace; that we may be devoted to You with our whole hearts and united to one another through the gifts of love and service. Show us always, everywhere, and in all things the evidence of Your will. Sustain our hearts through the assurance of Your hope, confident that You hear our prayers and free us from our fears. For the sake of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

February 9, 2020

Holy and loving God, grant us the peace that surpasses all human understanding. Reassure us by Your presence at moments of doubt or uncertainty. Comfort us with the knowledge that all our concerns are under Your care and are governed by Your will. Give us ears to hear, eyes to see, wills to obey and hearts to love. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

A Prayer for St. David's and for The Discernment Committee February 2, 2020

Almighty God, the Book of Proverbs tells us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." We pray that in our search for a new rector You would give us wisdom; that we would understand that we live, not by our own merits, but through the gift of Your grace which directs and supports our steps. Above all, let our efforts show our love for You, for this church, and for one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting January 22, 2020

Almighty God, we pray to remain strong in our faith, knowing that if we continue to look to You in hope our prayers for a new rector will be rewarded. In our search we ask for You to lead us along the path which You have prepared, taking comfort in the knowledge that we may call upon You in times of need or uncertainty. Above all, let us reach for what You have planned and desire only that which You have promised. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, as the Book of Proverbs tells us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps". We pray, then, that we will carefully follow the steps which you have prepared for us and for St. David's. Let us look beyond our own understanding so that we may be led by the spirit of Your enduring truth. We are grateful for Richard and for the commitment he has made to spread the good news of Christ's message. Uplift and sustain him in his ministry and in his life. May this time together be given in service to You, Your creation, and the church. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we were made in Your image and therefore we know that You dwell within each one of us. We pray now that above all things You would give us wisdom; that we would understand that we live, not by our own merits, but through the gift of Your grace which directs and supports our steps. Lead us in the way of peace so that we may always honor and serve You and the church, which is Christ's body in the world. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting January 20,2020

Almighty God, we bring our cares and concerns to You, knowing that You listen when we call upon You. We ask, then, to be strengthened in our work, to clearly hear Your voice just as You always hear ours. Lead us on the path of wisdom and insight, in the knowledge that our efforts are an expression of our love for You and for St. David's. You are the light to our darkness, the strength to our weakness, the one through whom all things are possible. May we always be guided by love and faith. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, as the Book of Proverbs tells us, "In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps". We pray, then, to listen closely and carefully so that we may discover your will for St. David's; so that we may always walk on the path which you have prepared for us. We ask for the courage to look beyond our own understanding so that we may be led by the spirit of Your enduring truth. We are grateful for those who have heard the call to serve this church and for the commitment they have made to spread the good news of Christ's word. Uplift and sustain them in their ministry. May our lives reflect the love which we have for You, Your creation, and this church. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we are grateful for this time that we have shared with one another. We pray for Your holy guidance to keep us on a true course. Give our vision clarity and attune our ears to the sound of Your eternal

word. May we seek only that which truly serves the church, now and in the future, knowing that Your plans are the foundation upon which our hope is built. Let us remember that Your Love is an ever-flowing spring, giving us life in every season. May our efforts, then, always be offered in love and service to You and may we never fail to honor Your creation, the evidence of our own eyes that Your presence dwells among us. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting January 16, 2020

Almighty God, as the first letter of John tells us, "This is the confidence which we have before You, that if we ask anything according to Your will, You hear us. And if we know that You hear us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from You." We pray, then, that in our search for a new rector we will be guided by a wisdom larger than our own understanding so that our questions may dwell deeply and fully within our hearts and minds. Let our questions be the path by which You reveal Your plans for St. David's, and grant us the courage to follow that path even if it diverges from our own desires. Above all let us be faithful to Your will, attuned to the needs of the church, desiring nothing in our work except to serve You with gratitude and love. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we are thankful for the opportunity to serve You and this church, and we ask that our efforts will be worthy of the trust which has been given to us. We pray that our questions will guide us to know who is truly being called to minister to the needs of St. David's and that whoever our new rector might be will be fully embraced by the members of this congregation. Grant this committee unity in our work, giving courage and resolve to us and our community as we discern Your will for our future. In all matters let our trust and faith be with You. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting January 14, 2020

Almighty God, we pray that we will be guided by St. Paul's words to the Colossians: "Whatever you are doing, put your whole heart into it, as if you were doing it for the Lord and not for men..." As we work to discern who St. David's next rector will be, let our efforts always be guided by honest inquiry, free of bias or favoritism, seeking only to serve the church and to honor You. Give us the courage and determination to give our whole hearts to this effort because to live boldly in faith is to live in deeper relationship with You. We pray to know You in all that we do and ask for patience when we do not immediately understand Your truth. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we are grateful for Bude, Rick, Richard, and Terry, our brothers in Christ, who have heard the call to serve You and the congregation of St. David's. Guide all of us as we walk together on this journey so that we may discover your plan for this church. Help us to grow in strength so that we and our next rector may work together to better serve our community and spread the good news of Christ's message. We ask for your wisdom to fill us so that we may better distinguish between the enduring truth of Your will and the frailty of human ambition. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting December 20, 2019

Almighty God, Your spirit moved over the depths, separating darkness from light, and brought all creation into being. We pray that Your spirit would likewise move over our lives and move us from the darkness of unknowing and into the light of faith. Let us always reach for Your presence, even during those moments when we fail to see or when we think that we are alone. Guide us in our efforts, reassure us when we doubt, and give us the courage to live in the fullness of Your spirit. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things in heaven and on earth. Hear our prayers as we ask to be ruled by Your peace throughout our lives. May Your wisdom guide and sustain us as we aspire to live according to Your holy image. Make us like our Savior, enabling us in some measure to live here on earth as He lived, and to act in all things as He would have acted. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting December 11, 2019

Almighty God, the author of the first letter of John wrote, saying, "We can approach God with confidence for this reason: if we make requests which accord with his will he listens to us; and if we know that our requests are heard, we know also that the things we ask for are ours." We pray, then, to listen closely so that we may clearly hear Your voice and, hearing Your voice, that we may have the courage to follow Your will. Help us in our search for a new rector, that we will always walk in the path which Your wisdom has prepared for us. Lead us in our efforts to faithfully serve You, this church, and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we look forward in this Advent season to the arrival of a transformative spirit of wisdom and understanding, knowing that in the midst of our darkness there is a light of hope that awaits all. Help us to recognize that light so that we may see the way You have prepared for us, so that we may live more fully in Your presence throughout the year. We offer our lives in service to You and pray that we may never forget the sustaining love which You so generously give us. Let us always live in a way that reflects the light of Your love. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting December 8, 1029

Almighty God, as we enter the darkest days of the year, we give thanks for the hope and promise which the prophets foretold; that in the midst of our darkness would come one whose life would become the Word made flesh and would be a light showing the way for all to follow. Help us in our anticipation as we look for that light. Return us, we pray, to a truer path when we lose sight of the promise that Your son would be sent to dwell among us. This we pray in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life, now and always. Amen.

Almighty God our creator, You sent your son to live in our midst and in doing so You showed us the way to salvation and eternal life. Through Christ our exile from paradise is ended and we are free once more to pass through its gates; estranged no more from You and your loving presence, we find strength and courage to love and to serve You. We pray to acknowledge Your love by living in gratitude, always understanding that as You have loved us so we are to love one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting November 19, 2019

Almighty God, Your son and our savior Jesus Christ, through his sacrifice on the cross, has redeemed our lives and restored us to wholeness. Let us live our days in the fullness of that knowledge, grateful that in your grace Christ awakens in us that which was once hidden, allowing us the spiritual gift of new life. Guide us so that we may use our lives in fulfillment of your purposes, loving one another as You have always loved us, because those who live in love live in You. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, You breathed life into us, creating us in the image of Your own divine spirit. You fill us with joy and peace through our belief that You will never forsake us, but instead will strengthen, guide, and comfort us. Lead us in our shared hope to more clearly recognize Your will, so that we may fulfill our commitment to love and serve You in all that we do. Let us hear the call of those in need and share with us Your wisdom so

that we may comfort them in their struggles just as You have answered us when we have turned our voices to You. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our hope now and always. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting October 11, 2019

Almighty God, we pray that our love for You would glow as a flame in our hearts, warming and awakening our souls to the promise of finding Your holy presence in all that we encounter; that our desire to understand the mysteries of Your ways will open our eyes so that we may discern the path You have prepared for us. We reach for Your love in gratitude at moments of joy; during times of trial we find ourselves enfolded by Your sheltering presence. The perfection of Your love accompanies us at every step of our journey. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Oh, God our Creator, we pray to know You more fully as we walk in the way, longing to serve You and to reach a more perfect understanding of Your ways. Let us always see Your light so that we may keep to the path of righteousness and never wander away into the darkness of this world's night. May we always remember that You are the way, the truth, and the life, shining within each of us. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adapted from the Mozarabic Liturgy

Discernment Committee Meeting October 7, 2019

Almighty God, we know that when we offer ourselves without reservation, we will find You; that we may call upon You in prayer and You will hear us. In our lives and in our work, therefore, let us always look to You so that we may know the plans which You have for St. David's, because it is through Your wisdom that the church obtains its future and its hope. We have looked to You for strength and encouragement and You have upheld us with Your love. Let us always be faithful stewards, worthy of the trust that has been placed in us and let our work always reflect our love for You, for Your creation, and for one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, let us remember St. Paul's words to the Philippians: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present Your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard Your hearts and Your minds in Christ Jesus." In our lives we pray to have the courage of our faith, listening for Your voice and following where we are led. When questions arise help us to know the difference between our desire for ready answers and our need for a deeper and abiding understanding of Your ways. May we always remember to gratefully accept the blessings You freely offer and to live in a way that honors all that is holy and sacred in this world which You have created. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Cat Interpretation and Holy Conversations September 1, 2019

Almighty God, You are our refuge, our ever-present strength and courage. Let us stand firm in our faith, then, unmoved by the momentary passions of this world. Let us call on You and not on our own ambition, knowing that through Your grace we may know the plans You have prepared for us. You make plain that which was hidden, giving our lives fullness and maturity. Make us attentive to Your presence in all that we do so that we may more perfectly serve You and serve one another. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, let our prayer be to remember the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Whether You turn to the right or to the left, Your ears will hear a voice behind You saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'" We know that You are

with us where ever we go and that You are found in all that we do; there is no aspect of our lives from which You are excluded. We pray, then, to always live with an awareness of Your presence and to trust in You to lead us in the direction which we should go. Let us listen to Your instruction and let us use what we learn so that we may honor You, Your creation and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting August 30, 2019

Almighty God, just as Christ left the tomb and entered a new life, we pray to emerge from the darkness of hesitation or uncertainty into a renewed and deepened faith. Let us use our lives, which are Your divine gifts, to love and serve others as You have loved and protected us. Make us aware of Your will and show us how to live with a greater understanding of Your wisdom, remembering that each day offers the promise of living in newness with You. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we pray that our efforts in this life will be like those of the sower who planted seeds on good soil. In our work let us hear and understand Your will for us; let our trust in You serve as the rich ground from which good works may grow and increase a hundredfold. Let our lives, like the sower's seeds, bear a worthy harvest. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Parish Reconciliation Meeting August 25, 2019

Almighty God, let this be our prayer: that our presence today expresses our desire for unity and that our unity is established through a spirit of peace and trust. In all our conversations with one another, we pray to speak with humility and patience, to always search for Your truth and to always speak that truth with love. Let Your love bind us together as a single heart and soul within a single body as we strive to serve You, to honor Your creation and to be faithful to the church. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, You have loved us with selflessness, even in our imperfections. Let us work, then, to love one another in the same fullness of spirit. We pray that in this time of transition we will seek and discover ways to grow in unity; for our bonds of unity to allow us to more fully grow in faith; for our faith to be the enduring expression of our desire to love and serve You and to love and serve one another. Let us always live with the understanding that we are the many members of a single body. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 8/23/2019

Almighty God, we place our trust in You and not in our own understanding. Help us to follow the path that You have laid before us, even though we may not see where it leads. You are always our strength and our refuge in times of trial; You endure as the solid rock upon which our faith is built. In faith we pray to be led by Your will and ask that our confidence in Your wisdom will always make us attentive to Your instruction. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we pray to understand the plans which You have prepared for this committee and for this church. You know our thoughts, our desires and our needs long before we can give them voice. Therefore, we place our trust in You, in the certainty that when our work is done in service to You our efforts will not be in vain. Allow us the gift of silence so that we may better understand and be guided by Your instruction. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen

Holy Conversation Two 8/17/2019

Almighty and gracious God, we give thanks for the abundance of the earth in its season and for the labors of those who gather the harvest. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of Your great bounty; as You have provided for our needs let us work for the relief of all who are in want. We also ask for our conversations today to be fruitful and to be nurtured by a spirit of peace. Let us always encourage and support one another through our shared desire to understand Your will, especially during this season of discernment. May we always be quick to listen for Your inspiration and thoughtful in our response. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we know that when we gather in Your name You are in our midst. We pray, then, to live with thankful hearts, fearing nothing, certain in the knowledge that You are with us wherever we may go. In all matters let our trust be placed in You and Your infinite wisdom, and not in the confining limits of our own desires. Let our faith grow, becoming stronger and more resilient as we seek to honor You and Your creation, the church and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 8/12/2019

Almighty God, we ask that You would teach us to understand Your ways, and that we would respond with a willingness to learn. There is much which we do not see or know, but with patience and steadfastness we trust that we may more closely approach Your truth. Let us look with faith to Your holy inspiration with an assurance that, by following Your will, our efforts will bear fruit. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, You have joined us together as one body. We pray, therefore, to act with singleness of purpose, so that our work may be done for You and not for ourselves. Let all our conversations and our decisions be guided by a desire to faithfully serve You and by a readiness to listen closely for Your word. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit unless it is part of the vine, neither can our efforts be productive if we fail to follow Your will. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee and Vestry Joint Meeting 8/12/2019

Almighty God, let our work express a desire for unity and let our unity be established through a spirit of peace and cooperation. In all our dealings with one another we pray to act with humility and patience, to always search for Your truth and to speak that truth with love. Let Your love bind us together as a single heart and soul as we work to serve You, honor Your creation and be faithful to the church. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen

Blessing for Holy Conversation 8/6/2019

Almighty and gracious God, we thank You for the gifts of Your bounty which we enjoy today; the food which nourishes our hunger and Your divine truth which feeds our spirits. As You have provided for us in the past, so may You sustain us throughout our lives. Bless those who labor in the fields or upon the seas, those whose work makes our meal possible; protect them and bring them safely home at day's end. And let us never forget those in want or our duty to share the richness of our blessings with them.

While we enjoy the gifts of Your creation, may we also celebrate the gift of family and friends. We pray to love one another as You have loved us; let our relationships always be governed by an instinct for patience and

compassion, and let us never fail to acknowledge that Your holy presence dwells within each one of us. This we pray in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, let us live with thankful hearts, fearing nothing, certain in the knowledge that You are with us wherever we go. In all things let our trust be in You and Your wisdom, rather than in our own limiting desires. May our faith grow and be strong and resilient in times of trial, as rooted and determined as trees planted by the waters. Help us as we search to discern Your will and guide us to live in such a way that honors You and Your creation, the church and one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 8/2/2019

Almighty God, as a child the prophet Samuel heard Your voice three times, calling in the night. Just as Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant is listening," let us who are also Your servants, be prepared to recognize Your voice and to say that our greatest desire is to be obedient to Your will. In the darkness of our unknowing, we ask that You guide and direct our thoughts and actions, making us faithful in the fulfillment of Your intentions. May all our efforts express our love of You and Your creation and may we always work for the sake of the peace and unity of the church. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PSALM 23 By Isaac Watts

My Shepherd will supply my need:
Jehovah is His Name;
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,
Beside the living stream.

He brings my wandering spirit back
When I forsake His ways,
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,
In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death
His presence is my stay;
One word of His supporting grace
Drives all my fears away.

His hand, in sight of all my foes,
Doth still my table spread;
My cup with blessings overflows,
His oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
Attend me all my days;
O may Thy house be my abode,
And all my work be praise.

There would I find a settled rest,
While others go and come;
No more a stranger, nor a guest,
But like a child at home.

Almighty God, as we approach Holy Conversations, we ask You to guide our thoughts and our speech; let our words be sincere and offered in peace as we search to understand Your truth. May the knowledge that we gain serve to give direction to St. David's as the church prepares for its future. We pray that the fellowship we share will be strengthened and deepened and that our bonds with one another and with the church will truly allow us to understand that we are many members of a single body. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

CAT Interpretation 7/25/2019

Almighty God, as we gather here today let us remember these words from Proverbs: "Incline Your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply Your hearts to this knowledge." We are grateful to walk together as sisters and brothers on this path of discernment. We ask that in our journey we would always listen closely so that we may hear and be guided by Your will. Let us use what we learn during this conversation so that we may serve the community of St. David's, and let all our efforts be made for the sake of the peace and unity of the church. For this we pray, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty God, we are thankful for this day which You have made and for the gift of a life spent in Your presence. We ask that You lead us in our efforts to discover the plan You have for us and that You will permit us insight so that we may arrive at the knowledge of Your truth. We trust that when we are unseeing You will give us vision; that if we experience moments of doubt You will provide clarity of purpose. For the sake of this church, let us always seek to do good, to practice compassion, to speak thoughtfully with one another and to faithfully honor You and Your creation. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen. (7/25/2019)

Discernment Committee Meeting 7/18/2019

Almighty God, You brought order from chaos and laid the foundation for the world; the evidence of Your glory reaches in all directions. Why, then, should we ever doubt that You also dwell within our own hearts? Fill us with Your wisdom as this committee seeks direction and clarity in its efforts. We ask to be worthy of the trust shown to us by the members of this congregation. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, each moment of our lives is another step of a pilgrim's journey; guide us as we walk this path together. We pray that in this time of transition we will grow in courage and resolve, determined to work together in peace and love, so that we may understand Your will for St. David's. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear; keep us strong and united as we travel with common purpose. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 7/11/2019

Almighty God, we pray to always remember that we have been created in Your image. Grant us the insight to recognize that which is divine within all of us. Let our true nature, inspired by Your creation, guide us to do good, to practice compassion, to speak honestly and to live humbly. Let us live in such a way that will always honor You. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we pray to see Your presence within ourselves and to recognize Your presence within others. Use us as instruments of Your will, making us always mindful of the needs of others; because we know that when we serve others we also honor You. Let us be bold, then, in our love for one another, for all our sisters and brothers, for the ones we know and for those we have yet to meet. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 6/28/2019

Almighty God, we pray to hear Your call and to have the courage to say "Show us Your will." We know that if we place our trust in You rather than in ourselves all things are possible. Guide us, then, as we work to serve You and to serve St. David's. We pray that our work will always be done in love for You and in love for one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Almighty God, we are grateful for this opportunity to join with one another in service to the church. We pray for the peace of Christ to always rule in our hearts and for a spirit of love to lead us as we go into the world. Sustain and unite us by faith so that we may more fully serve You in all that we do. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 6/17/2019

Almighty God, we pray for Your blessing as this committee works together to serve You and to serve this church. Allow us to transcend the narrow boundaries of our individual interests and lead us to work together in humility. Lead us so that we see beyond any differences that may arise; let us always listen so that we may know Your will and make us the instruments of its fulfillment. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, we know that Your love is the source from which our strength is derived. Keep us strong and lead us to be courageous in service to You and to the church. Guide us so that we may live in this world with true love for You, for Your creation, and for one another. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 6/7/2019

Almighty God, we pray to carry in our hearts this passage from Matthew's Gospel: "Ask and it will be given to You; seek and You will find; knock and the door will be opened to You." We ask to know and understand Your will, to be guided in our discussions and in our decisions so that we may faithfully serve and honor You and the Church. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, we are grateful for this day which You have made and for the time that we have shared with one another. We pray to remain united in purpose and in love. Grant us the gift of silence so that we may more clearly hear You speak to our hearts, so that we may more perfectly know Your presence in our lives. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Discernment Committee Meeting 5/30/2019

Almighty God, as members of this committee we accept our responsibilities with glad and willing hearts. In our search for a new minister we pray for Your guidance; that we may be like-minded, sympathetic, and love one another; that we may be compassionate and humble. We place our trust in You and pray that we will always be faithful stewards to You and to the congregation of St. David's; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God our Creator, we pray for the peace and unity of St. David's; that our parish will be strengthened and encouraged during this time of transition. Fill us with love for You and for one another; lead us on the path of truth; and may our work always be in Your honor; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.