

St. David's Episcopal Church



Thursday, August 18th, (1892) consecrated St. David's Church, Cullowhee, which had been for some time in an incomplete state, but by hired help it was now ready for consecration. The request for consecration was read by Mr. Thomas A. Cox, and the sentence of consecration by Rev. J. A. Deal. Morning Prayer was said by Rev. Messrs. Deal and Barber. The sermon was preached by me, and I also administered the Holy Communion. It was a day of great rejoicing in this lovely valley, and we trust that this attractive Church may avail to draw multitudes into the paths of truth and of righteousness.

--Excerpt from the diary of Bishop Theodore B. Lyman, 1892



*Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters
and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.*

1892-2017

**Service of Celebration
for the**

**125th Anniversary of the Consecration of St. David's
and the
25th Anniversary of the Ministry of the Rev. Michael V. Hudson.
September 17, 2017, 11 a.m.**

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125th Anniversary Committee

June Smith and Margot Wilcox, Co-Chairpersons

Maggie Bowles, Judy Annis, Faye Jacobson, Donna Ross, Judy Robinson, Newton Smith, Randi Neff, Gracia Slater, Betsy Swift, John Slater, Steve Steinbrueck, Gael Graham, Kendra Graham.

Special Music for the weekend:

Lillian Pearson

Brad Ulrich

Charles Pringle

Eric Hendrix

Norma Hendrix

Nan Watkins

Jubilate Deo

Gael Graham

John Slater

Paul Cooper

Wesley Satterwhite

Claire Marsh

Gerlinde Linde

Dorothea Megow-Dowling

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Thanks

by The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan

For fresh insight into God's love

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For grey trunks of winter trees

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For Spicewood's earliest bloom

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For orchids' gift along the trail

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For red, and white, and green of trees

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For Spirit's gift of love and joy

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For peace of God within the heart

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For grace to give and give again

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For life in which to praise our God

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For vision, light, and power of love

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

For life in which to praise our God

We thank Thee, Lord Jesus.

And finally, we at Saint David's add:

For 25 years of Michael's ministry,

We thank Thee, Christ our Lord.

The Dismissal and Ringing of the Bell

Postlude: Nan Watkins

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15 Ordinary Time, Sunday, September 17, 2017

Prelude: Nan Watkins

Introit Anthem: *Gwahoddiad*, (a Welsh Hymn) Charles Pringle

Processional: #405 *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Leader: We arise today...

All: God's strength supporting, God's wisdom guiding, God's eye seeing, God's ear hearing, God's word speaking, God's hand guarding, God's path opening before us today.

The Confession:

Leader: Count us not as nothing, Three-personed God.

All: Compassionate God of Life, give us generous pardon: for our careless talk, our broken promises, our empty words; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done wrong. As we open to your Word and the knowledge of your forgiveness, enshroud us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Uphold us. Be our Treasure now and always.

Cantor: From Psalm 131

My heart is not proud, O LORD, my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters

or things too wonderful for me.

I have stilled and quieted my soul;

like a weaned child with its mother.

O, people, put your hope in the LORD:

All: The LORD is our strength both now and forever. AMEN.

Leader: By the love of God—Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer—we are forgiven.

All: Let us forgive others. Let us forgive ourselves.

The Lessons: Exodus 14:19-31; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12

Hymn: **Songs for the Cycle p. 48** *How Many Times Shall I Forgive?*

The Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Reflections by Parishioners

Newton Smith, Marilyn Jody, Vance Davidson, Jane Coburn, Wesley Satterwhite, Mesfin Woldeyohannes

Affirmation of Faith:

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom everything in heaven and earth has its being.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in us and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Blessed be the ONE:

Source of all Being, Incarnate Word, Holy Spirit.

The Prayers: A Litany of Thanksgiving:

Leader: Today we gather in the presence of God to remember the many blessings we have been given and to offer thanks for them.

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For the life and work of our patron saint, David of Wales

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For the founders of St. David's, Daniel David Davies, Thomas Augustus Cox, Hamilton Brown, Bishop Theodore Lyman, The Rev. John A. Deal and The Rev. Dr. David Hillhouse Buel

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For all members of St. David's who have gone before us

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For this beautiful part of God's creation that is the setting for our church

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For the generosity of those in the past and present who share their gifts and talents to work for justice and peace in our community.

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For the opportunity to come together to share, learn and grow in our common ministry to sustain the life of the church

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: For the blessing of the twenty-five-year ministry of Michael and Barbara

Response: *We remember and give thanks*

Leader: I ask your own prayers silently or aloud.

Leader: Gracious God we give you thanks for all these good gifts and for all those who have ministered in your name and ask that you continue to grant us strength and courage to continue to serve you.

AMEN

The Peace Announcements The Offertory

Who Has Not Stood Where Great Waves Break

(Songs for the Cycle p. 146)

Jubilate Deo

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures high and low.

Praise God in Jesus fully known;

Creator, Word, and Spirit One. -Brian Wren

The Great Thanksgiving: (Worship booklet, p.7)

Communion Hymn:

Songs for the Cycle p. 30 *Every Pilgrim Has a Mountain*

Prayer and Blessing:

Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the Bread of Life and the Cup of Wholeness: may our communion strengthen our faith and invigorate our witness. AMEN

Recessional: #594 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Poem: *Thanks* by The Rev. A. Rufus Morgan: