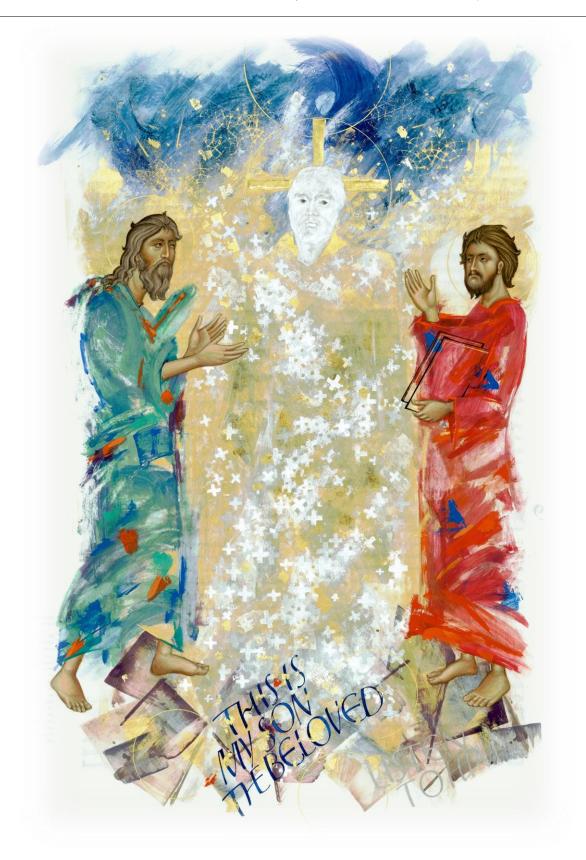
CHORAL EVENSONG

Transfiguration Sunday

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | FEBRUARY 19, 2019 - 5:00PM



Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

Organ Sonata no. 1: 2. Adagio

Introit

sung by the Choir. The People stand as the procession enters the church.

Illuxerunt conruscationes tuae

Illuxerunt coruscationes tuae orbi terrae: commota est, et contremuit terra. Quam dilecta tabernacula tua, Domine virtutum! concupiscit et deficit anima mea in atria Domini.

O nata lux

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, Dignare clemens supplicum Laudes precesque sumere.

Qui carne quondam contegi Dignatus es pro perditis, Nos membra confer effici Tui beati corporis

THE PRECES sung by the Choir

O Lord, open thou our lips. *And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.*

O God, make speed to save us. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord's name be praised!

Setting: Phillip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

Plainchant: Introit for the Feast of the Transfiguration

You filled your world with flashes of light: The earth shook and trembled. How dear to me is your dwelling, O God of hosts!

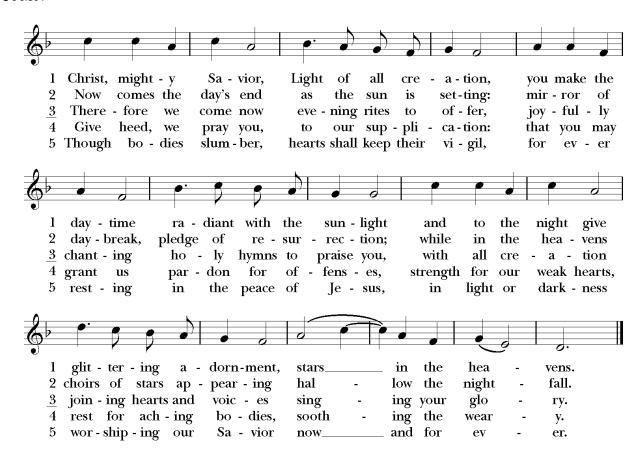
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of God.

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585) Words: Hymn for the Feast of the Transfiguration

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer.

Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

HYMN



Words: Mozarabic, 10th cent.; tr. Alan G. McDougall; (1895-1964) rev. Anne K. LeCroy (b. 1930)

Music: Mighty Savior, David Hurd (b. 1950)

THE COLLECT

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The People sit.

PSALM sung by the Choir Psalm 2

Why are the nations in an uproar; * why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the mighty of the earth rise up in revolt and the rulers plot together, * against God and against God's Anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

You whose throne is in heaven are laughing; * you have them in derision.

Then you speak to them in your wrath, * and your rage fills them with terror.

"I myself have set my monarch "
upon my holy hill of Zion."

Let me announce the decree of God, * who has said to me, "You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance * and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod * and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

And now, you monarchs, be wise; * be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to God with fear, * and with trembling bow before the Most High,

Lest God be angry and you perish, * for divine wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all * who take refuge in God!

Anglican Chant: Will Doreza

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

MAGNIFICAT sung by the Choir

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 1:46-55

Music: The Harvard Service, Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

THE SECOND LESSON Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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Thanks be to God.

NUNC DIMITTIS sung by the Choir

Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

Words: Luke 2:29-32 Music: The Harvard Service, Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Daniel Simons

THE APOSTLES' CREED

standing, sung by all

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LESSER LITANY

sung by the Choir

The Lord be with you. *And with thy spirit.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us. *Christ, have mercy upon us.* Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

sung by all

Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE RESPONSES

sung by the Choir

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us; *And grant us thy salvation.*

O Lord, save the state. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

O Lord, save thy people. *And bless thine inheritance*.

Give peace in our time, O Lord. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou O God.

O God make clean our hearts within us. *And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.*

THE COLLECTS

sung by the Choir

O God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ; may we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know your power to transform and heal. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Setting: Phillip Radcliffe (1905-1986)

I lift up my eyes

Margaret Burk (b. 1990) Words: Psalm 121

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep. Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand, So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

The People stand.

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May Christ, the splendor and image of God's being, draw you to himself, that you may live in his light and share his glory; and the blessing of God almighty, Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

HYMN



Words: Latin, 15th cent.; tr. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861, after John Mason Neale (1848–1866), alt. Music: Wareham, melody William Knapp (1698–1768); alt.; harm. Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1875, after James Turle (1802–1882)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Organ Sonata no. 1: 4. Allegro assai vivace

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 – 1847)

A reception follows in the Guild Room.

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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