

HOLY EUCHARIST

The Last Sunday after Epiphany – The Transfiguration

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | FEBRUARY 19, 2023 – 9:00AM & 11:00AM

PRELUDE

Canon in A-flat Major – Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

Please stand as the bell sounds.

HYMN IN PROCESSION

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

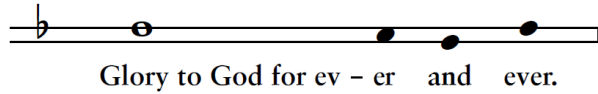
Music: Mowsley, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1907–1991)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

The People respond



SONG OF PRAISE

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,
an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in us made man-i - fest.
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in us made man-i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)
Music: Salzburg, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of majesty and glory, upon the holy mountain you revealed Jesus in the mystery of his transfiguration as your Son, the Beloved. By the word of his gospel, give us hope in the midst of suffering and faith to perceive, even in the passion and cross, the glory of the risen Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

Amen.

THE LESSON *seated*

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.” Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the People.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk.

God reigns; let the people tremble; *

God is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

God is great in Zion *

and is high above all peoples.

Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; *

God is the Holy One.

"O mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

We proclaim your greatness, O God, and fall down before your footstool; *

you are the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among your priests,

and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, *

they called upon you, and you answered them.

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *

they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

"O Holy God, you answered them indeed; *

you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds."

Proclaim the greatness of our God and worship on God's holy hill, *

for our God is the Holy One.

Anglican Chant: Thomas Tallis

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

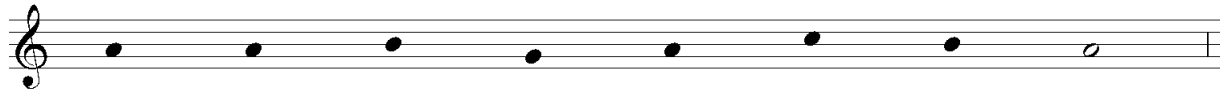
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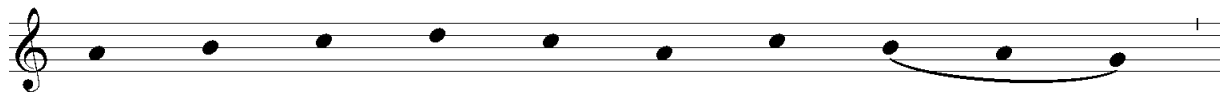
GOSPEL HYMN *standing*



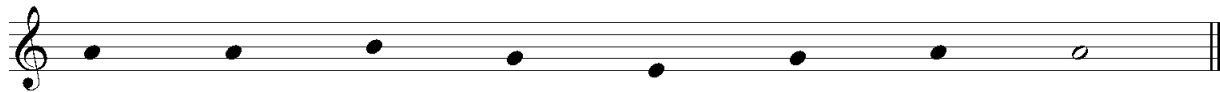
1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth;
 2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see,
 3 May all who seek to praise a - right



Je - sus, Re - deem - er of the earth:
 with your e - lect found com - pan - y;
 through pur - er lives show forth your light.



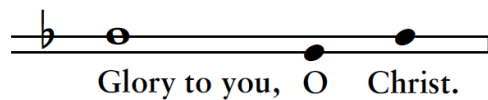
more bright than day your face did show,
 the heavens a - bove your glo - ry named,
 To you, the King of glo - ry, now



your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.
 your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.
 all faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

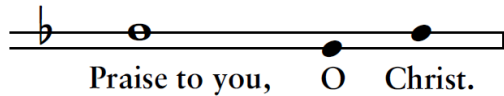
Words: Latin, 10th cent.; tr. Laurence Housman (1865–1959), alt.
 Music: Jesu dulcis memoria, plainsong, Mode 2

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

The Rev. Paul Carling

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

Nicene Creed

At 11am, the service continues with the Prayers of the People and Sacred Ground Commissioning on page 7.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, She* is worshipped and glorified. She has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Holy Spirit in biblical languages is a feminine-gendered word, and we use the feminine pronoun here to highlight that aspect of God's fullness.*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the month of February, Black History month, our version of the Prayers of the People is adapted from Martin Luther King Jr.'s "Commitment Card" for the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

Grant, Almighty God, that we be united in your truth, as we walk and talk in the manner of love; for you, O God, are love.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Lead us to walk in the way of your kingdom, seeking justice and reconciliation, not victory.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Grant that we may observe with both friend and foe the ordinary rules of courtesy and sacrifice personal wishes as our lives are used by You so that all may be free.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Guide us as we strive to be in good spiritual and bodily health, and comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

Please add the names of those for whom you are praying, aloud or in silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed.

Please name those you are remembering, aloud or in silence.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For what else shall we pray?

Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings, aloud or silently.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes

O God of glory and grace: guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; eradicate the violence of fist, tongue, and heart. Grant that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Keep us always aware that you call us not to victory but to reconciliation, following the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer.

Amen.

Dear People of God, in building Christ's beloved community, we are called to love all people, respect all people, and work for the good of all people. We must stand alongside God's children of every race, language, and culture, and work together as agents of justice, peace, and reconciliation.

You, as St. Paul's first circle of Sacred Ground, have given yourselves, with courage and dedication, to the work of learning our country's history of racial division and injustice in its deeper dimensions. As you close this circle of learning, and continue this journey of healing and transformation, you are now called to continue risking yourselves for the sake of God's love, following your call to seek and serve Christ in all people. You are especially called to continue the work and ministry of God's healing justice and reconciliation.

Will you continue to persevere in prayer and fellowship?

I will, with God's help.

Will you continue to proclaim the good news of reconciliation in both word and deed?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive to see Christ in all persons, those with whom you agree and disagree?

I will, with God's help.

Will you dedicate yourselves to mend what is broken by human sin and greed?

I will, with God's help.

Will you pledge to work toward dismantling the sin of abuse of power?

I will, with God's help.

In the name of God and of this Church, I commission you to continue the good work you have begun; to stand up, speak out, and live into becoming Beloved Community in your lives, in this community, and in the world.

Amen.

The whole congregation prays together this prayer of self-offering.

O God our healer, whose mercy is like a refining fire: by the loving kindness of Jesus, heal us as we seek to be a healing presence in the communities in which we live. Renew us, and make us witnesses to your wholeness in our broken world; through Jesus Christ, in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

May Almighty God have mercy on us, grant us courage and conviction, and strengthen us to love others who are unlike us. May God, the Holy and Undivided Trinity, make us compassionate in our actions and courageous in our works, that we may be Christ's Beloved Community in our own day.

Amen.

*Sandy Bria
Marva Cummings
Wally Frey
Bob Giolitto*

*Charlene Higbe
Diane Jellerette
Sarah Johnson
Fredrica Thompsett
David Westmoreland*

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *seated*

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY *sung by the Choir at 11:00am*

O light of light

*Richard Shepard (1949-2021)
Words: Latin, 10th cent.*

O Light of light, Love given birth;
Jesus, Redeemer of the earth:
more bright than day your face did show,
your raiment whiter than the snow.

Two prophets, who had faith to see,
with your elect found company,
the heavens above your glory named,
the Father's voice his Son proclaimed;

May all who seek to praise aright
through purer lives show forth your light.
To you, the King of glory, now
all faithful hearts adoring bow.

HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY *standing*

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

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.;

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, fire, and water, and every living thing. You made us creators in your image and taught us to walk in your love. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in your light and the fullness of your love. So this day we join with Saints and Angels in a chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the

high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Setting: William Mathias (1934-1992)

The Celebrant continues

All glory be to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor on Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, the holy child of God. Living among us Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world into the heart of God, but we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

When the time came to complete the offering of his life, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take and eat; this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

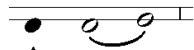
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Now gathered at your table, remembering that we are one with you and all creation, we offer to you from your own hand these gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your children from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, forever and ever.

People


A-men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,

The first system of musical notation for 'The Lord's Prayer'. It consists of a grand staff with a treble and bass clef, key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hall-owed be your Name, your king - dom come,'.

your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.

The second system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are: 'your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.'.

And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

The third system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'And for - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.'.

Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.

The fourth system of musical notation. It continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: 'Save us from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.'.

For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

The fifth system of musical notation. It concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: 'For the king - dom, the po - wer, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.'.

setting: Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844-1908); adapted.

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

Bread of Life, nourish our souls.

Light of the world, shine in our hearts.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers.

Gluten-free hosts are available upon request, grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups.

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing together three times as the distribution of Communion begins.

The image shows two systems of musical notation for a Communion song. Each system consists of a treble staff and a bass staff. The first system has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." The second system has the lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst." The music is written in a simple, accessible style with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C).

Words: John 6:25-59; adapt, by Robert J. Batastini, b. 1942 and the Taizé Community.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994 ©1982, 1983, 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, (France)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *sung by the choir at 11:00am*

In recognition of Black History Month, the Choir will feature music by Black composers. "I will trust in the Lord" is an arrangement of a spiritual hymn by Carl Haywood, the Director of Choral Activities at Norfolk State University. Dr. Haywood frequently serves as a clinician, adjudicator, guest conductor, and lecturer for schools, colleges, and churches throughout the country. He also serves as a National Conductor for the 105 Voices of History, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Choir.

I will trust in the Lord

Carl Haywood

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *standing*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May the Light of Christ be enkindled in your hearts.
And the Blessing of God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit,
be upon you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN IN PROCESSION

The musical score is written for a hymn in procession. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system includes three numbered verses. The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with a steady accompaniment.

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)
Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland H. Prichard (1811-1887)

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to share the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Festive Trumpet Tune – David German (b. 1954)

“It's not just our present or our history. It is part of the fabric of American life. But we need not be paralyzed by our past or our present. We are not slaves to fate but people of faith. Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus...That work of racial reconciliation and justice – what we know as Becoming Beloved Community – is happening across our Episcopal Church. It is happening in Minnesota and in the Dioceses of Kentucky, Georgia and Atlanta, across America and around the world. That mission matters now more than ever, and it is work that belongs to all of us.”

*The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry
Presiding Bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church*

Coming up at St. Paul's

This Evening: Choral Evensong

February 19, 5:00pm
Organ and Vocal Recital at 4:15pm

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday February 22, 12:05pm and 7:30pm

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