

## THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

AUGUST 6, 2023, AT 8 AM

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

*Please keep a prayerful quiet as we prepare for worship.*

*The People's responses are printed in **bold**.*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

#### Opening Sentences

Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. —*Psalm 85:10-11*

#### Song of Praise

God, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

God, have mercy.

#### Collect of the Day

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### Reading *seated* 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. Afterward 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 him.

For the Word of God in scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 99:5-9** *read responsively by whole verse*

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.

**The Gospel** *standing as you are able* Luke 9:28-36

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Adelyn Tyler-Williams

*A period of silence will be observed after the sermon.*

**Creed** *standing as you are able*

**We believe in God the Father, God almighty,  
by whose plan earth and heaven sprang to being, all created things began.  
We believe in Christ the Savior, Son of God in human frame,  
virgin born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.  
Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a lamb to slaughter led,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, he descended to the dead.  
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven’s king to rule and reign,  
to the Father’s side ascended till as judge he comes again.  
We believe in God the Spirit; in one Church, below, above:  
saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.  
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Savior, Lord and friend,  
we shall rise with him in glory to the life that knows no end. Amen.**

—Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Almighty God, you poured yourself into creation, you dwelt with us when you sent us your Son, and you hold us in your perpetual care. Guide us in loving your creation, in supporting the work of your Church, and in spreading the love of Christ.

God is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all her works.**

May your righteousness and mercy be a guide for our nation and for all in authority. Help each of us to set aside selfish intentions and to pick up the burdens of our neighbors, until we live in true solidarity and companionship.

God is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all her works.**

Deal mercifully with all your children, grant us your peace which is beyond human understanding, and care for those who are in need, especially . . . and for all those concerns we name aloud or hold in our hearts . . .

God is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all her works.**

We praise you for your glory revealed in the world and give special thanks for . . . and for the many joys and blessings we name aloud or treasure in our hearts . . .

God is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all her works.**

We commend to your mercy all those who have died, that they may join you in holiness and righteousness. We pray especially for . . . and for all those we name aloud or who live in our hearts . . .

God is righteous in all his ways, **and loving in all her works.**

*Presider* Holy God, you are merciful and righteous in all that you do. Hear the prayers and praises we lift to you, strengthen us to do your will, and keep us in communion with you, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## Confession and Absolution *standing or kneeling as you are able*

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Peace *The Presider says to the People*

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## At the Offertory

*The Holy Spirit inspires us to give generously, to extend Christ's mission in this place and the wider world. Please visit <http://tinyurl.com/GivetoSCEC> to make your offering, or you can text to give using your phone. Text SCEC and AMOUNT to 73256 (QR code in Connections) and you will receive a text with instructions. Please stand as you are able as the offering is brought forward and blessed.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world. When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first. Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying:

## Sanctus and Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One: When Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, 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."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our brothers, sisters, and siblings. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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

**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 for ever. Amen.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The bread is broken and silence observed.*

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

### **Invitation to Communion**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, you are welcome at Christ's table.

### **Communion**

*Christ welcomes all to communion. ■ Receive the bread in open and outstretched hands and sip the wine, guiding the chalice to your lips. ■ If you do not want to sip the wine, it is also perfectly appropriate to receive the bread only. We do not allow dipping the bread into the wine. ■ Respond to communion by saying "Amen." ■ If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your chest. ■ Gluten-free wafers are available at each communion station. ■ Baptism is offered several times a year; speak to a priest to learn more.*

### **Prayer after Communion** *standing as you are able*

Let us pray.

**Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Amen.**

*Presider* As we are gathered, fed, and sent by God, let us ask ourselves: With whom can I share the Good News? Whom will I invite to join us at this table?

### **Sending Forth of Eucharistic Ministers** *when scheduled*

In the name of St. Columba's we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that N. may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**We who are many are one body, as we all share one bread, one cup.**

### **Blessing**

*The People respond* **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*The People respond* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

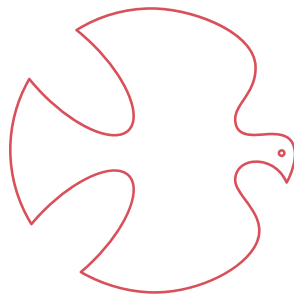
## **Land Acknowledgement**

We give thanks that we meet today on the traditional land of the first people of Nacotchtank, who had been its custodians for thousands of years, caring for and nurturing it. We pray for all who live on this land and pay our respects to the native leaders past, present, and emerging.

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