# LAST EPIPHANY | TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY | HOLY EUCHARIST

The glory of Jesus the Christ at the Transfiguration reveals the transformative power of the love of God.

#### **About this Gathering**

Today the glory of the Transfiguration ends the Season of Epiphany. As Christ-followers, we pray that the transfiguration of Jesus reinvigorates us to continue in our faith journey. Also, and since Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, we say goodbye to the word "Alleluia" until Easter. On this great day, listen intently to God's Word in Scripture, sing the hymns with gusto, read the prayers with great intention and greet your fellow worshippers with energy and a smile!

#### Prelude

Hymn 135 | Songs of thankfulness and praise





St. Mary

MASKS & GATHERINGS Due to the ever-changing environment surrounding the pandemic, we ask that while at the Gathering: fully vaccinated mask optional, not fully vaccinated mask requested and everyone soft singing.



## WORD OF GOD

# **Greeting & Opening Acclamation**

Blessed are you, holy and living One;

You come to your people and set them free.

Song of Praise | Glory, Glory, Glory Gloria, Gloria, Gloria | Sung twice. Your choice of language.



## Collect

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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*.

# Exodus 24:12-18

Moses ascends a mountain top covered in a cloud, a symbol of God's glory. From there he brings the gift of the law to God's people. A Reading from Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; 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 onto the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, 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 Israelites. 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 Churches.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 2

This psalm is a divine affirmation of the Jewish king. Let us read Psalm 2 responsively.

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar? \*

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together, \*

against the LORD and against his Anointed?

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say; \*

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup>He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*

the LORD has them in derision.

<sup>5</sup>Then he speaks to them in his wrath, **\*** 

and his rage fills them with terror.

6"I myself have set my king \* upon my holy hill of Zion." <sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD: \*

he said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*

and the ends of the earth for your possession.

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod \*

and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup>And now, you kings, be wise; \*

be warned, you rulers of the earth.

<sup>11</sup>Submit to the LORD with fear, \*

and with trembling bow before him;

<sup>12</sup>lest he be angry, and you perish; \*

for his wrath is quickly kindled.

<sup>13</sup>Happy are they all \*

who take refuge in him!

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

The author writes in response to the anxieties about different teachings in the community and about the "delay" in the second coming. A Reading from the Second letter of Peter.

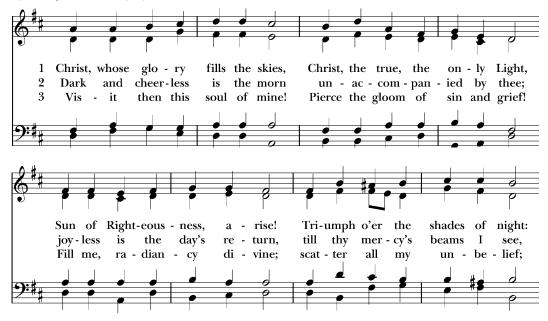
For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn 7 | Christ, whose glory fills the skies





#### Matthew 17:1-9

The story of Jesus' transfiguration on the mountain top where God's voice redirects attention from Moses and Elijah to a living, breathing active person, Jesus. The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 bright as light. 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 set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud 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 raised their eyes, 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 our Savior.

## Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon

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Words: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926); Music: Hyfrydol, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887)

# **Prayers of the People**

When we call upon the Lord, God will answer us. So let us come before the Lord in prayer, saying, "Majestic God, *show us your glory*."

Lord our God, move your Church by your Holy Spirit. May we proclaim your greatness in the world. Inspire in us a prophetic message and let us not be overcome by fear.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

We pray for all who minister in your Church. May they, like your servant Moses, lead all people into a deeper experience of you.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

Holy One, lover of justice, may this and every nation, strive for justice and peace. We pray that the leaders of the nations trust and care for those in their charge.

Silence Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

Holy One, you have chosen to wear the clouds and meet our forebears on the mountains. In doing so, you remind us that you created all things good and continue to manifest your glory through those things you have created. Remind us to always honor your creation.

The people add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

Holy One, after they witnessed your majesty, Jesus led his followers back down the mountain to minister to the people. Lead us to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ to our neighbors-to be your lamps shining in dark places.

Silence

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

Holy One, touch those who are overcome by fear, sickness or any other adversity. Overshadow them with the healing power of your love.

The people add their petitions, followed by silence.

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

God of Light, we pray for the dying and the dead. May all those who experience death also come to know the new day of resurrection that comes through your Risen Son.

The people add their remembrances, followed by silence.

Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

In the name of Jesus we pray, Majestic God,

Show us your glory.

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in life eternal. *Amen*.

## Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

#### HOLY COMMUNION | An Invitation to Joy & Gratitude | Please share communion with us

Following Jesus' prophetic example to welcome everyone to His table, St. Mary's welcomes everyone to take communion with us. So, as Jesus the Christ commands his Church to "Do this for the remembrance of me.", St Mary's gathers in person or remotely to follow this command believing that by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God is proclaimed and the bread and wine at the church table and at your home become for us the holy sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.

Hymn 433 | We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing



#### Offering, Tithes & Giving | Ways to give to support St. Mary's

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Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share.

Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your reign. Blessed be God for ever.

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to our God.

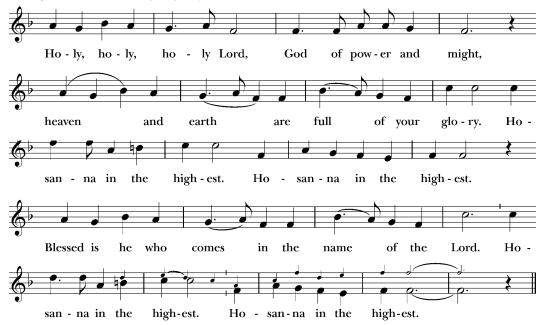
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son. You are the source of all life and

goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image male and female you created us.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. In him we see you, the eternal God, revealing your glory in our flesh, for he is the light of the nations who illuminates our darkness. In him you have made us a holy people by sending upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



**S 125** | Santo, santo, santo Holy, holy, holy

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ; your death we show forth; your resurrection we proclaim; your coming we await; Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God, recalling your great goodness to us in Christ, his suffering and death, his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this bread of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your reign. United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray in our chosen language and voice.

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Our Father in heaven,	Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,	hallowed be thy Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,	thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.	on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.	Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those	And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those
who sin against us.	who trespass against us.
Save us from the time of trial	Do not let us fall into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.	but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,	For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory are yours,	and the glory,
now and forever. Amen.	for ever and ever. Amen.

## **Breaking of the Bread & Communion**

Christ-followers knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ. One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God. Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving. We come forward take the Bread and, for those who choose, the Wine. St. Mary's upholds the Doctrine of Concomitance that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the holy bread or wine or both.

# **Sending Prayer**

Let us pray.

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

# **Blessing Over the People**

May Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and may God's blessing be with you, Christ's peace be upon you, and the Spirit's outpouring be within you, now and always. *Amen.* 



# 10AM, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2023

**ASH WEDNESDAY** | THE HOLY EUCHARIST & THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES We repent of our sins and pray for forgiveness.

## **About this Gathering**

Ash Wednesday invites us to the observance of a holy Lent by preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a time of reorientation, return and renewal. It is a time to recommit to striving to be the people we want to be in response to God's self-giving love in Jesus the Christ. There is no "one-size-fits-all" Lenten discipline; however, as Christ-followers we are all called to reflect on our common need to renew our repentance and faith.

Hymn 542 | Christ is the world's true light



## **Burying the Alleluia**

St. Mary's keeps the ancient practice of fasting from singing or speaking "alleluia" through the forty days of Lent. So we "bury" the alleluia on this the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

O God, make speed to save us, alleluia, alleluia.

O Lord, make haste to help us, alleluia, alleluia.

"Alleluia" is Greek for "Praise the Lord."

Our God is a loving God, worthy of praise.

The faithful people of God praise God for the great deeds God has done.

God created us out of dust, restored the land, took Israel out of exile, spoke through the prophets, and gives hope and forgiveness through his Son, Jesus the Christ.

The Book of Psalms contains "Hallels" or special chants. These hymns of praise were sung on each step going up to the Temple during festive celebrations and pilgrimages.

Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol the Lord, all peoples! For great is the Lord's steadfast love toward us; and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord, Hallelujah.

We have much for which to be thankful. But there is not always joy in our lives. There is sadness and loneliness in the world. Sometimes we need time to think. Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness praying to God. Lent is our forty days of quiet time to prepare for the mystery of Easter. This is a time when we do not say "alleluia" in worship. The "Alleluia" is reserved for the great festive celebration of Easter.

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Almighty God, you bid your faithful people to rejoice in praise, but also to repent and reflect in silence. Give us grace and courage to devote our hearts to you and to love others as you would, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, forever and ever. *Amen*.

# Dismissal

Go now to love and serve our Savior. Go in peace.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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