

The Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6, 2017

10:00 AM



The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Celebrant & Preacher - The Very Reverend David Allard duPlantier

It is the tradition of the Episcopal Church to maintain silence in the worship area so that people may pray. Please help us preserve an atmosphere of quiet reverence before worship begins, remembering to turn pagers and cell phones off; let the music of the opening voluntary quiet your thoughts as you prepare for worship.

The Word of God

OPENING VOLUNTARY ~ Chorale #3 in A Minor.....César Franck

When the bell sounds, please stand and sing.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #137 - O wondrous type! O vision fair..... Wareham

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GLORY TO GOD *Gloria in excelsis*


1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and


peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly


King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we


give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus


Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you


take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy


on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, 7. you a-lone are the Most
 High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the
 glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant 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.*

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. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 *Dominus regnavit*

Pro-claim the great-ness of the LORD our God, who is the Ho-ly One.

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| <p>1 The Lord is King;
 let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.</p> <p>2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.</p> <p>3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One. [<i>Refrain</i>]</p> | <p>4 “O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”</p> <p>5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
 and fall down before his footstool; *
 he is the Holy One. [<i>Refrain</i>]</p> |
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6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree
that he gave them. [*Refrain*]

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. [*Refrain*]

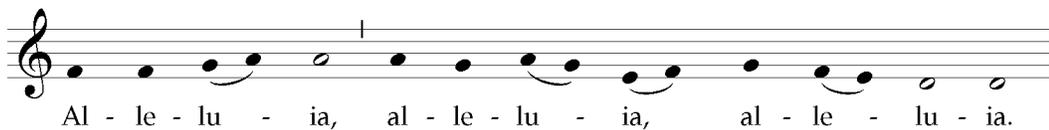
THE SECOND LESSON ~ 2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. 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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Please stand and sing

ALLELUIA & VERSE



V. This is my Son, my Beloved,
with whom I am well pleased. [*Alleluia*]

THE HOLY GOSPEL ~ Luke 9:28-36

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People 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.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

Prayer Book, Page 358

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, Form VI

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THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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

The Liturgy of the Table

ANTHEM

*O Nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere.
Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis.
Nos membra confer effici,
Tui beati corporis.*

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.

Music: Thomas Tallis (c. 1505-1585)

Words: Opening Hymn for Lauds on the Feast of the Transfiguration

Please stand and sing

OFFERTORY HYMN #129 - Christ upon the mountain peak..... Mowsley

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book, Page 361

SURSUM CORDA

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 him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven 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. _____

(Standing or Kneeling)

THE EUCHARISTIC CANON

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *(said by all)*

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Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

THE GREAT AMEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

(Organ)

Al-le-lu - ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed ___ for
us: There-fore let ___ us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia. ___

THE INVITATION TO AND DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All persons are welcome at the Lord's table; to receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. Baptized Christians of all ages and denomination may receive the elements. To receive a blessing rather than the elements, cross your arms over your chest as you kneel at the altar rail. To receive communion please hold out your crossed hands, open palms up, for the bread, and then help guide the chalice to your lips to receive the wine; cross your arms over your chest if you do not wish to receive the wine. Please blot lipstick before drinking from the chalice. You may also allow the chalice minister to dip the bread into the wine and place it on your tongue and it is permissible to receive only the bread if you like.

To receive an individual prayer of healing with anointing (Unction), go to the chapel after you receive Communion. Kneel as you are able at the altar rail in the chapel leaving some space between you and the next person for privacy. Return to the cathedral after the priest has prayed with you.

ANTHEM

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 to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Words: Nunc dimittis from *Short Service*
Music: Orlando Gibbons (1583-1625)

HYMN #133 ~ O Light of Light, Love given birth *Elmhurst*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #477 ~ All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine *Engelberg*

THE DISMISSAL

People Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY ~ Toccata, Opus 104 *Joseph Jongen*

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Jean E. Brackett.*

Please Join Us For Coffee Hour – Immediately following this service we gather in Stuart Hall for refreshments and conversation; all are invited to attend. Use the exit at the front of the cathedral next to the organ pipes, turn left to access the hallway, and then follow the long hallway to the right; Stuart Hall is on the right. Guests are especially welcome.

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Psalm

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Alleluia

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Mass

Setting by Robert Powell (b. 1932)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our full choir returns on Sunday, August 20.

Save the dates

- August 27 - Christian Formation Resumes
- October 8 - Observance of the Feast of St. Francis - Blessing of the Animals
- December 1, 2 - Thrift Sale
- December 10 - A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

Luke and the History of the Early Church: The Gospel according to Luke and Acts of the Apostles are part of one continuous narrative about Jesus and the early Church. For some reason (limitation of space on a scroll?), Luke wrote his 'treatise' to Theophilus in two parts: first, the story of Jesus until his ascension into heaven; and second from the ascension up to the near end of Paul's missionary activities. Luke suggests (in the 'we' sections of the Acts) that he worked with Paul on several of Paul's missionary journeys; unfortunately Paul does not mention Luke in any of his letters. Luke is clearly a devotee of Paul and Paul's vision of a church that is inclusive of and focused upon outreach to gentiles (non-Jews). Biblical scholars believe Luke's Gospel was written in the late 70s or early 80s. It is dependent upon Mark's Gospel (probably written in the mid-60s) and shares material with Matthew (also believed to have been written in the late 70s or early 80s). Luke is the single source of the most beloved of the stories of Jesus birth and records many rich parables that are unique. Some scholars believe Luke may well have been a Gentile. Tuesdays: September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, November 7 and 14. There will also be a Saturday session for those who are not available during on weekdays on November 11 from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM with a light lunch.

Ask the Theologian-in-Residence: Do you ever have questions about theology, liturgy, history or the scripture readings in the church? Here is your chance to ask your questions to the Theologian-in-Residence. On the third Sunday of each month, you can pick-up your goodies from coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service and come to the adjacent Martin Room where Canon Lowry will attempt to answer your questions. There will be a box in the Cathedral in which you can leave your questions or you can e-mail Canon Lowry at lowrydavid36@gmail.com. That may help him answer your questions more coherently.

The Gardening Group meets every third Saturday of the month from 8am to 10am to beautify and maintain the gardens. The next gathering is scheduled for August 19. Everyone is invited. Your help is appreciated.

Education for Ministry (EfM) is being continued. Bill Forman is seeking additional members for the Education for Ministry Group to continue in September at Christ Church Cathedral. The group is open to all denominations. EfM is a four-year study program sponsored by the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana and The University of the South School of Theology. EfM provides an opportunity to develop a greater understanding of Christian Theology from the Old Testament to the present. The program also gives one a perspective to consider the possibilities of various ministries. EfM is forty-one years old and has thousands of graduates worldwide. The group will meet for two hours each week from September until May. For further information, please call Bill at 504-891-0524.

Please consider hosting Coffee Hour after a 10:00 am Sunday Eucharist. This is a vital part of our ministry. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway outside of Stuart Hall.

Donors needed for Altar Flowers in Cathedral and Chapel - Please sign up today on the chart next to Stuart Hall, or for more information, contact Sandy Jackson - sditta@tulane.edu.



August 6, 2017 – 9th Sunday after Pentecost (A): The Feast of the Transfiguration

August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ, which commemorates Jesus' unveiling as the Son of God, and his radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James and John on a mountaintop.

The Gospel of Matthew records that Jesus “was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light.” At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to make three “booths” (or “dwellings”) for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and “have no fear.” When the disciples looked up, they saw only Jesus (Matthew 17:1-8).

The Transfiguration is also mentioned in two other gospel accounts (Mark 9:2-8 and Luke 9:28- 36) and is referred to in the Second Letter of Peter, which records that “we were eyewitnesses of his majesty” and “we were with him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:16-18).



The Transfiguration is a pivotal moment because it revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ. Some think that the setting on the mountain is significant because it becomes the point where human nature meets God, with Jesus acting as a point of connection between heaven and earth.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on August 6, which is the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the “high mountain” of the Transfiguration. There are scholars, however, who believe the Transfiguration occurred either on Mount Hermon, which borders Syria and Lebanon, or on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Collect for the Transfiguration

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 (Book of Common Prayer, p. 243).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist (1928 Prayer Book)

10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sung)

11:15 AM Coffee Hour (Stuart Hall)

6:00 PM REAL PRESENCE

MONDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

TUESDAY

9:30 AM Staff Meeting (Westfeldt Room)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 PM Finance Committee (Westfeldt Room)

5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

5:30 PM Yoga (Cathedral)

6:45 PM Seekers Book Study (Advent House)

WEDNESDAY

11:30 AM Contemplative Prayer (Advent House)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

THURSDAY

10:00 AM Cathedral Tours

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous (*Women Only*)

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

5:30 PM Bodytime Bootcamp (Stuart Hall)

FRIDAY

12:15 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

SATURDAY

9:30 PM The Holy Eucharist (Chapel)

9:30 AM Centering Prayer (Advent House)

10:00 AM Eracism (Westfeldt Room)

5:30 PM Wedding

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