

**The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Transfiguration  
February 27, 2022  
St. George's Church, Glenn Dale Parish,  
Episcopal Diocese of Washington**

*Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. Zoom participants are welcome to leave your video camera on; at certain points during the service participants in the sanctuary will see the gallery view of those taking part in the service via Zoom*

**Prelude: *Be Thou My Vision*, Traditional Irish**

**Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #390 *Praise to the Lord***

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Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the King of cre - a - tion; O my soul  
Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo-rious-ly reign - eth; borne as on  
Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy way and de-fend thee; sure - ly his  
Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him! All that hath



praise him, for he is thy health and sal - va - tion: Join the great throng,  
ea - gle-wings, safe - ly his saints he sus-tain - eth. Hast thou not seen  
good-ness and mer - cy shall ev - er at-tend thee; pon - der a - new  
life and breath come now with prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men



psal - ter - y or-gan, and song, sound-ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.  
how all thou need-est hath been grant-ed in what he or-dain - eth?  
what the Al-might-y can do, who with his love doth be-friend thee.  
sound from his peo-ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

**Celebrant:** Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

*All pray together*

**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.**

### **Song of Praise: Gloria – My Heart Sings Out #80 *The Light of Christ***

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The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) in 2/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves with lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The'. The second system also has two staves with lyrics: 'The light of Christ has come in - to the world.'. The third system has two staves with lyrics: 'light of Christ has come in - to the world. world.' and 'The light of Christ has come come.'. The music features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. There are repeat signs and first/second endings in the third system.

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us all pray together

**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 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. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm 99

You are king LORD and the people tremble; you sit enthroned upon the cherubim:  
**and the earth is quaking.**

You O LORD are great upon your holy mountain:  
**you are exalted over all the nations.**

Let them praise your great and terrible Name, holy are you and mighty;  
**a king who delights in justice.**

You have established equity;  
**you have dealt justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

We proclaim your greatness O LORD our God; we bow down before your footstool:  
**for you are holy.**

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who called on your name,  
**those called to you LORD, and he answered.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;  
**they kept your teachings and the law that he gave them.**

You answered them O LORD our God; to them you were a God who forgives,  
**though you punished their offences.**

We proclaim your greatness O LORD our God; we bow down towards your holy hill;  
**for you O LORD our God are holy.**

## Gospel Hymn: *New Century Hymnal #183 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain*, verses 1-3

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Je - sus, take us to the moun - tain, where with Pe - ter, James, and John,  
What do you want us to see there, that your close com - pan - ions saw?  
What do you want us to hear there, that your dear dis - ci - ples heard?



We are daz-zled by your glo - ry, light as blind-ing as the sun. There pre-pare us  
Your div - in - i - ty re-vealed there fills us with the self-same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
Once a-gain the voice from heav - en says of the In-car-nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,



for the night by the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - ery - one, this is my be - lov - ed One!"

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]**

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.

On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

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

**The Sermon: Brother Ed Munro, BSG**



## We Believe in God

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Tune: *BEACH SPRING; The Sacred Harp, 1844*

1. We be - lieve in God the Fath - er, God al - might - y, by whose  
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaught - er  
3. We be - lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a -

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plan earth and heav - en sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be -  
led, suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he des - cend - ed to the  
bove: saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and

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gan. We be - lieve in Christ the Sav - ior, Son of God in hu - man frame, vir - gin -  
dead. We be - lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, heav - en's king to rule and reign, to the  
love. So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav - ior, Lord and friend, we shall

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born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spir - it came. \_\_\_\_  
Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed 'til as judge he comes a - gain. \_\_\_\_  
rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end. \_\_\_\_

Gather 471 Nicene Creed 2011.06.13

## The Prayers of the People

O God of Splendor and Glory, we pray to you as we remember how Jesus was transfigured before the disciples, saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of Splendor and Glory, ignite the spirits of all who lead in your church, that they may be a beacon to guide us across life's troubled waters toward the wholeness of life in you. We pray especially for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the people of St. George's, saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of Splendor and Glory, illuminate the halls of governments in our country and across this world with your saving wisdom and grace. Guide our voices to speak only with love and compassion on behalf of all your people. We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of Splendor and Glory, we pray for those who most need to feel your healing love and to know the comfort of your enduring Presence: for those who are hungry in our community; for those experiencing homelessness; and for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School and the Warm Nights program. We pray for those on our parish prayer list, and for those we name before you now: *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of Splendor and Glory, let our departed loved ones be received in the holy whirlwind of your divine radiance, and may the light of Christ shine through the darkest hours for those who mourn. *The people may add their own petitions.* We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

O God of Splendor and Glory, we offer you our thanks and praise for all of the blessings of our lives, and especially for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. We pray saying Jesus, Beloved Face of God: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully.**

God of light and life, we pray that you infuse us with greater strength and purpose to faithfully reaffirm our covenant with you. May our lives and souls be purified through the dazzling brilliance of the Transfigured Christ and the mystical breath of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant:* Now let us confess our sins to God. *Silence is kept.*

*All pray together* **God of steadfastness and mercy, we confess that we love the works of darkness more than your light. We have sought to satisfy our deepest longings through material things of creation rather than through you, our Creator. We are quick to judge others, yet we fail to see our own failings. We ignore the cries of the poor, and grow weary of working for justice. Forgive and restore us, O God; let your Holy Spirit move in us and inspire us to walk in the light of Christ, this day and always. Amen.**

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

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### **Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) and anyone celebrating their birthday or anniversary this week as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **The Offertory**

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to [www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give](http://www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give). If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle to [donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net](mailto:donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net). There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash.

### Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #120 *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

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There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I know that it's the  
There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you know Him in His  
If you say He saved you from your sin, Now you're weak, you're bound, and



Spir - it of the Lord. There are sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
full - ness, and be - lieve. You're the one to pro - fit when you say "I am  
can - not en - ter in, you can make it right if you will yield; You'll en-



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord. Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, Sweet Heav - en - ly  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."  
- joy the Ho - ly Spir - it that we feel.



Dove, stay right here with us, fill - ing us with your love. And for these



bless - ings we lift our hearts in praise. With - out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

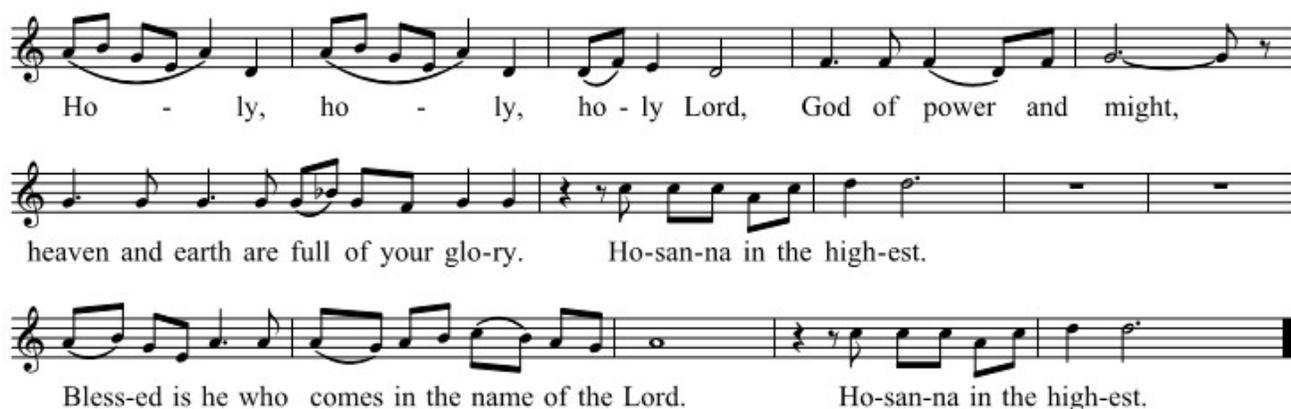
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn in voices of unending praise:

### **Sanctus: Hymnal 1982 # S128**

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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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, O Holy One, for in Jesus the Messiah you have come to us as the Word made flesh. Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased, your beloved Son Jesus.

**Declaring the nearness of your kingdom, Jesus forgave sinners, cast out demons, raised the dead, and restored those in need of healing. He gathered disciples to continue to declare the good news in word and deed, bringing light to the world in the power of your Holy Spirit.**

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Therefore, according to his command O God,

**We remember his death; we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory.**

Made one with Christ and one with each other, we now offer you these gifts, and with them ourselves, a holy and living sacrifice. And now most gracious God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours Holy One of Blessing, now and forever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Light of Christ, we pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant says*

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

**Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The bread is broken and silence is kept*

### Fraction Anthem: Gather #247 *May We Be One*

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When we eat this bread and drink this cup we pro-claim your death, Lord Je - sus.



So as we share this feast may we be come, heal-ing and light and peace. May we be one.

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Communion

*Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.*

*If you would like to receive the Eucharist, you may choose to receive both the bread and wine or only one of them. If you receive the wine, please drop your empty cup into the recycling bin at the door. Note that hand sanitizer is available as you exit. Please follow the arrows to go through the narthex (hallway) and back into the Sanctuary and on to your seat.*

## Communion Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision*, arr. Craig Courtney

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Thou mine Inheritance, now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

*O bright heav'ns Sun! Heart of my own heart whatever be fall,  
Still be my Vision, Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.*

## Communion Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #314 *Humbly I adore thee*

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Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,  
Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;  
O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;  
Je - sus, who now hid - den I by faith be - hold,



who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;  
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.  
liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath.  
what my soul doth long for that thy world fore - told;



lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,  
I be - lieve what e'er the Son of God hath told;  
grand my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,  
face - to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.  
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.  
to my taste thy sweet - ness nev - er fail - ing give.  
in the glo - rious vi - sion, bless - ed Lord, of thee.

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray: **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

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.  
And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace;  
May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you;  
And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always.  
**Amen.**

## Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #618 *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

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Ye watch-ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser-aphs, cher - u - bim, and  
O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo-rious than the ser - a -  
Re - spond, ye souls in end-less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and pro-phets  
O friends in glad-ness let us sing su - per - nal an-thems ech - o -



thrones, raise the glad strain, Al-le-lu - ia! Cry out, do - min - ions, prince-doms,  
- phim, lead their prais - es, Al-le-lu - ia! Thou, bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
blest, Al - le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia! Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
- ing Al - le - lu - ia, Al-le-lu - ia! To God the Fa - ther, God the



powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs, Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-  
Word, most gra-cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord,  
strong, all saints tri - um-phants raise the song,  
Son, and God the Spir - it, Three in One,



- lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the Light of Christ.

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude: : *Lasst Uns Erfreuen* (1623), arr. Michael Ware (b. 1955)**