

Last Sunday after the Epiphany: The Transfiguration

St. George's Church
Glenn Dale Parish
The Episcopal Diocese of Washington
February 11, 2024

Prelude: *Andante in B-flat Major* by Felix Mendelssohn

Opening Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #460 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!*

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). Music *Hyfrydal*, Roland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887). Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;
Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Heav - en, thou on earth, our food our stay!
Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;



Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;
Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day;
Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne;
Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;



Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,
thou with in the well hast en - tered, robed in flesh our great High Priest:
Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;



Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.
shall our hearts for - get his pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion, hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Celebrant: Christ is our everlasting light.

People: **And God is our glory.**

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

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

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.

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) and piano accompaniment. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a Soprano line and a Piano line. The lyrics are: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world. The". The second system has an Alto line and a Piano line. The lyrics are: "The light of Christ has come in - to the world.". The third system has a Soprano line and a Piano line. The lyrics are: "light of Christ has come in - to the world. world." and "The light of Christ has come come." respectively. The music features a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. It includes repeat signs and first/second endings.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray together the Collect of the Day:

Friend of Moses, strength of Elijah, you go with your people and give them your Spirit: may the Child of your heart transfigure the mortal world that love may know no bounds; through Jesus Christ, the beloved one. Amen.

The people may be seated

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of

prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

Psalm 50: 1-6

The Lord, the most mighty God has spoken:

**and summoned the world,
from the rising of the sun to its setting.**

God shines out from Zion:

a city perfect in beauty.

Our God is coming, and will not keep silence:

**before you O God runs a consuming fire,
and a mighty tempest rages about you.**

You call on the heavens above, and on the earth below:

to witness the judgment of your people.

Gather my people before me:

the people who made covenant with me by sacrifice.

The heavens proclaim your justice:

for you yourself are judge.

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



Gospel Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #129 *Christ upon the mountain peak*

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Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in glo - ry blaz - ing;
Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E - li - jah speak - ing.
Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing in its thun - der
This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets fade be - fore him;



let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
All the pro - phets and the Law shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus as his Son by name! Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
first and last and on - ly One, let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

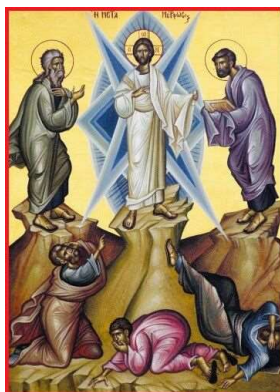
Mark 9:2-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



The Creed: *We believe in God the Father*

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Music: *Stuttgart* from *Psalmodia Sacra, oder Andachtige und Schone Gesange* 1715; adapted by William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)
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1. We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God al - might - y, by whose plan
We be-lieve in Christ the Sa-vior, Son of God in hu - man frame,
2. Christ, who on the cross for - sa - ken, like a lamb to slaugh - ter led,
We be-lieve in Je - sus ri - sen, hea - ven's king to rule and reign
3. We be-lieve in God the Spi - rit; in one Church, be - low, a - bove:
So by faith, our sins for - gi - ven, Christ our Sa - vior, Lord and friend,



1. earth and hea - ven sprang to be - ing, all cre - at - ed things be - gan.
vir - gin born, the child of Ma - ry up - on whom the Spi - rit came.
2. suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, he de - scend - ed to the dead.
to the Fa - ther's side a - scend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.
3. saints of God in one com - mun - ion, one in ho - li - ness and love.
we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

The Prayers of the People

O God of 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. Alleluia.**

O God of 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. Alleluia.**

O God of 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. Alleluia.**

O God of glory, we pray for those who most need to feel your healing love and to know the comfort of your enduring Presence. We pray this morning for those who are hungry in our community; for those experiencing homelessness; for those caught in the violence and suffering of conflict and war. We pray also 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. Alleluia.**

O God of 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: **Transfigure our hearts and minds that we may follow you more faithfully. Alleluia.**

O God of 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. Alleluia.** Holy One of blessing, help us to live in the light of your transfigured Son, that we may follow him faithfully and know your presence with us. **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.**

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

Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering holy and acceptable to God.

Although St. George's no longer physically "passes the basket" everyone is invited and encouraged to make a financial offering to express your gratitude to God for the gifts we are given and in support of our mission and ministries. We encourage you to give electronically: you can text stgeodragon to 72356 (Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel.), use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give, or donate via Zelle to donations@stgeorgesglenndale.org.

Offertory Hymn: LEVAS #157 Revive Us Again

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We praise thee, O God, For the son of thy love,
We praise thee, O God, For thy spir - it of light,
All glo - ry and praise To the lamb that was slain,
Re - vive us a - gain, Fill each heart with thy love.



For Je - sus who died And is now gone a - bove.
Who has shown us our Sav - ior, And scat - tered our night.
Who has borne all our sins And has cleansed ev - 'ry stain.
May each soul be re - kin - dled With fire from a - bove.



Hal - le - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men,



Hal-le - lu-jah! Thine the glo-ry, re-vive us a - gain.

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.**

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: Gather #144 *Holy, holy, holy*

Music: *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1964 G.I.A. Publications, Inc. Hymns reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-701323



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God, who sets the table of creation and invites us to feast with you in a cosmic celebration of love. We thank you for Jesus, whose life, prayer and ministry opens our eyes to the glory of life and fuels our hunger for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

We thank you for Christ's passionate solidarity with the suffering of all the earth; for as he bore in his own body the wounds of creation, he embraced us in our brokenness and gathered us into his wholeness so that we might know ourselves beloved and serve with him as priests forever in an all-embracing eucharist.

Blessed is our brother Jesus, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; who, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper had ended, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to them saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for all. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

So, as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

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

Therefore, here in this place, we celebrate the life that death could not hold, the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares with us now.

Made one with him, and thus one with each other we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine, in token of our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come and brood over these bodily things, this bread and this wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ; healing, renewing and making us whole.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come and embrace us with your life-giving power that as bread and wine are made one with us, we may become one with you; bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh.

Come, Holy Spirit, Come.

Come and make of your gathered people the real presence of Christ for the world, living our prayer and praying our life till earth and heaven are reconciled, and all people know themselves held in your embrace of love.

Glory be to you, O God, Mother of all Creation, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; as in the beginning, so now, and forever. Amen!

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: The Living Christ is in our midst, and so with 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. And 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 Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken. After a time of silence, all sing together

Fraction Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #S 155 *Christ our Passover*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The second staff contains the lyrics 'Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the feast'. The third staff contains the lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

Celebrant: 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.

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 prefer not to receive the Eucharist, you are welcome to come up for a blessing – cross your hands to your shoulders to indicate this to the priest.

Communion Hymn 1: Gather #593 *I Myself Am the Bread of Life*

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9 *Refrain*

I my-self am the bread of life. — You and I are the bread of life, —

15 *Verses*

1. This bread is spir - it, gift of the Mak-er's love, and we who share it
2. Here is God's king-dom giv-en to us as food. This is our bod - y,
3. Lives bro - ken o - pen, sto-ries shared a - loud, be-come a ban-quet, a

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know that we can be one:
this is our blood: a liv-ing sign of God in Christ.
shel - ter — for the world:

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Communion Hymn 2: Hymnal 1982 #383 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Words: German composite Tr. pub. New York 1850. Music: *St. Elizabeth* from *Schlesische Volkslieder*, 1842 Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)
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Fair-est Lord Je - sus, Ru-ler of all na - ture, O thou of God and man the Son:
Fair are the mea-dows, fair-er still the wood-lands, robed in the bloom-ing garb of spring:
Fair is the sun-shine, fair-er still the moon-light, and all the twink-ling, star-ry host:



thee will I cher - ish, thee will I hon-or, thou my soul's glo-ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur-er, who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines bright-er, Je - sus shines pur-er, than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray: **Generous and nourishing God, in word and bread and wine we have celebrated the mysteries of your love: As we go forth into the world, we ask you to assist us with your grace, that we may live as signs of your wonders in the world, loving one another and sharing your light wherever we go, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. Alleluia.**

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The Blessing

Let us go forth in light to honor our God and share what we know of the risen Christ.

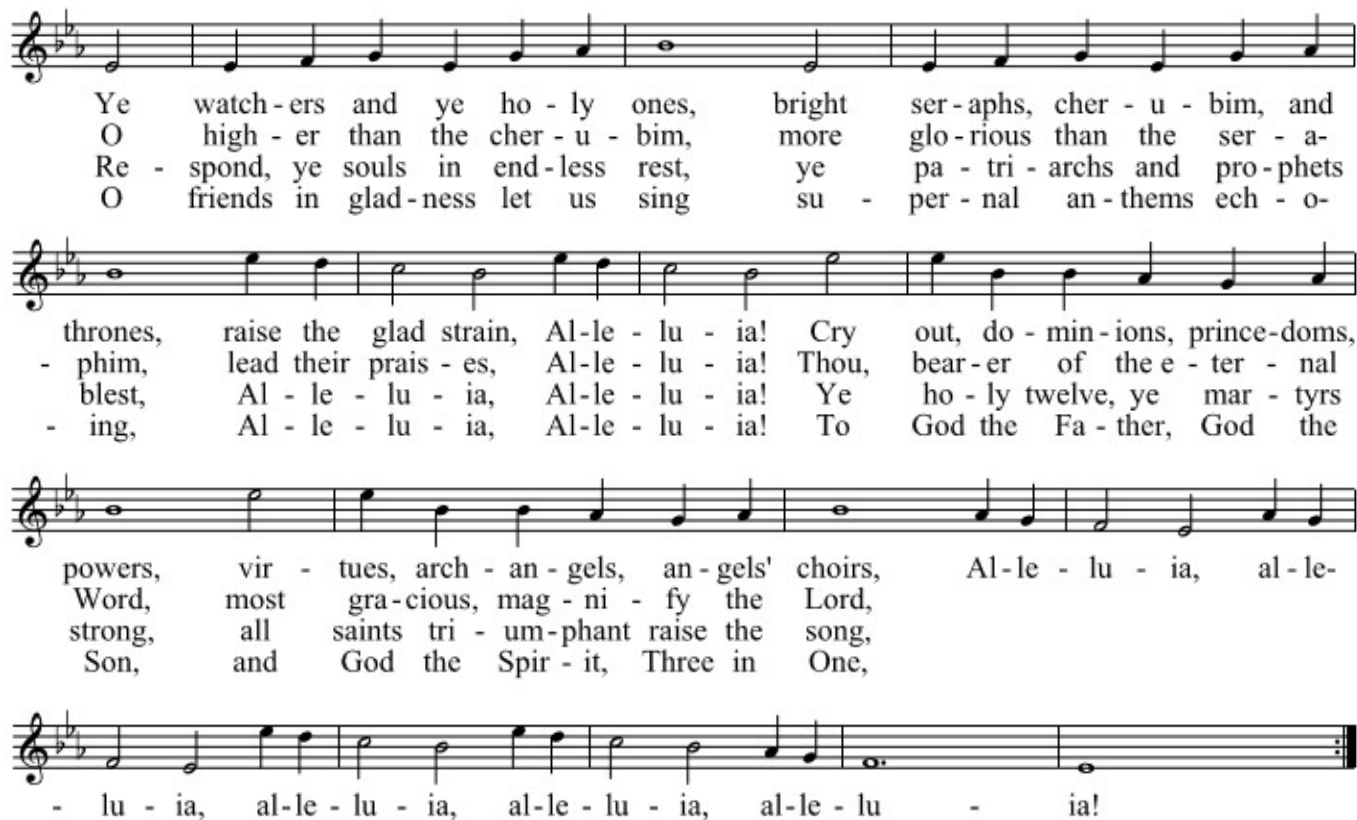
And now may God strengthen you and bless you with peace. **Amen.**

May Christ Jesus bring justice for you and among you. **Amen.**

And may the Holy Spirit alight on you and affirm you as God's beloved, this day and always.
Amen. Alleluia!

Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #618 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

Words: John Athlestan Laurie Riley (1858-1945). Music: *Lasstuns erfreuen* from *Auserlesens Catholisch Geistliche Kirchengeseng*.
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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-phiant 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!

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: *Romeo and Juliet Before Parting* by Sergei Prokofiev