



## Morning Prayer, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

February 14, 2021 | Online Service  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany

### Greeting and Announcements

**Prelude:** Widmung (Dedication)

Schumann/Liszt

**Hymn 427:** *Lauda Dominum*, "When morning gilds the sky"

**Opening Sentences**

*Book of Common Prayer*, page 78

### Confession of Sin

*Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together, all kneeling*

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest alone stands and says*

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

### The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

*Officiant and People*

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

### Venite S4

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth,

and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his and he made it,  
and his hands pre- pared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;  
let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth,  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

**Psalm 50: 1-6** *Deus deorum*

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken;  
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,  
God reveals himself in glory.  
Our God will come and will not keep silence;  
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.  
He calls the heavens and the earth from above  
to witness the judgment of his people.  
"Gather before me my loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."  
Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;  
for God himself is judge.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

**The Lessons**

**First Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Canticle:** Te Deum

Ralph Vaughan Williams

We praise Thee, O God, we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
To Thee all Angels cry aloud,  
the Heavens, and all the Powers therein.

To Thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,  
 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
 Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy Glory.  
 The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.  
 The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.  
 The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.  
 The Holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;  
 the Father of an infinite Majesty;  
 Thine honorable, true, and only Son;  
 also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.  
 Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
 When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,  
 Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.  
 When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
 Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.  
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the Glory of the Father.  
 We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.  
 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,  
 whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
 Make them to be numbered with Thy Saints,  
 In glory everlasting.

**Second Lesson:** 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 any more, 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Hilary Streever

**Apostles' Creed**

*BCP 96*

*Officiant and People together, all standing as able.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth;  
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord;  
 He was conceived by power of the Holy Spirit,  
 and born of the Virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.  
 He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*BCP 97*

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People together*

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.

### **Suffrages A**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let the people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain in us with your Holy Spirit.

### **Collect of the Day**

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.*

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### **Other Collects**

### **Prayers for the Parish**

## Prayer for Mission

BCP 101

*Officiant*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace; So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those that do not know you to the knowledge and love of you, for the honor of your name. *Amen.*

## **Anthem:** The Transfiguration

Sufjan Stevens

When he took the three disciples to the mountainside to pray,  
his countenance was modified, his clothing was aflame.  
Two men appeared: Moses and Elijah came; they were at his side.  
The prophecy, the legislation spoke of whenever he would die.  
Then there came a word of what he should accomplish on the day.  
Then Peter spoke, to make of them a tabernacle place.  
A cloud appeared in glory as an accolade. They fell on the ground.  
A voice arrived, the voice of God, a face of God, covered in a cloud.  
What he said to them, the voice of God: the most beloved son.  
Consider what he says to you, consider what's to come.  
The prophecy was put to death, was put to death, and so will the Son.  
And keep your word, disguise the vision till the time has come.  
Lost in the cloud, a voice. Have no fear! We draw near!  
Lost in the cloud, a sign. Son of man! Turn your ear!  
Lost in the cloud, a voice. Lamb of God! We draw near!  
Lost in the cloud, a sign. Son of man! Son of God!

## **Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

## **Versicle and Response**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Closing Sentences**

### **Hymn 129:** *Mowlesley*, "Christ upon the mountain peak"

Christ upon the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;  
Let us, if we dare to speak, with the saints and angels praise him. Alleluia!  
Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting. Alleluia!  
Swift the cloud of glory came, God proclaiming in its thunder  
Jesus as his Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder! Alleluia  
This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets fade before him,  
first and last and only One. Let creation now adore him! Alleluia!

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Charles Morris Terry, Jr., Adelaide and Charles Terry, and Constance and John Thompson*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Hilary Streever

*Officiant:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Musicians:* Parish Choir, West Gallery Choir

*Prelude:* Lisa Niemeier

*Organist:* Virginia Ewing Whitmire

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

## **Prayers of the People**

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

*For the sick and in need:* especially the family of Eleanor Angle, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Susan Bloor, Felicity Blundon, Guy Blundon, Hunter Burger II, Priscilla Cabell, Bill Cole, Keri Copley, Betty Crasten, Matt Curtis, Liz Drake, Cameron Flippen, Beverly Gunther, Mary Harrison, Tom Horton, Palmer Johnson, Barrett Justus, Tatum Love, Eleanor Lynch, Emma Mason, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Robbie Morris, Darlene Ogden, Jess Pillmore, Steve Reed, Katherine Reynolds, Mary Francis Faye Robins, Pierce Rucker, Tommy Runyon, Stuart Siegel, the family of George Silver, Geoff Sisk, Elizabeth Stallings, Anne Sweets, Andrew Troi, Gordon Wallace, David Wilkinson, Henry Willett, Bodie Williamson, Barbara Willis, Henry Wright, Amy, and Paul

*For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers:* especially Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Robert Crutcher, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

*For all schools and childcare institutions, for teachers, staff, students, and parents:* especially St. James's Children's Center

*For those serving in our Armed Forces:* especially William Smith

*For the newly born:* especially Blair Elizabeth Bailey, daughter of Caroline and Jim Bailey who was born recently

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Thorp Davis, Berkeley Fergusson, Jr., Billy Ford, Betsy Holden, Alison Kent, and Ann Wallace Tazewell who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially Nancy Pace Newton

## **Music Notes**



*“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1*

The *Te Deum* is by 20th-century English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Vaughan Williams played a very important role in the history of music in Britain by collecting and studying old English folksongs and by exploring music of the sixteenth century. Drawing upon these new sources, he infused English music with a new vitality, helping English composers to break the German Romantic mold. Vaughan Williams made a major contribution to the church's hymnody. He was the editor of *The English Hymnal* (1906) and composer and arranger of numerous hymns, thirty-three of which appear in *The Hymnal 1982*.

*The Transfiguration* was written by Sufjan Stevens (b. 1975) and can be found on the *Seven Swans* cd. It is a

magical setting of today's Gospel reading. Sufjan's songs are refreshingly original, both lyrically and musically. He does not limit himself stylistically, but varies from album to album, due in part to his instrumental skills (he plays banjo, oboe, English horn, guitar and drums). While not a household name, you may have heard his recordings, which have been featured on the soundtracks for the Oscar nominated films *Little Miss Sunshine* and *Call Me by Your Name*. The acapella version sung this morning was arranged by Virginia for the West Gallery Choir's first trip to the National Cathedral.

In case you missed previous **Music at St. James's**, here are links:

- 9/20 Liz Nance– A Celtic Blessing (M. Whitmire)  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIr4o8ddtUFgkFHcKIguFKQ>
- 9/27 Knox Hubbard– What good am I? (Dylan)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_1DFF7VFCtg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_1DFF7VFCtg)
- 10/4 Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane - O praise the Lord who made all beauty (Hopson)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z93KIAKV3RA>
- 10/11 Heather Jones– I will sing new songs of gladness (Dvorak)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iLw5hBePEIA>
- 10/18 Nathan Bick - Then shall the righteous shine (Mendelssohn)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7WUd5clKAg>
- 10/25 Diane Wright, Sam Zimmer, Knox Hubbard, Scott Milstead - Come to Jesus  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjrwwu1uzRY>
- 11/1 Elisabeth Eckstein, Julianne Eckstein - I sing a song of the saints of God  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WSZea3DcE_E)
- 11/15 Lisa Edward Burrs, Anthony Dowd, Matt Hall, Aaron Binder - He's got the whole world  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o-tlLclKc0>
- Molly Sharp, Roberts Wadsworth - Be thou my vision (arr. M. Whitmire)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87qrIBykLo>
- 11/22 Massie Valentine, Hank Artz, Scott Milstead, Molly Sharp – O love that will not let me go  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Z-jST1ek3M>
- 11/29 Chamber Choir – E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come (Manz)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcLDfky6IUM&feature=youtu.be>

### **Virtual Choir Links**

Sicut cervus (Palestrina)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SBE828xCRwE&fbclid=IwAR0Eljn2KQj99I1q6sEhxU3qbbkOO0XEq14ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake (Farrant)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yqELCw0uXsU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0Eljn2KQj99I1q6sEhxyU3qbbkOO0XEq14ggUBAuHU3h3Tfv-Tbcae6pY>

If ye love me (Tallis)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fDGaKW-A2zg&feature=youtu.be>

Ubi caritas (Gjelo)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P0FrP0CrEmc&feature=youtu.be>

In the bleak midwinter (Holst)

<https://youtu.be/uxjvp9FdDsw>

We shall walk through the valley in peace (Undine Smith Moore), with Norfolk State Choir

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR27J3XzJOzhtFqQ48It3I8ovDVubLq\\_clCYVkPzlYHKlMnfpXcww6\\_SLBY&v=jr6JU9dDUAY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR27J3XzJOzhtFqQ48It3I8ovDVubLq_clCYVkPzlYHKlMnfpXcww6_SLBY&v=jr6JU9dDUAY&feature=youtu.be)