



## St. James's Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2022

9:00 a.m.

### Holy Eucharist Rite II

*Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.*

*After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Prelude:** Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johannes Brahms

**Hymn 460 (vs. 1-4):** *Hyfrydol*, "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

### The Word of God

#### Opening Acclamation

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

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

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

#### Collect for Purity

*Celebrant*

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 S280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 217

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.*

## Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord

*People* Thanks be to God

## Psalm 99 *Dominus regnavit*

BCP 728

*Remaining seated, the People read the Psalm by half verse.*

The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; \*

he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*

he is the Holy One.

“O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*

he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

**Hymn 129 (vs. 1-2):** *Mowsley*, “Christ upon the mountain peak”

**Gospel:** Luke 9:28-43a

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, 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.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Children’s Procession** (*Children follow the clergy into the Children’s Chapel. Please note, masks are required for all Children’s Chapel participants.*)

**Hymn 129 (vs. 3-4):** *Mowsley*, “Christ upon the mountain peak”

**Sermon:** Taylor Sibley

**Nicene Creed**

*BCP 358*

*The people stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People, Form III**

*BCP 387*

Let us kneel together in prayer and open our hearts to God.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

### *Leader and People*

Mary Lee Allen, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Hylah Boyd, Stacy Burrs, John Cook, Karen Cook, John Downing, Tommy Edwards, Tom Evelyn, Jamie Gugino, Anne Heffner, Leigh Hulcher, Benny Ivy, Dave Johnson, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Bunky Miller, J.D. Monk, Linda Owen, Linda Pharis, Carol Piersol, Thomas Porterfield II, Henry Seaman, Chuck Silva, Parker Skidmore, Bradford Smith, Cora Sue Spruill, Jessie Sumrell, Mark Thomas, Anne Turnbull, Bobbie Ukrop, Erin Wright, Ben and Eloise, Ace, David, and Melissa

*The Leader continues.*

### *Celebrant*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

*BCP 360*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### *Celebrant and People*

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.*

### *Celebrant*

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.*

## **Peace**

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

*People* And also with you.

## **Greeting and Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.*

### **Offering of Gifts and Praise**

*To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.*

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!

*During the singing of the Doxology, the children may come forward to the Chancel to see the celebration of the Eucharist.*

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

### **Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B**

*BCP 367*

*The People stand as able.*

*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 him thanks and praise.

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S129**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*Celebrant*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.



We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, James, our patron, and all the saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*As the children return to their parents, the people sing.*

Hymn 417, v. 3: *Festival Canticle*, "This is the feast of victory"

## **Music at Communion**

Anthem: My God! the spring of all my joys Am. Hymn, arr. Alice Parker

My God! the spring of all my joys,  
the life of my delights;  
the glory of my brightest days  
and comfort of my nights.

In darkest shades, if he appears  
my dawning is begun;  
He is my soul's sweet morning star  
and he my rising sun.

My soul would leave this heavy clay  
at his transporting word;  
run up with joy the shining way  
to embrace my dearest Lord.

## **Special Celebrations and Prayers**

*People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*BCP 365*

*Please kneel as able.*

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Epiphany Blessing**

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

**Hymn 135:** *Salzburg*, “Songs of thankfulness and praise”

## **Dismissal**

*People*      Thanks be to God.

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Eleanor Williams Oppenheimer, Henry Wise Oppenheimer,  
Henry Wise Oppenheimer, Jr., and Eleanor Oppenheimer McGehee*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* Taylor Sibley

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Deacon:* The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

*Assisting:* The Reverend Hilary Streever

*Assisting:* Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

*Lectors:* Sarah Burris, Anne Hubbard

*Prayers of the People/Collects:* Sadie Webb

*Oblation Bearers/Youth Ushers:* Gabrielle Strickler, Thomas Strickler

*Acolytes:* Annalise Rider, Isabelle Rider, Hank Warner

*IWC Greeter:* Becky DeCamps

*Musicians:* West Gallery Choir

*Soloists:* George Bishop, Trey Sibley, Diane Wright

*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 healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers*

*For those serving in our Armed Forces:* especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey

*For justice and reconciliation among all the peoples of this earth and all who work toward that end:* especially for our efforts here at St. James's through Sacred Ground and our Becoming Beloved Community Ministry, that you would grant us the grace, humility, and courage necessary to engage in such work.

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Sherwood Bowditch, Duncan Buoyer, Brian Callaghan, Fenton Crowther, Walter Jones, and Rob Mitchell

*For those who have died recently:* especially Edward A. Leake, Jr. and Stephen Sargent

## **Stephen Ministry**

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about

Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Blake Singer ([bsinger@doers.org](mailto:bsinger@doers.org)) or Jane Dowrick ([dowhitz52@gmail.com](mailto:dowhitz52@gmail.com)).

*Stephen Ministers:* Ellen Buoyer, Bennette Burks, Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Russell Lawson, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

*Stephen Leaders:* Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard, Blake Singer, and Chamie Valentine

## Music Notes



*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*.

*My God, the spring of all my joys* is an early-American folk hymn-tune (*Tranquility*) arranged by Alice Parker, the composer and arranger closely associated with the late conductor Robert Shaw. The text is by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), who is often called the "father of English hymnody." Watts wrote 400 hymns and nearly 200 paraphrases of psalms, eleven of which appear in *Hymnal 1982*. They include "O God our help in ages past," "Before the Lord's eternal throne," "Joy to the world," "When I survey the wondrous cross," and "Jesus shall reign where e're the sun."

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