

March 2, 2025

10:30 am

The Last Sunday of Epiphany: Transfiguration

Opening Hymn “All Creatures of Our God and King”

St. Francis of Assisi, V. Williams

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam
thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav’n along
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising moon in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
and praise the Spirit, three in One
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him, alleluia! alleluia! alleluia

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,
People ***That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.***

The 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.***

The Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

The Gloria in Excelsis

All ***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.

The Collect

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 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.*

The First Lesson is from the Book of Exodus, chapter 34, beginning to read at verse 29.

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 99 *Let us read this Psalm responsively by half verse.*

- 1 The LORD is King; let the peoples tremble; *
 he sits between the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion *
 and high above all peoples.
- 3 They shall give thanks unto his Name, which is great and wonderful; *
 holy is he and mighty, a King who loves justice.
- 4 You have established equity; *
 you have executed judgment and righteousness in Jacob.

- 5 O magnify the LORD our God, *
and fall down before his footstool, for he is holy.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his
 Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he heard them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the cloudy pillar, *
for they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.
- 8 You heard them, O LORD our God; *
you forgave them, O God, yet punished their evildoings.
- 9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his holy hill, *
for the LORD our God is holy.

Psalmist This is the Word of the Lord.

People *Alleluia! Thanks be to God.*

The second lesson is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, beginning to read at verse 27.

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. **13** If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. ⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰ but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (ESV)

Reader This is the Word of the Lord.

People *Alleluia! Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Song, “Ancient Words”

Lynn De Shazo

Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. (2x)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, Chapter 9, beginning to read at verse 28.

People ***Glory to You, Lord Christ.***

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen. (ESV)

Celebrant This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Alleluia! Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

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Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. Ancient words, ever true, changing me, changing you; we have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. We have come with open hearts, O let the ancient words impart. O let the ancient words impart.

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Chuck Thebeau

Celebrant Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

All ***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.***

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Celebrant Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”

Psalmist For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For Steve, our Archbishop; Clark, our Bishop; Chuck and Josiah, our priests; and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist Strengthen your Church for her witness and work in the world. Today we lift-up Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Metairie, LA. We ask your anointing upon Archbishop Lamido; and the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans around the world. We especially pray that you would empower our sister parish, Christ Church Jerusalem, as an instrument for your peace in Jerusalem, Israel, and the Middle East.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People ***Hear our prayer.***

Psalmist For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially at this time we lift-up those affected by the fires in California.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Psalmist For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

Psalmist Lord, in your mercy:

People **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession and Absolution of Sin

Celebrant Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence

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, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

The Peace

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

The Offertory

Celebrant Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Offertory Song "Glory Glory (God Is Able)"

David Crowder, Ed Cash

Glory glory I've been singing
Since I laid my burden down
Glory glory I've been singing
Since I laid my burden down

Chorus: I'm singing hallelujah God is able
Hallelujah God is faithful
Hallelujah Lord I'm gonna sing

I feel better so much better
Since I laid my burden down
I feel better so much better
Since I laid oh Lord I laid my burden down (*Chorus*)

Bridge: As long as I'm alive there's gonna be praising
As long as I'm alive there's gonna be shouting
One thing that I know deep down in my soul
As long as I'm alive I'm gonna sing (*Chorus*)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, praise Him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours is the Kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O LORD,

People ***And of your own have we given you.***

1 CHRONICLES 29:11, 14

The Sursum Corda

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them up 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, our duty and our joy, 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:

The Sanctus

“Sanctus”

“Sanctus” Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. (2x)

Men sing: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Ladies sing: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (2x)

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

The Prayer of Consecration

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me.”

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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.

Celebrant And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

All 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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

The Agnus Dei

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People ***have mercy on us.***

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People ***have mercy on us.***

Celebrant Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

People ***grant us your peace.***

The Ministration of Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

“O Come to the Altar”

Steven Furtick, Chris Brown, Wade Joye, Mack Brock

Are you hurting and broken within overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling. Have you come to the end of yourself? Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling.

Chorus: O come to the altar, The Father’s arms are open wide. Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes. Come today there’s no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy. From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling. (*Chorus x2*)

Communion Songs "My Hallelujah"

Aodhan King, Hannah McClure, Paul McClure

I may not understand
But I can hardly stand in Your presence
I fall to my knees
The weight of endless glory
It's almost too much for me to bear
What else could compare

Chorus: Let my hallelujah be a heart surrendered
Let my whole life sing
How I love You I love You
When my words fall short
And I have nothing more
Let my whole life sing
How I love You I love You

There's nothing I could say
When there's nothing left to pray
It's Your Spirit that rises within me
It's deeper than my thoughts
Better than my best of intentions
Oh deep cries to deep (*Chorus*)

Bridge: You can have all my moments
All my days
I give You all my worship Jesus

“A Thousand Hallelujahs”

Brooke Ligertwood, Scott Ligertwood, Phil Wickham

Who else would rocks cry out to worship
Whose glory taught the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Chorus: With a thousand hallelujahs we magnify Your Name
You alone deserve the glory the honor and the praise
Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs and a thousand more

Who else would die for our redemption
Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try (*Chorus*)

Bridge: Praise to the Lord to the Lamb
To the King of Heaven
Praise for He rose now He reigns
We will sing forever (*x2, Chorus*)

“Where The Power Is”

Brandon Lake, Cody Carnes, Kristian Stanfill

Today I live in freedom
It hasn't always been this way
I was blinded by the darkness
I was bound in heavy chains
But there inside that prison
I met a man I can't forget
Now I know where the power is

I know it might sound crazy
But that man is in the room
And the way that He has changed me
He can do the same for you
Yeah, He's got a reputation
He's been known to raise the dead
Yeah, I know where the power is

Chorus: It's in the blood, sweet blood
It's in the blood, sweet blood
Miracle wonder working power
It'll always be enough
It's in the blood, sweet blood

Never stop believing
You don't have to stay the same
Go on and reach your hands to Heaven
There is healing in his name
Yeah, hear the call of Jesus say
It's time to live again
Yes, I know where the power is (*Chorus*)

Bridge: It's never gonna lose its power, sweet blood
It's never gonna lose its power, sweet blood
If you've been washed, if you've been saved
If you've been raised up from the grave
Go on and testify
Lord, I got to testify
Yeah, what you've done in my life

I was lost but You found me
I was blind now I see (*Chorus, Bridge*)

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Birthday and Anniversary Prayers

The Blessing

Closing Hymn “Alleluia Sing to Jesus”

William Chatterton Dix

Alleluia sing to Jesus
His the sceptre his the throne
Alleluia his the triumph
His the victory alone
Hark the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation
Has redeemed us by his blood

Alleluia King eternal
Thee the Lord of lords we own
Alleluia born of Mary
Earth Thy footstool heaven Thy throne
Thou within the veil hast entered
Robed in flesh our great high priest
Thou on earth both priest and victim
In the Eucharistic feast

Words of Dismissal

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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