

Transfiguration Sunday

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are new to our congregation: Please let us know by getting a name tag at the Welcome Center outside and completing a newcomer card, found either at the Welcome Center or in the pew rack in front of you.

Childcare is available: During the service, infants to age 5 are welcome in the Nursery, located on the first floor of the education wing, accessed through the double doors by the elevator.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

If you read music: if there is a number next to the title of the hymn, the music will be in our blue Hymnal, which is in the pew rack. Hymn numbers with an "S" in front are in the front section of the Hymnal, all others are sequential in the main section.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Getting to know each other: Following the service we welcome **everyone** for coffee and refreshments in Kirk Hall, which is up the ramp archway across from the doors of the sanctuary, and to the right.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagios from the Sonatas

F. Mendelssohn

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

GATHERING HYMN

O Wondrous Type!

H 137 vs 1-3

[Please stand when the chimes sound.]

***O wondrous type! O vision fair of glory that the church may share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows, where brighter than the sun he glows!***

***With Moses and Elijah nigh the incarnate Lord holds converse high;
and from the cloud, the Holy One bears record to the only Son.***

***With shining face and bright array, Christ deigns to manifest today
what glory shall be theirs above who joy in God with perfect love.***

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Please be seated.]

ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

☩ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

☩ And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

🔊 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Refrain

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!***

***As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:***

Refrain

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G **And also with you.**

P 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.

G **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

THE READINGS: Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 99, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

[*Please be seated.*]

The First Reading

L The First Reading is taken from *Exodus, chapter 24*...

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there. I'll give you the stone tablets with the instructions and the commandments that I've written in order to teach them."

So Moses and his assistant Joshua got up, and Moses went up God's mountain. Moses had said to the elders, "Wait for us here until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur will be here with you. Whoever has a legal dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The Lord's glorious presence settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day the Lord called to Moses from the cloud. To the Israelites, the Lord's glorious presence looked like a blazing fire on top of the mountain. Moses entered the cloud and went up the mountain. Moses stayed on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

L The Word of the Lord

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

[Tune: *Jesus Shall Reign*]

***You are the Holy One, O Lord;
Your Name is great, let all confess:
“Lover of justice, mighty one,
You have established righteousness.”***

***We will proclaim your majesty
And worship you, the Holy Lord;
For Moses, Aaron, Samuel, too,
Once called on you and heard your word.***

***Out of the cloud you spoke to them;
They kept your law and your decrees.
O Lord, you answered and forgave,
Yet punished all their evil deeds.***

***Proclaim God’s greatness and bow down,
And worship on God’s holy hill;
You are the Lord, our sovereign God,
The Holy One, our Savior still.***

The Second Reading

📖 *The Second Reading is taken from 2 Peter chapter 1...*

We didn’t repeat crafty myths when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Quite the contrary, we witnessed his majesty with our own eyes. He received honor and glory from God the Father when a voice came to him from the magnificent glory, saying, “This is my dearly loved Son, with whom I am well-pleased.”

We ourselves heard this voice from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. In addition, we have a most reliable prophetic word, and you would do well to pay attention to it, just as you would to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

Most important, you must know that no prophecy of scripture represents the prophet’s own understanding of things, because no prophecy ever came by human will. Instead, men and women led by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

ACCLAMATION
[Please stand.]

Epiphany Alleluia

Sing twice

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

The Gospel

D The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

G **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

D Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain. He was transformed in front of them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as light.

Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, “Lord, it’s good that we’re here. If you want, I’ll make three shrines: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, look, a bright cloud overshadowed them. A voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son whom I dearly love. I am very pleased with him. Listen to him!” Hearing this, the disciples fell on their faces, filled with awe.

But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Don’t tell anybody about the vision until the Human One is raised from the dead.”

D The Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Peter Lane, *Rector of St. Alfred’s Episcopal Church, Palm Harbor*

[Please be seated.]

***Thy strong word did cleave the darkness;
at thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee,
while thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia without end!***

***Give us lips to sing thy glory,
tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
throats that shout the hope that fills us,
mouths to speak thy holy name.
Alleluia! Alleluia! May the light which thou dost send
fill our songs with alleluias, alleluias without end!***

***God the Father, light-creator,
to thee laud and honor be.
To thee, Light of Light begotten,
praise be sung eternally.
Holy Spirit, light-revealer, glory, glory be to thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever praise the holy Trinity!***

NICENE CREED
[Please stand.]

☐ **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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please stand, kneel, or sit, as you prefer.]

D Let us pray for the Church and for the World.

L Lord Jesus, we pray for your church around the world. Heal the divisions among those who call on your name, so that in spite of our differences we may be a powerful witness to your self-giving love.

G **Shine on us, that we may share your mercy and grace.**

L Good Shepherd, we pray for leaders all around the globe, including those who set public policy, those who guide people, and those who serve in the armed forces. Help our leaders to care for the least among us, the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the poor, the sick and those in prison.

G **Shine on us, that we may learn your justice and peace.**

L Great Physician, comfort, soothe and bless those who endure sickness, grief or trouble. We pray especially for [read names in notebook] and for those we name, aloud or silently. [Leave time...]. We ask that all your children be kept safe from harm.

G **Shine on us, that we may never weary of reaching out to help those who suffer.**

L Eternal God, bless and receive home those who have died [especially . . . read names in notebook.] I invite you to name those on your heart, silently or aloud. [Leave time.] We pray for those who have died in political violence around the world.

G **Shine on us, that we may have the compassion to weep with those who weep.**

L Giver of all Good Gifts, we give you our deep thanks for the good things of this life: for the flowers given today by Bob & Lucy Jennings in honor of Dave Harker's return home; and by Liz and Kurt Heitmann in loving memory of Marjorie Travis and for people who have reached out to us when we were hungry, thirsty, lonely, afraid, sick or in one of life's many prisons. We ask you to bless the people of St. Alfred's Church in Palm Harbor, and we give thanks for those who are worshipping with us for the first time this month.

G **Shine on us, that we may be a blessing to this world.**

L Creating God, fill us with your Holy Spirit.

G **Shine on us, that we may live in a way that truly honors your image in us, our baptism in you, and our connection with each other. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS OF SIN

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

- ☐ Let us confess our sins to God. *[Silence is kept.]* God of all mercy . . .
- ☑ **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**
- ☐ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
- ☑ **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand.]

- ☐ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- ☑ **And also with you.** *[All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.]*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ I appeal to you, sisters and brothers, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Bring your offerings with a cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

Awake, My Heart

J. Marshall

*[Please be seated. **If this is your first time worshiping with us**, please let your offering be only the completed blue guest card, and let this service be our gift to you.]*

PRESENTATION

[Please stand when the offering plates are given to the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

PRESENTATION HYMN

As You, Lord, Have Lived for Others

***As you, Lord, have lived for others, so may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
we but stewards of your bounty held in solemn trust will be.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: *Enriching our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3*

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. 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. And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

***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. Hosanna in the Highest.***

[Please stand or kneel as you prefer.]

P Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

P We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

AI Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

P Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

C Blessed are you now and for ever.

A - me - n, a - me - n, a -
me - n, a - me - n, a - me - n.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

AI 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

P Bread and Wine: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

C May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

P 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.

[You may be seated. All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Please follow the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it's your turn to go to the altar rail. You may stand or kneel. To receive, hold your hands in front of you, one palm over the other. The priest will place a wafer there. You may either consume it immediately, and then sip from the cup of wine when it comes to you, or, you may wait and dip the wafer into the wine. When you are finished, please return to your seat by the side aisle.]

Our Prayer Team will be in the south narthex (at the back of the church) during Holy Communion to pray with you for healing, guidance, thanksgiving, for a loved one, or anything else on your heart.

COMMUNION MUSIC

[Please remain seated.]

COMMUNION CHANT *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord*

[Please repeat this chant until the musician stops playing the tune.]

***Sing, praise and bless the Lord. Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Peoples! Nations! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Let us pray...

C **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.**

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and shine with the love of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

P Beloved, life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us, so be quick to love and make haste to be kind. As you leave this place, the blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

***Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John,
we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.***

***What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there fills us with the self-same awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.***

***What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word,
"Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."***

THE DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

☑ **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso

F. Mendelssohn

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Peter Lane
Deacon	Cindy Roehl
Priest Associate	Ann Chaplin
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Pat Cates
	Aaron Pense
Chalicians	Terry Eldridge
	Indra Eldridge
Lectors	Shirley Wood
	Mary Ratliff
Prayers of the People	Indra Eldridge
Prayer Team	Carey Cheritvch
	Susan Howat
Greeters	Hilda Myers & Dottie Bellavance
Ushers	Marc Jacobson & Dan Little
Welcome Center	Shirl Ahrens & Judy Ratliff
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