

Transfiguration Sunday

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Holy Communion Rite One



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Sunday Services at 8 and 10 AM • Wed. Service at 10 AM • Sat. Service at 5 PM

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Adagios from the Sonatas

F. Mendelssohn

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACCLAMATION

[*Please stand.*] Symbols in the Bulletin **P** Priest, **D** Deacon, **C** Congregation, **L** Leader, **All** Everyone.

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

All Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy Spirit.

P Let us pray...O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C 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

℣ *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.

℣ The Word of the Lord.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

℣ *We will read responsively Psalm 99...*

℣ 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.**

℣ "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.**

The Second Reading

L *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.

L The Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel

[Please stand.]

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

G **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON

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

[Please be seated.]

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

- ☩** Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.
- ℒ** Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**
- ℒ** Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Becky, our Rector; Cindy, our Deacon; Ann, our Priest Associate; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; St. Mark's, Tampa; St. Alfred's, Palm Harbor; St. Andrew's, Spring Hill, to the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**
- ℒ** And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**
- ℒ** We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially President Trump, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children, especially those in the Middle East, might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Light and Life,
- ☩ Hear our prayer.**

L And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*Add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers. I now invite you to pray for others by name, aloud or in your hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

G Hear our prayer.

L Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. We give thanks 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 all the blessings of this life. I invite you to name a blessing either silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] God of Light and Life,

G Hear our prayer.

L And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*]. Please add names of those on your heart, silently or aloud. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Light and Life,

G Hear our prayer.

L Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

G Amen.

CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

[*Please kneel or stand.*]

D Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*]
Most merciful God, . . .

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

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto 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.

G Amen.

THE PEACE

[*Please stand.*]

P The peace of the Lord be always with you.

G And with thy spirit.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- Ⓓ I beseech 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.

[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.]

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when the offerings of bread, wine, and money are presented by the Deacon.]

- Ⓓ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge
Ⓒ **All things come from thee, O Lord and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- Ⓓ The Lord be with you.
Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**
Ⓓ Lift up your hearts.
Ⓒ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Ⓓ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Ⓒ **It is meet and right so to do.**
Ⓓ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
Ⓒ **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- Ⓓ All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
Ⓓ For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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, he 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 remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

☐ Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

☑ **And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**

☐ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

☑ **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

☑ **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

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

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

☐ 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

☞ Let us pray.

☞ **Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Please stand.]

☞ 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.

☞ **Amen.**

☞ 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
Chalicer	Ron Ellis
Lector	Laurel Banta
Prayers of the People	Ron Ellis
Prayer Team	Wendy & Brett Dickie
Greeter	Priscilla Bowman
Usher	Tony Bowman
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