

Welcome to St. John's Church



"The Transfiguration," Raphael (1516-1520)

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

*February 15, 2026
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.*

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Choral Prelude *Salvatorem expectamus* Tiburtio Massaino (c. 1550-c. 1609)
 Translation: *We look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; Who shall change our lowly body, that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious Body.*

Opening Hymn #137 *O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair*

Descant

4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair of glo - ry
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly

vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 3 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 4 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 5 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us

strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.
 3 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 4 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 5 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People **For ever and ever. Amen**

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 Kyrie *Missa Phrygia* Pompeo Cannicciari (1670-1744)
Translation: *O Lord, have mercy upon us.*
O Christ, have mercy upon us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Song of Praise, Hymn # 135 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

God be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

The 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.***

The Readings

INTRODUCTION: In the Hebrew scripture reading Moses is called up to Mount Sinai, and the glory of the Lord appears.

A Reading from Exodus (24:12-18)

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of God.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm 2 *the congregation is invited to join in the Refrain.*

Refrain

O hear and heed the voice of God.

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the LORD and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

INTRODUCTION: This reading presents the apostle Peter as he recalls his vision of Jesus in majesty on the holy mountain and the heavenly voice that announced this was God's beloved Son.

A Reading from 2 Peter (1:16-21)

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with

whom I am well pleased.” We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of God.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn #129

Christ Upon the Mountain Peak

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

INTRODUCTION: Our gospel is the story of Jesus' transfiguration.

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ
according to St. Matthew (17:1-9)**

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman, Rector

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.***

***For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
the third day he rose again***

*in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
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,
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

Let us go to the mountain of God's generosity, offering our prayers as we respond,
"Hear us, God of Glory."

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the prayers

+ That we may offer ourselves to the refashioning hands of the Divine Potter, who centers, molds, and changes us into vessels of grace; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That we may admit our faults, our desire to keep things as they are and to return to things that never were, so that when Christ invites us into a transformed life, we may readily answer his call; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For a vigorous spirit of mutual cooperation and unity, that we may treasure the common ground which we share with the whole Anglican Communion, and work together to share in the fruits of God's kingdom across our nations, cultures, tribes, and peoples; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For the cessation of war, that armaments of destruction may be made into tools for development, and that resources spent on the fields of battle may instead support the basic necessities of life; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ For a commitment to a life of simplicity, that we may preserve for generations to come the beauty of land and seas and sky, and the complexity of every living creature; let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

+ That those who have died may experience the blessed rest of everlasting peace;

let us pray.

Hear us, God of Glory.

Continue to mold us into your perfect wholeness as we add to these prayers, either silently in our hearts or aloud in our midst.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. ***Amen.***

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

***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, stands and says

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, but also time for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

The Peace

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of God be always with you.

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

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with one of the sentences of Scripture.

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2.*

Offertory Anthem *Shine Your Light* Michael Whitney Brown (*contemporary*)

Texts: *Shine your light; shine your light!*
In a world filled with darkness, shine your light!

*Lift it high and shine it bright!
Let it burn throughout the night!
You can start where you are; shine your light!
We can save the broken, the battered and the weak.
Protect all the people from dangers they may meet.
We can put an end to violence in our homes and on the street.
You can start where you are; shine your light!
Together we can do this, but we must make haste,
And never let a bruise or scar be seen on anybody's face.
Never give up on our mission to restore our dignity!
You can start where you are; shine your light!*

The Great Thanksgiving

God 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 God.

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

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.

Through your Spirit, you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus *Missa Phrygia* Pompeo Cannicciari (1670-1744)

Text: *Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may wish to sit or kneel for the consecration prayer

Then the Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care
 that we might be your faithful stewards
 and show forth your bountiful grace.
 But we failed to honor your image
 in one another and in ourselves;
 we would not see your goodness in the world around us;
 and so we violated your creation,
 abused one another, and rejected your love.
 Yet you never ceased to care for us,
 and prepared the way of salvation for all people.
 Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.
 You delivered us from slavery,
 sustained us in the wilderness,
 and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.
 Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word,
 made mortal flesh in Jesus.
 Born into the human family,
 and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.
 Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
 he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.
 On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,
 and when he had given thanks to you,
 he broke it, and gave it to his friends,
 and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all
 for the forgiveness of sins.
 Whenever you drink it,
 do this for the remembrance of me."

Cantor then People



Remembering his death and resurrection,

we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine.
 By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
 the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.
 Grant that we who share these gifts
 may be filled with the Holy Spirit
 and live as Christ's Body in the world.
 Bring us into the everlasting heritage
 of your daughters and sons,
 that with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron,
 and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come,
 we may praise your Name for ever.
 Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.***

Fraction Anthem S # 154

Christ Our Passover

Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.



Agnus Dei *Missae Phrygia* Pompeo Cannicciari (1670-1744)

Text: *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.*
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

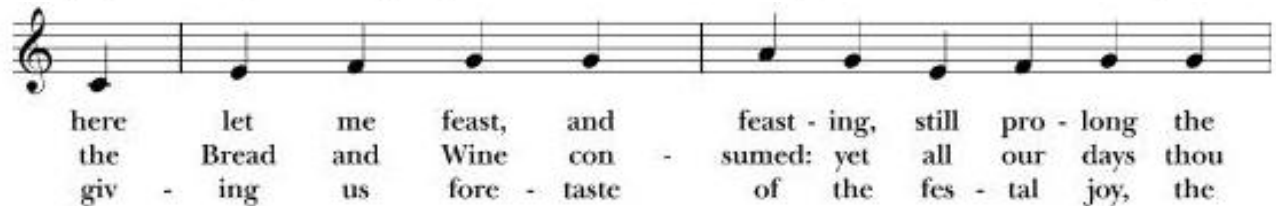
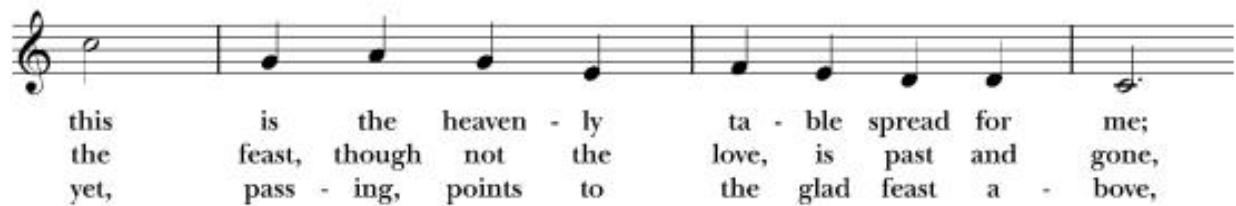
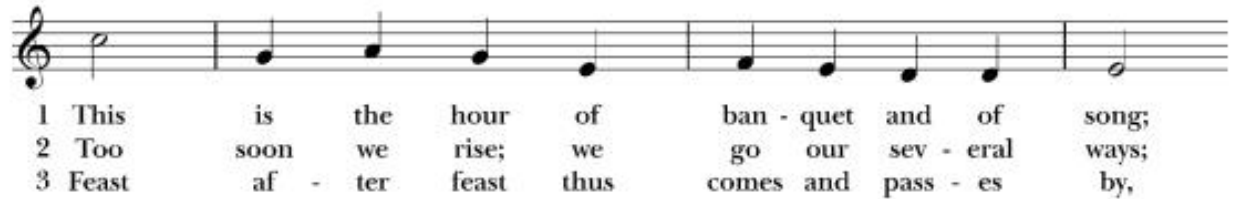
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation.

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.

All baptized Christians of all ages and denominations are welcome to receive Communion in this place. This is God's house and the Lord's table, not ours

INSTRUCTIONS: *Those wishing to receive Communion should come forward to the Altar rail as directed. Please speak with an Usher if you need to receive Communion in the pew. The consecrated host will be placed in the hands or upon the tongue of the recipient, as desired. If one wishes intinction, then either the chalice bearer or the communicant may take the host and dip it in the wine. Otherwise, communicants may sip from the chalice, assisting by taking hold of its base. If the communicant does not wish to receive the wine, one can simply cross their arms across their chest after receiving the bread so to indicate.*

Communion Hymn # 316 *This is the Hour of Banquet and of Song*



Let us pray.

*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 continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.*

The Priest gives the blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn # 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in five numbered parts, with some parts marked with an asterisk (*). The lyrics are: 1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the; *2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we; 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on; 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the; *5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the; 1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the; 2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is; 3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the; 4 Lord of lords we own: Al - le - lu - ia! born of; 5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the.

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Ministers Today:

The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman: *Celebrant & Preacher*

Tom Brand: *Organist & Choirmaster*

Jay Bauer: *8:00 Reader*

Karen Saxe: *10:00 Reader*

Laura Daly: *Chalicer*

Laura Daly: *VeeJay*

MB Witt, Corinne Johnson: *Altar Guild*

Karen Saxe; Natalie Dyer: *Ushers/Greeters*

Veronique Dulack: *Coffee Hour*



ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGY

February 18th, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Choral Mass with the Imposition of Ashes

In-person and online live streaming