



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany:

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

February 23, 2020 • 10:30 am

Saint George's Episcopal Church • Arlington, Virginia

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE *Alleluyas (1965)* Simon Preston (b.1938)
*At his feet the six-winged Seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye, Veil their faces to the Presence, as we ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high. (Liturgy of St. James.)*

RECTOR'S GREETING

INTROIT *Standing in the need of prayer* *African-American Spiritual*

HYMN 135 Songs of thankfulness and praise *Salzburg*

SALUTATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

GLORIA (HYMN OF PRAISE) S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12-18

All are seated

Lector: A reading from Exodus

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 (*Dominus regnavit*)

Choir first, then all sing antiphon as indicated.



Pro- claim, pro-claim the great - ness of the Lord our God; he is the Ho-ly One.

Antiphon

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.

Antiphon

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

Lector: A reading from the Second Letter of Peter

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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 129

Christ upon the mountain peak

Mowsley

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

THE REVEREND SHEARON SYKES WILLIAMS

A brief period of silence

THE NICENE CREED

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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

BY DONNA CAMPAGNA

Let us pray for the Church and for the world. As our celebration of the Epiphany season comes to a close today, we give thanks for our Savior, Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Lord, humble each of our hearts this morning and every day of our lives to understand the enormity of your gift.
Leader: Lamb of God *People:* **You take away the sin of the world.**

Help each of us with every new day, Lord, to truly, humbly, love and compassionately care for one another, in our homes, in our families, within our Church family, within our country and throughout our world. Guide us with your perfect love.

Leader: Open our hearts, Lord. *People:* **to serve you well.**

We give thanks for the gift of all who serve so faithfully at Saint George's: for our clergy, Shearon and John, our Minister of Music, Ben and our devoted Choir. We pray and give thanks for our Presiding Bishop, Michael, and our Diocesan Bishops, Susan, Jennifer, Ted and David. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for _____.

Leader: We are deeply blessed. *People:* **Thanks be to God.**

We give thanks, Lord, for fresh air to breathe and for the beautiful land upon which we live. We are humble guardians of this planet and we, for our time here, are called to be your caretakers in this incredible world by leaving it just a little bit better each day.

Leader: Lord of all Creation. *People:* **We pray; for eyes to see, hearts to care and strength and focus to protect and restore.**

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit; for those who are ill, for those who are in pain of any kind, for all who hunger, for all who live in danger, for all who are persecuted, and especially today we pray for those on our parish prayer list _____ and those we now name aloud or in the silence of our hearts. May your healing spirit strengthen and renew them.

Leader: May Christ's love protect, comfort, heal and restore them: *People:* **And bring them peace.**

We lift in prayer those who have died _____ Carry them, we pray, gently home into your loving arms into the joy of new and eternal life. Be comfort, Lord, we pray, to all who grieve and suffer in their loss. Bring healing to their broken hearts.

Leader: We pray. *People:* **Be their peace.**

We give thanks and we celebrate this morning with members of our families and our church family who celebrate Birthdays and Wedding and Baptismal Anniversaries this week.

Leader: With all our hearts ***People:* We give thanks to you, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

A brief period of silence

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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.

People: **Amen.**

THE PEACE

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

If you would prefer to make an online offering, text "STGEORGES" to 73256. Clicking the link will allow you to complete your gift.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Prayer for Transfiguration Day*

John Weaver (b. 1937)

*O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Christ, your Son,
you have confirmed the mystery of the faith by the testimony of the apostles. I
n the voice that came from the bright cloud you proclaimed him to be your Son, and told us to heed his teachings.
O God, make us heirs with Christ, in his glory forevermore, Alleluia. Amen.*

PRESENTATION HYMN



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be

fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer B*)

(*Red Book of Common Prayer P 367*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al-so 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...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

Celebrant: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; ...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, 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People: **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said

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. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Bread and Wine are distributed to the communicants. Communion may be received around the Altar platform. Gluten-free wafers and chalice are available; please make your need known to the priest. If you do not wish to receive communion, please come forward with arms crossed to receive a blessing. Intercessory prayer is offered during the administration of communion in the small sacristy room to the right of the baptismal font.

AT THE COMMUNION

Anthem *O nata lux*

Morten Lauridsen (b. 1943)

O nata lux de lumine,
Jesu redemptor saeculi,
Dignare clemens supplicum
Laudes precesque sumere.

*O Light born of Light,
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
with loving-kindness deign to receive
suppliant praise and prayer.*

Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus es pro perditis,
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis.

*Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh
for the sake of the lost,
grant us to be members
of thy blessed body.*

Hymn 324 Let all mortal flesh keep silent

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

THE BLESSING

1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
 4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,
 al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
 al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
 al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
 at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;
 in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
 here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
 for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
 there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

THE DISMISSAL

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Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott, Op. 122, no. 7

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

All are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall
(Exit left of the pulpit and proceed straight ahead)

Saint George's is a Place for All.

We welcome everyone — no exceptions — because we believe that inclusion is a Gospel value.

Together we make up the Body of Christ,
 and your presence with us increases the richness of our worship experience.

We are glad YOU are here!