

ST. GEORGE'S ON-THE-HILL ANGLICAN CHURCH
Transfiguration Sunday (The Last Sunday after the Epiphany)

Sunday, February 15, 2026, 10:30am Holy Eucharist

Prelude: I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. M. Hogan

Welcome & Announcements

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY
We gather with song and prayer as the People of God

Opening Hymn: How Good, Lord to Be Here

PLEASE STAND

1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, shine with unborrowed light.
2. How good, Lord, to be here, your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, your messengers of old.
3. Fulfiller of the past and hope of things to be,
We hail your body glorified, and our redemption see!
4. Before we taste of death, we see your kingdom come:
We long to hold the vision bright and make this hill our home!
5. How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But, since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Words: Joseph Armitage Robinson, 1888, alt. Music: Charles Lockhart 1792; desc. Sydney H. Nicholson 1947.

The Apostolic Greeting & Opening Prayer

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Almighty God,

People: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Song of Praise: Song of Creation (Benedicite Omnia Opera)



1. All you works of the Lord glo-ri - fy the Lord,
2. All you ang - els of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
3. Let the earth bless the Lord, glo-ri - fy the Lord,
4. Let the peo - ple of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
5. God - the Fa - ther, we sing: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



In the fir - ma - ment, glo-ri - fy the Lord
Sun and moon and stars glo-ri - fy the Lord,
All you beasts of the wild glo-ri - fy the Lord,
All you ser - vants of God glo-ri - fy the Lord,
God the Son, we - ex - alt: glo-ri - fy the Lord,



Praise and mag - ni - fy, glo - ry fy the
Night and day bless the Lord, glo - ri - fy the
All you birds of the air glo - ri - fy the
All you hum - ble of heart glo - ri - fy the
God the Spi - rit, we praise: glo - ri - fy the



Lord, glo - ri - fy the Lord.
Lord, glo - ri - fy the Lord

Music: J. Berthier
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The Prayer of the Day

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

We read and respond to God's message in scripture

PLEASE BE SEATED

Read by John Knowles

First Reading: Galatians 3:26-28

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Church in Galatia.

Brothers and sisters, in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Psalm 99 (Tune: St Anne CP #528)

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED & JOIN IN SINGING

The LORD God reigns — let nations shake and tremble before God;
Let all earth shake — God sits enthroned between the cherubim.

The LORD is great in Zion, and all nations God does own.
Let nations praise Your awesome name; God's holy — God alone.

Exalt the LORD, our mighty God, and worship at God's throne.
Come worship at God's footstool, for God's holy — God alone.

Exalt the LORD, the LORD our God and worship at God's throne.
Come worship at God's holy hill; God's holy — God alone.

Second Reading: Excerpt from "I Have a Dream"

Read by Janice Knowles

An Excerpt from Martin Luther King Jr's "I Have a Dream" Speech, given on August 28, 1963 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

I say to you today, my friends . . . [that in spite of] the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal."

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day down in Alabama . . . [with its governor's] lips dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, one day right down in Alabama little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning, "My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring." . . .

. . . [W]hen we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, "Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!"

(Please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Gospel Acclamation

PLEASE STAND

1. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
2. Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!
3. Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

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3. Praise be to you, Lord Je - sus Christ!

le - lu - ia!
Je - sus Christ!
Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

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Alleluia, alleluia!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: (sing verse 2) **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: (sing verse 3) **Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Praise be to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Sermon: Brainerd Blyden-Taylor

(After the sermon, please keep a period of silence for reflection)

Choir Anthem: Deep River

arr. R. N. Dett

Affirmation of Faith: The Creed of the Church of Philippi

PLEASE STAND

Presider: Let us stand and confess our faith in the words which St. Paul gave to the Church of Philippi.
(Philippians 2:6-11)

People: **We believe that, though he was divine, Jesus did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Presider: Having reaffirmed our faith, let us offer our prayers to God.

The Prayers of the People*Led by John Knowles*

Please respond to the petition "We pray to God," with the response, "let the light of Christ shine on us all."

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

(We encourage you to share a sign of peace with those around you as you are comfortable)

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

We share God's banquet of love for this community of faith

Offertory Hymn: CP #80 We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

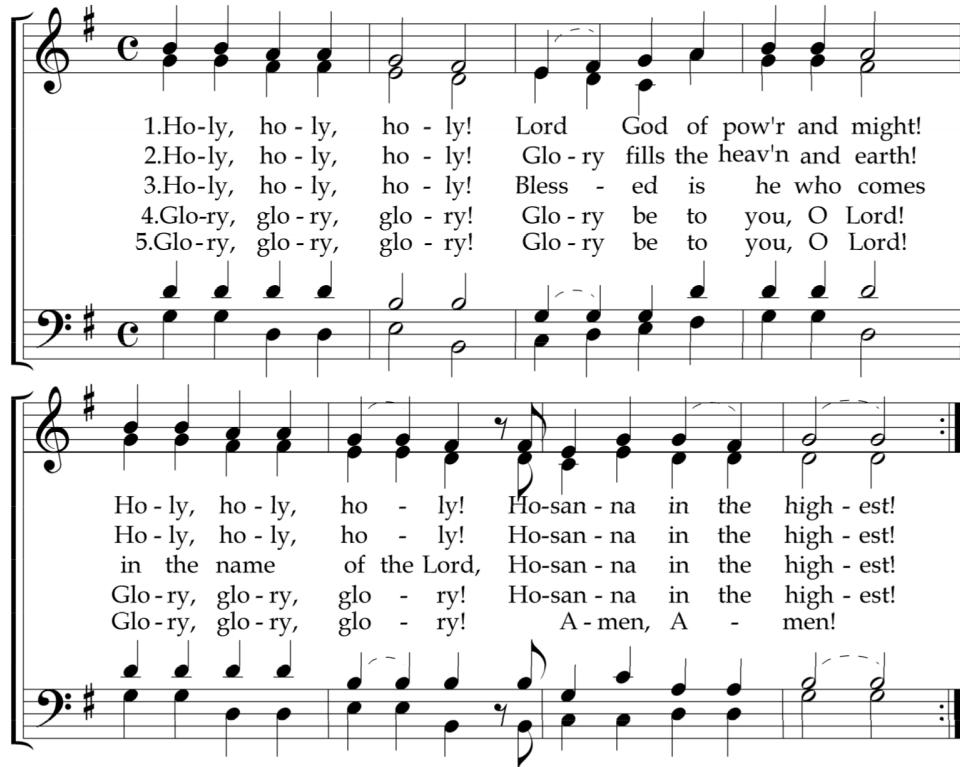
1. We hail thee now, O Jesus: thy presence here we own,
Though sight and touch have failed us, and faith perceives alone.
Thy love has veiled thy glory and hid thy power divine,
In mercy to our weakness, beneath an earthly sign.
2. We hail thee now, O Jesus: in silence hast thou come,
For all the hosts of heaven with wonderment are dumb--
So great the condescension, so marvellous the love,
Which for our sakes, O Saviour, have drawn thee from above.
3. We hail thee now, O Jesus: for law and type have ceased,
And thou in each communion art sacrifice and priest.
We make this great memorial in union, Lord, with thee,
And plead thy death and passion to cleanse and set us free.
4. We hail thee now, O Jesus: for death is ever near,
And in thy presence only its terrors disappear.
Dwell with us, living Saviour, and guide us through the night,
Till shadows end in glory, and faith is lost in sight.

Prayer over the Gifts

The Eucharistic Prayer

Presider: God is here.
People: God will never forsake us.
Presider: We lift our hearts.
People: With soul and strength, we lift them to the Lord.
Presider: God's goodness never ends.
People: And thanksgiving will never cease.

The Presiding Celebrant acclaims the life-giving power of God in the story of salvation and calls on us to join all creation in the song of the angels. We then sing verses 1-3 of the Sanctus:



Presider: Sovereign Lord God, you revealed your eternal love for all your creatures in the gift of Your Son, Jesus, whom you sent to reconcile creation and make it new. With acts of love and compassion, he gave hope to those who were filled with despair. The enemies of justice and mercy pursued him to death.

On the night before his death, after eating the Passover with his friends, Jesus did something new. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this always in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, 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 re-living of my life."

**People: (sing verse 4) Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!
Glory, glory, glory! Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: And so, Loving God, as we gather around this table, joyfully responding to his commandment, and as we share the bread and cup of Christ's liberating love, we renew our faith as we proclaim:

All: **The enemies of evil, sin and death will be defeated,
and we will share in the victory of our redemption
in God's reign in all the world.**

Presider: We therefore pray you to breathe your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these gifts that we lift up to you: this bread, this cup. Make them, with us, visible signs and symbols of your abiding love and presence among all your people, as we strive to respond to your mission in the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory, praise and power is yours, Creator of all, from generation to generation.

People: *(sing verse 5) Glory, glory, glory! Glory be to you, O Lord!
Glory, glory, glory! Amen, amen!*

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Song for the Breaking of the Bread

1,2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have
mer - cy on us. 3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

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The Communion

PLEASE BE SEATED

*All who seek God in Christ are welcome to receive the sacrament of holy communion.
If you would prefer a blessing, simply fold your arms across your chest to indicate this.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

Music during Communion: Let Us Break Bread Together

arr. R. N. Dett

Prayer after Communion

PLEASE STAND

The Doxology

Presider: Glory to God,
All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from
generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

PLEASE JOIN IN SINGING

1. We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place,
Where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain,
Searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.
2. Light breaks in upon our darkness; splendour bathes the flesh-joined Word;
Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
3. Strengthened by this glimpse of glory, fearful lest our faith decline,
We like Peter find it tempting to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage to proclaim what we profess,
That our daily lives may prove us people of the God we bless.

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Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: Great Day

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