



# THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST THE TRANSFIGURATION

SUNDAY 6 AUGUST 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 7

“Christ, whose glory fills the skies”

*Ratisbon*

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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Gloria: S278

“Glory to God in the Highest”

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson: Exodus 34:29–35

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 80

*Commentary: Moses, on Mt Sinai, spent time in God's presence and the transformation he experienced as a result of this showed in his physical appearance. The Israelites were uncomfortable around Moses because the evidence of his close relationship with God reminded them of their own sinfulness. As mediator of the covenant, Moses resembled and reflected the God of glory whom he represented. And, in his reflected radiance, Moses foreshadowed the glorious Mediator of the new covenant, Jesus Christ.*

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

*Dominus regnavit*

**Antiphon** (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)



**Psalm chant**



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**.

**ANTIPHON**

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**."

**ANTIPHON**

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**.

**ANTIPHON**

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 in-/**deed**; \*  
 you were a God who forgave them,  
 yet punished them for their evil / **deeds**.

*Second half of chant:*

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**

*Commentary: In these verses, Peter emphasized two themes, the trustworthiness of the apostles' witness and the divine origin of Scripture. False teachers were attacking the faith so Peter reminded his readers that the apostles' testimony rested on historic events they had personally observed. Peter was an eyewitness to Jesus' transfiguration, which was indisputable evidence that God Himself had appointed His beloved Son to be Savior of the world and had bestowed upon Him unique honor for the task. Peter affirmed that the witness of the apostles, as well as the witness of Scripture, was from God. Until the Lord returns, Peter urged his readers to give attention to the Old Testament prophecies and to the apostles' teaching so they would not be misled by false teachers. False teaching flows from human minds. Truth flows from the heart and mind of God.*

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things. For 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 the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 129**

“Christ upon the mountain peak”

*Mowsley*

**The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28–36**

*NRSV*, p. 947

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah” —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

**The Nicene Creed**

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*Celebrant and People*

**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

*The response to each petition:*

...Incline your ear to us.

**Hear our words.**

### Confession of Sin and Absolution

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and 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.**

*The Priest stands and says*

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. **Amen.**

### The Peace

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

### Welcome and Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

“Christ, Upon the Mountain Stands”

Robert Lehman

Christ, upon the mountain stands  
Vision of the Father's blessing  
Blazing forth to all the lands,  
Saints and angels now professing,  
Alleluia!

Law and prophets have their place,  
In the cloud of wondrous glory  
Chosen witnesses of grace,  
There to see and tell the story.  
Alleluia!

God, in majesty, descends,  
Then proclaims to all before him,  
This is my beloved Son!  
Nations, come now and adore him.  
Alleluia!

Faithful hearts are lifted high.  
Joyful strains, our voices raising  
For this vision's mystery,  
Songs of wonder, hymns of praising.  
Alleluia!

~text: Mark Schweizer

### Presentation Hymn

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

### The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus: S128

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Mathias

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

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

### The Lord's Prayer

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**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

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#### Fraction Anthem: S152

*Cantor* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



*People* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

### The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

#### Communion Hymns

##### Hymn 134

"O light of Light, love given birth"

*Jesu dulcis memoria*

##### Hymn

"Jesu, Joy of our desiring"

*Werde munter*

1 Je - su, joy of our de - sir - ing, ho - ly wis - dom, love most bright.  
2 This the way where hope is guid-ing, hear what peace - ful mu - sic rings.

Drawn by thee our souls as - pir-ing, soar to un - cre - a - ted light.  
Where the flock in thee con - fid-ing, drink of joy from breath - less springs.

Word of God our flesh that fash - ioned. with the fire of life im - pas - sioned.  
Theirs is beau - ty's fair - est pleas - ure. Theirs is wis - dom's ho - liest treas - ures.

Striv - ing still to truth un - known, soar - ing, dy - ing round thy throne.  
Thou dost ev - er lead thine own, in the love of joys un - known.



**The Postcommunion Prayer**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Blessing****Closing Hymn 137**

“O wondrous type! O vision fair”

Wareham

**The Dismissal**

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

*People***Thanks be to God.****Postlude***Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard**Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon**Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Alice J. and Thomas B. Grainger.*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

**MON.- FRI., AUGUST 7-11**

- MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- VIVACE MUSIC FESTIVAL PRACTICES  
All Day! | St. James Campus

**MONDAY, AUGUST 7**

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or via Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 8**

- MEN'S AL ANON  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- VIVACE EMERGING ARTISTS  
CONCERT  
7:30 PM | St. James Church

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9**

- PARISH & COMMUNITY BLOOD  
DRIVE | SIGN UP ONLINE  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Perry Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 10**

- EVANGELISM COMMISSION MEETING  
11:00 AM | Tatum Parlor

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 11**

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 12**

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- CFRW: SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UP  
9:00-11:00 AM | TBA

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE & COOKIES  
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
10:30 AM | St. James Parish & Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the August 14<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for the September Grapevine Magazine is August 28<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

# ST. JAMES PARISH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD**

*August 15, & 24 | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | The Good Shepherd Center*

The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month and the fourth Thursday of each month. Please let us know if you would like to serve. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer! ([bmcmetry@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmetry@arris.partners)).



### **QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL**

*Saturday, August 5th | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

Just as we need air to breathe, water to drink, food to eat for our survival, our emotional and spiritual wellbeing needs silence and undistracting spaces to think, to rest, simply to be still, to listen for the moment of the Spirit. There are no rules about how to do this, just an invitation and an offering to a beautiful, sacred space in which to sit and rest. ALL ARE WELCOME!

### **VIVACE! ARTIST SHOWCASE AT ST. JAMES**

*Tuesday, August 8th | 7:30 p.m. | St. James Church*

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous virtuoso, Vivace implemented the Emerging Artists program, created to feature young rising stars of the piano in a solo recital during the festival. We are thrilled to have Rachel Breen and Sasha Kasman Laude with us this year, winners of the 2022 Honens International Piano Competition in Calgary, Canada. Join us August 8 at 7:30pm at St James Episcopal Church for a thrilling program with music by these talented artists!

For Vivace volunteer opportunities, please reach out to John Sullivan at [music@stjamesp.org](mailto:music@stjamesp.org).

### **BLOOD DRIVE**

*Wednesday, August 9th | 10:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. | Perry Hall*

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. This lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. Please be generous and be a lifesaver! We are hosting a Parish & Community Blood Drive on Aug. 9th from 10:00-3:00 p.m. to benefit the American Red Cross. We encourage our parish family to participate by signing up to donate and/or volunteer. We have several ways to support the drive even if you are not planning to give blood.

### **BREADBREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME**

*Sunday, August 20th | 10:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m. | The Clark Home*

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in August! The Clark, the Hodsdon, and the Joyner Families have teamed up to host this great event. We'll be gathering at the Clark's dock to enjoy a day of swimming and fun. Please bring whatever appetizer, side or dessert you would like to go with the entrees. We will have juice boxes, water, and some beer and wine. Don't forget to pack sunscreen and BYOC - Bring your own chair.

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