

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

AUGUST 6, 2023

The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude,

The Procession, *please stand as able.*

Come Thou Font Hymnal 686

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer, 355

Song of Praise: The *Gloria* Hymnal S278 BCP 355

The Collect of the Day

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 *please be seated.*

Note: "Glory", in a secular sense, refers to the physical appearance of someone wealthy and all decked out magnificently in accordance with their station in life. Especially in ancient times oneself revealed who one was by their appearance (which resonates today). God, in his glory, reveals his very self, which is overwhelming to humans. The veil of Moses reminds us that God can never be domesticated or controlled. God is awesome in his glory. Where have you been overwhelmed by God's glory?

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.

The Psalm 99:5-9

Note: The psalms are songs of worship, even the lamentations, since they all offer up to God the full spectrum of what it means to address God, to "pray twice" (as it has been said of hymns). This psalm is pure praise. Where have you simply stood in the presence of God with nothing but praise in your heart and your lips?

Dominus regnavit

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

6 **Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 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 Epistle: 2 Peter 1:13-21

Note: The voice of Peter, the witness of the Transfiguration, is heard here. But it is also the voice of Peter, the witness who went down from the holy mountain into our complicated lives. He points us upward and forward. Upward to the glory of God and forward to the even greater glory of God. This is hard when we feel the darkness closing in. Where have you seen God's glory even in the darkness?

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.

Sequence Hymn: *Hallelujah Hallelujah...* Hymnal 178

The Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

Note: The event of the Transfiguration is recorded in Mathew, Mark, and Luke and is a fixed feast of the church, set on August 6. But this feast, along with a handful of other fixed feasts, has what the church calls "precedence" on a Sunday. This means the ordinary readings of Proper 13 are set aside for the celebration of the Transfiguration, since this Sunday falls on August 6. Why should the Transfiguration have such precedence (along with All Saints' 11/1, Christmas 12/25, Epiphany 1/6, the Holy Name 1/1, and the Presentation 2/2)? What makes these so special?

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 Homily, The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler
Silence for reflection follows.

The Prayers of the People *Kneeling or standing.*

Blessings of Special Intention.

Greetings, News, Thanksgivings, and Acknowledgements.

Closing Prayer

Confession and Absolution

The Peace *Standing, as able.* BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Anthem *What A Wonderful World*

The Doxology, *standing.* Hymnal 380 v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Prayer A BCP 361

The Sursum Corda . kneeling or standing.

The Proper Preface of the Sunday

The *Sanctus* *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* BCP 362 S130

The People's AMEN BCP 363

The Preparation for the Distribution

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Choir Anthem *Deck Thyself* Hymnal 339

The Invitation: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please come and share in the Communion of Christ..

Postcommunion Prayer *kneeling or standing* BCP 365

The Blessing

Processional Hymn *Stand Up Stand Up...* Hymnal 561

The Dismissal Response BCP 366

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

WE PRAY FOR...

Our Parish Family, especially

✠ **MABRY FAMILY, SHARON, ANNIE, MARY, KAREN, JOSEPH, CLYDE, SARAH, EMILY, PAT, ANNA MARIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, BILL W., MARK, KIM, TED, FRED, JOHN D., SCOTT, MARTI, FRAN, DAKOTA. DEACON JUDITH & MARGARET C.**

✠ **FR . JAMIE.**

✠ **THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT'S.**

✠ **HEIDI AND RUSS,** missionaries to Chile.

Those in the Armed Forces, especially

✠ **MARNYCE, JERRY, NICK, JOYCE, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, JAKE, ROSE, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN & NATHAN**

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✠ **HEALING: HILARY, BONNIE, GRIFFEN, JESS, JOHN, JIM, DANA, SHONDA, DIANE, SANDRA, DIANE, BEVERLY, DAN, LARAMIE, DON, MARTHA, PAM, CHUCK, THOMAS, TIM, PINKIE, ROBIN, MICHELLE, TROY, MICHELLE, KIMBERLY, DALE, KATHLEEN, STEVE, JAN, ANDY, JOHN, IVY, MAEGAN, ORSON, JOANNE, SHI SHI, PAPA RED, MAX, GILL, TERRY, PATTI, PATTY, JUSTIN, MR. B, CHRIS, BRANDON, ANN, DAVID, ADRIAN, MAN AT KROGER, HEIDI, MICHAEL, LIZ, ANN, TED, CHRISTINE, BILL, PETE, ROBIN, MARY, ALEX, SANDY, TIMOTHY, DEBBIE, SAM, JIM, MARINA, DAVENA & WILLS.**

✠ **COMFORT: PAT, RYAN & PEGGY & FAMILY.**

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week.

Prayer request cards are available on the back of the pews.

Listening to God

It has sometimes been suggested that Episcopalians suffer from an "edifice complex" (playing on one of Freud's psychological categories of neurosis). We love our buildings and perhaps to a fault. If so, we are in a long tradition of not only Christians but religious people of all types not to mention those who design our own civic shrines.

Religious people in particular like to build in significant places. For example, in Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where Jesus centered his ministry there is place reputed to be "Peter's House", a location of rooms indicated by the remaining black walls of the native volcanic rock.

A modern church was constructed there, hovering over it like a spaceship with long, tenuous legs to mark the spot Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law. It is awful.

I am reminded of this when I read the account of the Transfiguration, Jesus is there in all his glory, flanked by Moses and Elijah and beheld by the amazed disciples. Peter, lost for words, suggests a building campaign to mark the event. It is underwhelming.

The Voice from the cloud offer the more appropriate response: "Listen to him!"

That is the voice of the prophets, of Hosea, of Isaiah, of Ezekiel and others: traditional sacrifices are fine, but the whole point is to listen to God when he speaks, to live into God's words, and to walk in his presence.

That is when we are transfigured more and more into the likeness of God.

Buildings, as important as they are, are secondary to all this unless they point us to God, unless they provide us as mission stations to do our work, worship stations to prepare us to walk into the world transfigured and transfiguring, listening to the One who shows us his glory and shares with us his presence.

The house of God can never be a stale memorial but always an active place where God is heard, God heals, and from which God sends.

Jamie✠

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us after the service for a potluck and ice cream social across the parking lot in Davis Hall.

Parent Meeting:

Today 9 a.m. There will be a meeting for parents with children in Christian Education to discuss the curriculum for the coming year.

Women's Group/Inbetweeners:

8/8 11: a.m. J. Christopher's, 1437 Riverstone Pkwy, Canton. Susan Gensel is leading contact: hickoryfarms@comcast.net

Episcopal Youth Community:

8/9 7 p.m. Meal begins at 6:40 with activities following.

Wednesday Bible Study:

8/9 7 p.m. We will begin our study of Galatians, using the book St. Francis and the Christian Life by April Love-Fordham. This book teaches Galatians the way Jesus taught: through parables. In this case, the parables are about Saint Francis. Each section ends with a spiritual practice designed to help readers discover their own unique way of living the Christian life. The book is available on Amazon. Join us!

ECW

8/21 7 p.m. Davis Hall. Contact Wanda Carr (404) 861-5011 or wandakiddcarr@gmail.com

Wine 'n Cheese 'n Jazz

9/9 4-6 p.m. Davis Hall. An evening celebrating us! Register online

Daughters of the King

9/10 1 p.m. Davis Hall to begin Faith Moves Mountains by Harris Faulkner. There will be no meeting in July or August Contact: Trish Cole trishcole4@gmail.com.

Book Club

9/11 1:30 p.m. to discuss **The House in the Pines** by Ana Reyes. The Book Club will not meet in August. Contact: Sallee Macknik sallee_m@yahoo.com.

Rector's Wednesday Zoom Noon Bible Study

Study of the Gospel of John continues. Contact the office for the Zoom link.

The Altar Guild has dates available on the flower chart if you have someone or something special you would like to commemorate. The chart is in the notebook in the narthex and cost is now \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com to join the team.

The Men's Group

Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. (IHOP, 3010 Northside Park-

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
770-324-2035

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way, Canton)
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com.

St. Clement's newest music ensemble is the **Joyful Noise Band**. If you play a musical instrument, we'd love to have you join us! The band plays 9 a.m. every 3rd Sunday. Contact Judy Reardon -judy.reardon@icloud.com.

Wednesday Night:

Wednesday evening Holy Eucharist begins at 6:15. Wednesday Youth and Bible Study is on hiatus until school resumes in August.

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app on your smart phone.

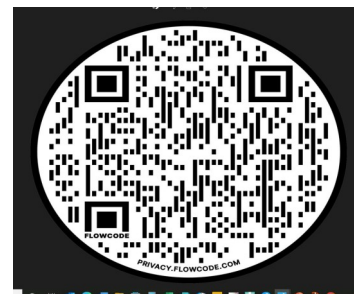
Parish Directory:

We are currently updating the parish directory. *If you have your information in the previous directory AND the information is correct, there is no need to fill out a form.* If you have moved and/or would like to add birthdays and anniversaries, please fill out a form in the narthex. If you would like to take it home and fill it out, there are addressed stamped envelopes in the narthex along with the forms for you to fill out and mail back. Contact the office with any questions. **Deadline 8/31.**

Hospitality:

We need people to sign up for hospitality. The requirements are simple-just bring some bagels or donuts. Signup online through the link in the newsletter or contact Jennifer Morgan jmorgan39@gsu.edu. We have had some interest expressed in returning 11 a.m. hospitably. If there is interest we need a volunteer to lead.

Scan to visit our website for more information.



Birthdays this week

Joseph Ford 8/6
Cathy Hasz 8/6
Darryl Brook 8/9
Luke Cain 8/9
Matt Cain 8/9
Fr. Jamie Stutler 8/10
Anne Pitts 8/11
Tom Carlson 8/12
Sophia Cerniglia 8/12

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of April 2023

Pledges YTD	\$100,794.03
Total Income	\$143,699.39
Total Expenses	\$107,670.25



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We thank you O God, for your glory and for your presence in our lives and pray that we might be so attendant to you that we ourselves might be daily more transfigured into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY SERVICES //9 a.m. Contemporary //11 a.m. Traditional

MONDAY
Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.

THURSDAY
Canton Al-Anon // 7 p.m.

TUESDAY
Men's Group, IHOP // 11:30 a.m.
Alcoholics Anonymous // 8 p.m.

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (online) // 9 a.m.
Women's AA// 12 noon

WEDNESDAY

Morning Prayer online // 9 a.m.
Bible Study // 12 p.m.
Women's AA // 12 p.m.
Holy Eucharist // 6:15 p.m.
Meal 6:40 p.m.
Youth 7 p.m.
Bible study 7 p.m.

The Altar Flowers today are

Given by Carlotta & David Ford to the Glory of God & in celebration of their son Joseph's 22nd birthday.
Given by Gloria & Doug Blackburn to the Glory of God & in Loving Memory of G.W. Reed.
Given by Wanda & Jim Carr to the Glory of God & in celebration of their son Zac's birthday on 8/6/23.

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