

The Last Sunday After Epiphany



February 11, 2024

10:30 am

Trinity Episcopal Church



Invite, Include, Inspire

*A Christian community for the realization of God's presence
through worship, relationship, and outreach.*

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FAITHFULNESS AND TRANSFORMATION

MARK 9:2-9

Lasting Transfiguration

And [Jesus] was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. Mark 9:2b-3

A palpable newness comes when an adult is baptized. Energy and excitement highlight everything about this God we serve. Frequently, churches parlay the excitement of welcoming the newly baptized by thrusting them into leadership roles, trusting that the Holy Spirit will lead the way. Often this ends with unprepared individuals stepping into the reality of church challenges. The newness can wear off quickly.

Today, we are invited into a transfiguration (or transformation) with Jesus. Just as his clothes were transformed, so are our humanly masks. I believe the reason seeds of transformation fail to thrive is that their roots are not embedded deeply in Christ. For lasting transformation to happen, we are called to become immersed in the proclamation of this life giver, Jesus, so that no one on earth could diminish his light in us.

Transfigure us, Lord, into willing vessels of your love. Amen.

Jana Light Creighton, Columbia, South Carolina

Prelude: Let All Things Now Living ("The Ash Grove")
arr. John Behnke

Celebrant: How good it is to sing praises to God!

Please stand.

Processional Hymn: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky H7 vss 1-3

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-cous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night;
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be the holy and living God.

People: Glory to God for ever and ever.

Song of Praise

Sing Alleluia

WLP # 777 vs 1,2,5,7

1. Sing al - le - lu - ia forth in du - teous praise,
2. Ye pow'rs who stand be - fore the e - ter - nal Light,
ye ci - ti - zens of heav'n, O sweet - ly raise an end - less
let all your choirs re - ech - o to the height an end - less
al - le - lu - ia.

5. Your songs of triumph shall forever ring.
the hymns which tell the honor of your King, an endless alleluia.

7. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing
All laud forevermore; to thee we bring an endless alleluia.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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 MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

2 Kings 2:1-12

Lector: A reading from Kings.

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."

As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father!

The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM: Psalm: 50:1-6

Lector: Let us read Palm 50 by alternative half verses. I will begin.

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
**he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to
its setting.**
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
**before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.**
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES:

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Lector: A reading from Corinthians.

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.

For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Christ Is The World's True Light H542 vss 1-2



The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is composed of quarter and eighth notes. Below the first staff, the lyrics are written in two parts: '1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,' and '2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,'. The second staff continues the melody and includes the lyrics 'the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;' and 'the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;'. The third staff continues with 'new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway;' and 'when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,'. The fourth staff concludes the hymn with the lyrics 'free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.' and 'to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.'

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free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.

Please remain standing.

THE GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-9

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.

Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Response after the Gospel: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated.



The Homily: The Rev. Eileen C. O'Reilly

Please stand.

Hymn:

O Wondrous Type

H137 vss, 1 & 2

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

1 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on
2 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud,

1 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
2 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the on - ly Son.

Please remain standing

THE NICENE CREED

Lector: Let us stand and affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

Lector: Let us hear your voice as we stand in awe before you. May we not be the same, after recognizing your glory saying: Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.

Lector: Speak to us of peace. Call us to work, for justice and to care for the welfare of all your children: in our homes, in our workplaces, in our neighborhoods, in the ordination of our new Bishop, Kristin White, and in your Church in the world. Shine your light in the dark places of our lives and in this world.

People: *Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lector: Call us to be a compassionate and prayerful presence for those whose hearts ache from grief, especially **David Hobart Howell, Jr.**, and whose souls are weary or wounded. Overshadow us with your awesome presence especially those who are asking for our prayers; **Becky, Diana, Priscilla, Jo, and Jessica.** Overshadow them and us with your awesome prescience. Walk down the mountain top with us, and walk before us into the places you would have us serve as witnesses to your healing and love.

People: *Merciful and gracious Lord, hear our prayer.*



You may stand or kneel as you are able.

The Confession

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

Celebrant and people

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned
against you, opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior
Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Absolution

Celebrant: May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins; heal and strengthen you by his Spirit; and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

The Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Presentation of Bread and Wine

Offertory Music: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

rr. Marrienne Kim

Please stand.

Presentation Hymn: *Songs of Thankfulness* H135 vss 1 & 4

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
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;
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;
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,
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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

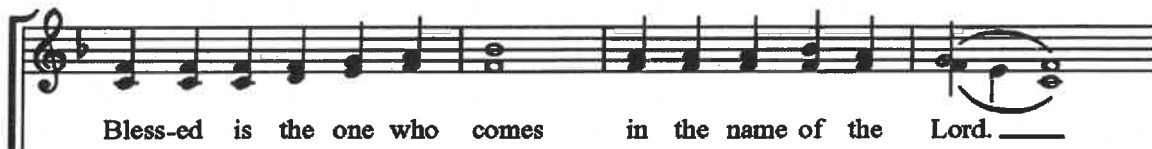
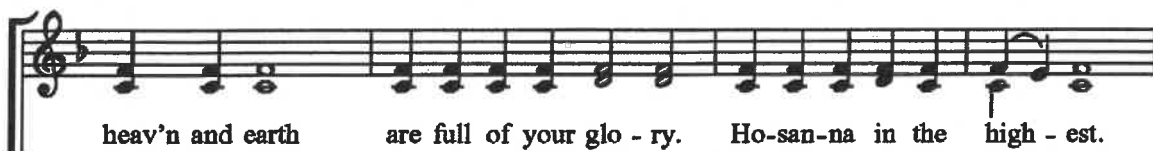
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sanctus: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord



Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgive-ness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN

The Lord's Prayer

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

Celebrant and 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

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Fraction Anthem: *Here in the Bread That is Broken*

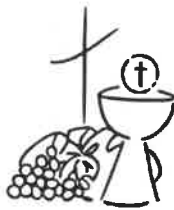


Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is
poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is
Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,
here where the great - est are least, come find a love be - yond
meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant:

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.

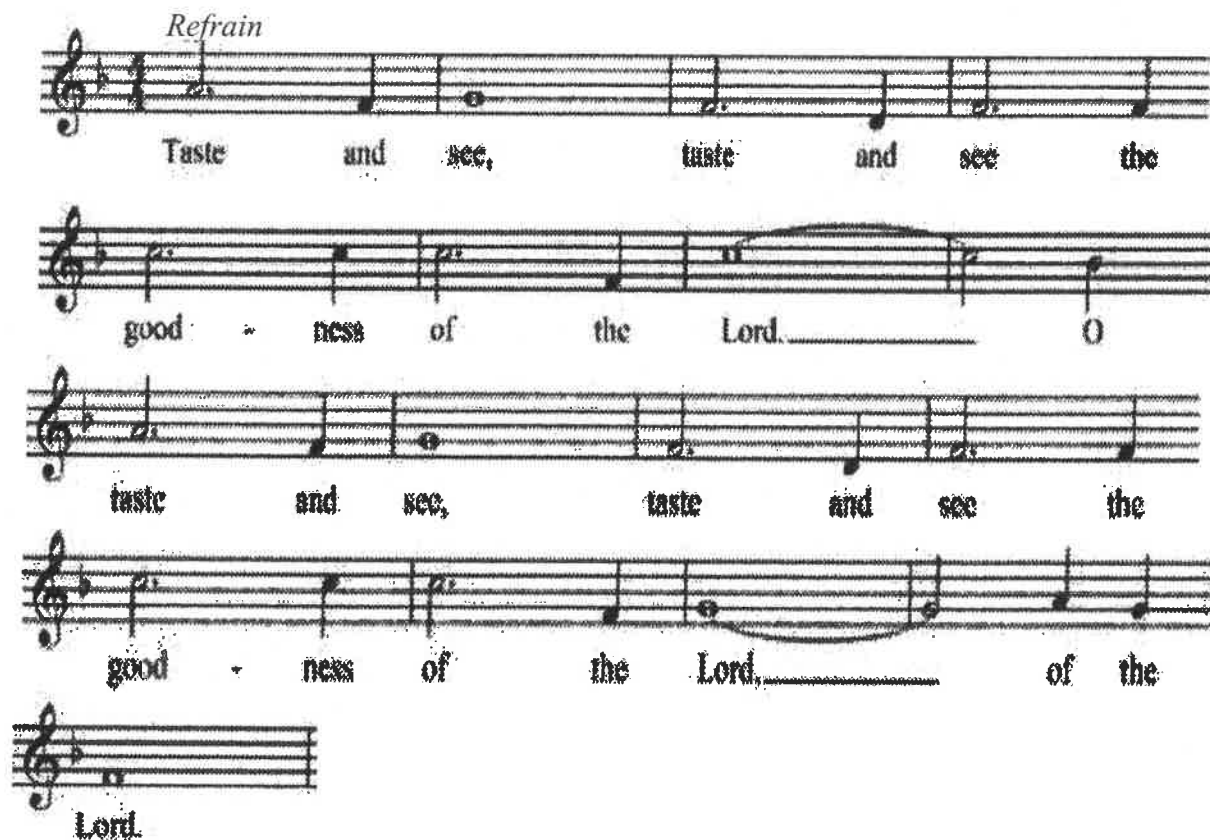


Music During Communion

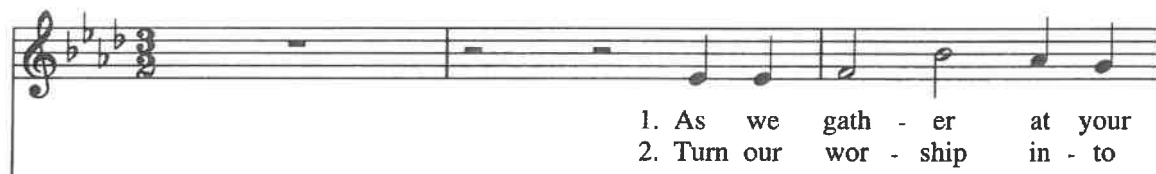
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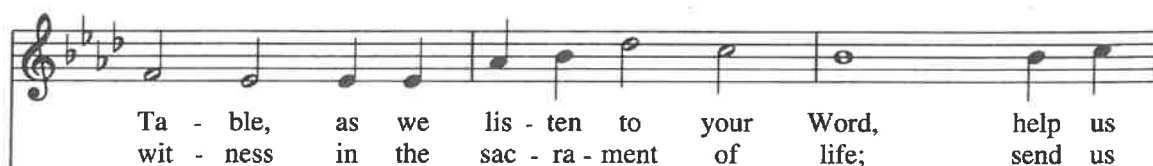
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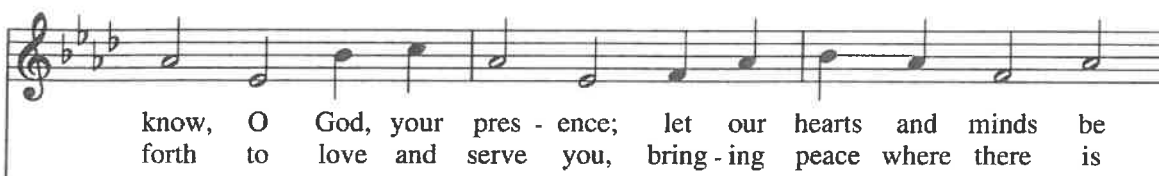
Taste and see, taste and see the
good ness of the Lord.
taste and see, taste and see the
good ness of the Lord.
Lord.

Hymn:***As We Gather at Your Table*****WLP 763 vss 1-2**

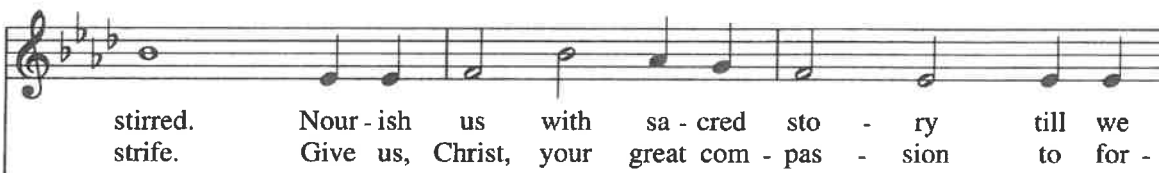
1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to



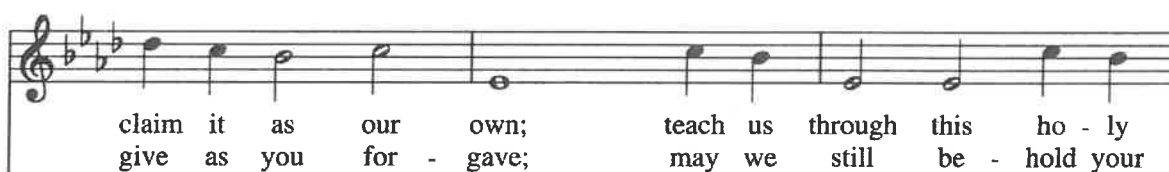
Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us



know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is



stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -



claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your



ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save.

Remain seated.

Last Communion Hymn:

***The King of Love My Sheperd Is* H645 vss 1,2 & 5**



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness
2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed
5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if
2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant
5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.
2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-less-tial feed-eth.
5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!

Please stand.

Prayers After Communion

Let us pray together, as we say:

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.**

**Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love
to the world and continue for ever in the
risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy,
has protected you, and loves you.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Go in peace to follow the good road;
and may God's blessing be with you always.

People: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: *This Little Light of Mine* LEVAS 221 vss 1-3

1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm gon - na let it
2. Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm gon - na let it
3. Je - sus gave it to me, I'm gon - na let it

1. shine, This lit - tle light of mine,
2. shine, Ev - 'ry - where I go,
3. shine, Je - sus gave it to me.

1. I'm gon - na let it shine; This lit - tle light of
2. I'm gon - na let it shine; Ev - 'ry - where I
3. I'm gon - na let it shine; Je - sus gave it to

1. mine, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
2. go, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it
3. me, I'm gon - na let it shine, Let it

1. shine, let it shine, let it shine,
2. shine, let it shine, let it shine,
3. shine, let it shine, let it shine,

The Dismissal:

Celebrant: Christ has no body now, but yours.
No hands, no feet on earth, but yours. Yours are
the eyes through which Christ looks compassion
into the world. Yours are the feet with which Christ
walks to do good. Yours are the hands with which
Christ blesses the world.



Saint Teresa of Avila

Celebrant: So let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *The Lord is My Light* by Francis Alitsen
Ray Landis, Baritone

**The men of the church are serving pancakes
and sausage, in the Parish Hall following the service.**

All Are Welcome

Those Serving Today

Celebrant:	The Rev. Eileen O'Reilly
Organist:	Percy Jones
Soloist:	Rayn Landis, Baritone
Lectors:	Leslie Schwartz, Jerry Knapke
Usher:	Pat Marchal
Camera:	Jim Beerbower
Altar Guild:	Mary Siegel, Kathleen Kirsch

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

**Mon. Feb. 12: 9:15 am - 9:45 am: Contemplative Prayer
via zoom:**

Zoom Meeting ID: 818 9854 4534
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Mon. Feb. 12 7:00 pm Vestry Meeting

**Wed., Feb. 14 7:00 pm Celtic Prayer Service in the
Workman Lounge**

Ash
Wednesday
is
February
14

Ash Wednesday, February 14, begins
the Season of Lent,
with the first Sunday of Lent falling
on February 18.

Trinity will offer two service times on Ash
Wednesday:
Noon and 6:00 pm

Please note:

Jo Stull

"While we want to encourage you to visit Jo, we are asking that
arrangements be made with Angie, who out of necessity, will be
there with you." Angie's phone # is 937-216-1859

BOOK STUDY BEGINS FEBRUARY 22:

We will meet in the Workman Lounge.

Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent by Isabel Wilkerson, available from your favorite bookseller or Amazon. It is available in Audio, Kindle, Paperback, or Hardcover. All but the Hardcover is under \$20.

Meeting Schedule: Thursdays, 11:00 am – 12:30 (12 meetings)

First Meeting: February, 22

Meeting Dates: February 29; March 7, 14, 21, **No meeting 3/28**
April 4, 22, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16 (Last Meeting).

Please join us for this informative and challenging look at the world through a lens which offers a different perspective, a different filter, and, an underlying history of the world that can help us to more fully see the world as Jesus did giving us light to see all humanity as Jesus does.

Ordination and Consecration of the Tenth Bishop of The Dioceses of Southern Ohio

Is February 17 at 11:00 a.m. at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus. Attendance is open to all.

The service will also be livestreamed on the diocesan website if you are unable to attend.

diosohio.org/the-ordination-of-bishop-elect-kristin-uffelman-white/

Trinity would like to make car-pooling possible. Please let the office know if you are interested in attending so that we can co-ordinate transportation. We are assuming that departure would be around 9:00 a.m.

Parish Cycle of Prayer

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Dennis and Carol McCarthy; **Renee Mote and Jeff Otto; Evanthia Owen; Rev. Eileen O'Reilly.** Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant **Marina Shaw.** Be with her as she continues to trust in your wisdom and grace all the days of her life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer For Those in the Armed Forces

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad.

Defend them day by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, through Jesus Christ our Lord.



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