

*Sunday following the
Transfiguration of our
Lord Jesus Christ*

Holy Eucharist Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

August 9, 2020



*Saint Theodore's Episcopal Church
Bella Vista, Arkansas*

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Bishop of Arkansas*

All of the following service can be found in the

1979 Book of Common Prayer

Scripture lessons are taken from the

Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year A and are from
the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible

Organ Prelude *Now we pray to Thee* Bach, Buxtehude

The people standing, the celebrant says

People Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant **ALMIGHTY GOD**, to you all hearts are open, all desires
known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.*

Glory to God

Said in unison

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,**

you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O GOD, who on the holy mountain 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**

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

Celebrant GOD OF ALL POWER AND LOVE, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lessons *(Sit)*

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

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. Afterwards 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.

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

Psalm 99

Psalm will be sung by the cantor

- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; *
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
 let the earth shake.
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; *
 he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
 he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
 you have established equity; *
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 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

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.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Organ interlude following the Gospel

Sermon (*Sit*)

Fr. Grisham

The Nicene Creed (*Stand as able*)

(BCP 358)

**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

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray. (*Kneel as able*)

Celebrant: *It is good for us to be here in your glorious presence, O God: Awaken us to the needs of the world, that we may offer all things to your compassionate love and become mediators of your*

unifying vision, as we pray: Proclaim the greatness of our God; for our God is the Holy One.

Litanist: Exalted and Ever-Present One, remove the veil whenever your Church seeks you and enlighten us with your vision, that we may be eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty and serve the world as people moved by the Holy Spirit.

Proclaim the greatness of our God;

People: for our God is the Holy One.

Litanist: Mighty and Eternal One, let the glory of your holiness be revealed to the leaders of our nation and be manifest to all in authority, that they may hear your voice and serve your mission of righteousness and justice, declared by the law and the prophets, and fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

Proclaim the greatness of our God;

People: for our God is the Holy One.

Litanist: Righteous and Compassionate One, you love justice and establish equity: Visit with your transfiguring presence every person and home in need of your light and your blessing throughout the world.

Proclaim the greatness of our God;

People: for our God is the Holy One.

Litanist: Radiant and Loving One, visit this place of holy presence, and let the cloud of your glory overshadow our community, that with joy we may behold your appearance and be led by your light.

Proclaim the greatness of our God;

People: for our God is the Holy One.

Litanist: Listen to our prayers as we speak to you and comfort us with your dawning Spirit.

We remember those who are ill or in any need, especially Amanda, Becky, Karen Kay, Diane, Ryan, Mary, and all those who have contracted Covid-19 and all who care for them.

Hear our gratefulness and praise for your glorious presence in our lives, especially for Michael, our presiding bishop; Larry,

our bishop; Lowell, our interim supply priest; and Chris, our Candidate for Holy Orders. In the diocesan cycle of prayer for Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock; St. James', Magnolia; the University of the South and the Seminary of the Southwest. And we give thanks for all those in our parish family celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this week.

We know our deaths will come soon, even as we recall our transfigured Christ's victory over death. Receive into your eternal light all who have died, especially those who have succumbed to the Corona virus.

Proclaim the greatness of our God;

People: for our God is the Holy One.

Celebrant: Blessed and Glorious God, let Christ, the morning star, rise in our hearts as we awaken to his wonderful presence in our midst: Fill us with gratefulness for your dazzling light which breaks through our cloud of unknowing in every place and time, that we may tell of the things which we have seen and mediate your reconciling presence in all the world, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever.

Amen.

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

Leader 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 Celebrant 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 people stand and the Celebrant says

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

*Organ music is played as the Celebrant prepares the Table.
After the Table has been prepared, the Celebrant says:*

All things come of thee, O Lord

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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 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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and says

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion is received by the Celebrant

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Celebrant invites the following prayer to be said by all, kneeling as able.

My Lord Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Celebrant and People

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**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

May God who revealed divine justice and glory to Moses guide you along your journey in eternal wisdom and light.

May Christ the Morning Star rise in your heart to give you peace and understanding.

May the Holy Spirit open your eyes to see the radiance of God's wonderful presence in all creation.

And the blessing of our dazzling God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you, and guide you, now and always. Amen.

Dismissal

The Celebrant says the words of dismissal

People respond: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude

Wo Gott zum Haus

J.C. Bach

Participants in the Service

Celebrant	The Reverend Lowell Grisham
Organist	Annette Zehring
Crucifer	Wayne Whitney
Cantor	Mary Addington
Readers	Lana McDonald, Bill Myers

