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## The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 27, 2022

9:30am

### Vocalists:

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Michael Potsic, keys; Bob Potsic, bass; Tom Gilman, percussion



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### Welcome to St Gregory's

If you are visiting, we invite you to take a Welcome Card from the pew holder, and if you are willing, fill it out and put it in the Offering Plate or give it to a greeter so that we might thank you for worshipping with us. All are truly welcome to participate in worship, and we believe our community is made stronger by your unique presence as we join in prayer and communion.

### Our Worship

In the Episcopal Church, we often say that praying shapes believing, so how we worship in word and action shapes how we believe and respond to God. We are physical creatures made in God's image, and the physical nature of our worship helps us to connect more fully to God. Therefore, at St. Gregory's, we change our liturgy during each liturgical season to help us more fully embrace the theology and tone of the season.

Our sacred time of worship includes several different activities: singing, listening, praying, and feasting. This liturgy is enriched by the participation of everyone in the room. Some people choose to manifest prayers in physical ways to center their hearts and minds on God's presence in their lives and in the worship – we call these actions "manual acts". **Bowing one's head at the name of Jesus** reminds us that Jesus is the King of Kings, and he rules from a place of humility. This is indicated by (v). There are several points during the liturgy, where many people **cross themselves by touching their head, chest, and each shoulder (left then right)** to remind themselves that God is in their head, heart, and in all of their actions in the world. These points in the liturgy are marked with this symbol (+). At the declaration of the Gospel, many people **make the sign of the cross with their thumb on their forehead, lips, and heart** as the Gospel is announced. This action is a prayer asking God's word to be in our minds, our words, and in our hearts. This is indicated by the symbol. (+++) Generally speaking, we stand to pray, kneel to confess, and sit to hear. Regardless of what others are doing, how you physically worship is up to you and how you experience God. Your presence and participation is what matters most to God.

### The Season after The Epiphany

The season after Epiphany joins the Advent/Christmas seasons with the Lent/Easter seasons. It is a period of unfolding knowledge of who Jesus is to us. Week after week, we explore a new facet of Jesus' presence in our lives on earth, and how he calls us to respond. This season helps us to know Jesus so we can make him known in the world. The image used throughout this season is one of increasing light along with our increasing understanding of Christ. It is a season both of joy and of action, so our liturgy includes facets of both.



**PRELUDE**

*"Circle of Life"*

from The Lion King; Music and lyrics by Hans Zimmer and Lebo M.

From the day we arrived on the planet, and blinking stepped into the sun  
There is more to see than can ever be seen, more to do than can ever be done.  
There's far too much to take in here, more to find than can ever be found.  
But the sun rolling high through the sapphire sky  
Keeps great and small on the endless round.  
It's the circle of life and it moves us all  
Through despair and hope, through faith and love  
Til we find our place on the path unwinding In the circle, the circle of life.

**THE WORD OF GOD**



*We begin our worship by observing a period of quiet to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.*

*The people stand, as they are able.*

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

*"I Saw the Light"*

Words and music by Hank Williams

**CHORUS**

I saw the light,\_\_\_ I saw the light,\_\_\_ no more in dark-ness, no more in night,\_\_\_  
Now I'm so hap-py, no sor-row in sight,\_\_\_ praise the Lord,\_\_\_ I saw the light!

**VERSES**

I wan - dered so aim - less,\_\_\_ life filled with sin,  
Just like a blind man I wan - dered a - long,  
I was a fool to\_\_\_ wan - der and stray,  
I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in,  
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own.  
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way.  
Then Je - sus came like a stran - ger in the night,  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,  
Now I have tra - ded the wrong for\_\_\_ the right,  
Praise the Lord,\_\_\_ I saw the light!



*Song of Praise: (this is We begin our worship by gathering together as the body of Christ, and acknowledging our participation together in the Body of Christ. The Presider invites us to praise God together, and many people choose to cross themselves at the mention of the Trinity. The Collect for Purity allows us to acknowledge that the ability to celebrate the liturgy depends on God's grace.*

*We are invited to pray, and then the collect collects our prayers together in a single concluding prayer. The opening collect is tailored toward the church season.*

**OPENING ACCLAMATION** p. 355, *Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (+)  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*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.**

*All* **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.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Leader* The Lord be with you.

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

*Leader* 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. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*



We follow a three-year cycle of readings called a Lectionary. These are the lessons being heard in congregations from many denominations throughout the world on this day. The first reading is from the Hebrew Scriptures, which tell us the story of God's love and faithfulness to God's people from the beginning of time to just before Christ.

The Psalm is a hymn or poem. The psalms cover the whole range of the relationship between God and God's people. The Book of Psalms, while a "book" of the Bible, consists of 150 hymns intended to be sung.

**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. 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 Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 99**

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  
and worship him upon his holy hill; \*  
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.



The Second Lesson is usually a reading from one of the New Testament Epistles (or letters), though occasionally from the Acts of the Apostles or the Book of Revelation. They teach us about the formation of the church and instruct us on how to live into our role as followers of Christ.

**THE EPISTLE**

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand, as they are able.*

*Children are invited to join the Gospel procession in the aisle for the reading of the Gospel.*

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*"How Can I Keep from Singing?"*

Words and music by Rev. Robert Lowry, arr. Rollo Dilworth

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation  
I hear the real, though far off hymn, that hails a new creation.  
Above the tumult and the strife I hear its music ringing  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?  
What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth  
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?  
When tyrants tremble sick with fear and hear their death knell ringing  
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell or dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?



*During the Holy Eucharist, there is always a reading from a Gospel. We stand to indicate the importance we place on Jesus' words and actions. The deacon or priest proclaims the Gospel in the midst of the people to represent the Good News that Jesus has come among us, and we all turn towards it.*

*The sermon is meant to help us make the Word of God a living and transforming reality of our lives today.*

**THE GOSPEL**

Luke 9:28-36

*Gospeler*      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.

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

**SEQUENCE HYMN**

*The people sit, and the children return to their seats.*

**THE SERMON**

The Rev. Charlotte Johnson



*A period of quiet is observed to slow ourselves and rest in God's presence.*

*The people stand, as they are able.*





n the Nicene Creed, we respond to the proclamation of God's Word by affirming the historic faith of the Church. We "believe" (from the Latin credere, literally "to put one's heart into") because we offer our trust in the story of God's creating, redeeming, and remaining with the world. "We" believe because the church as a whole, the Body of Christ, carries and strengthens the faith of each individual.

The Prayers of the People are always responsive, because everyone gives voice to the supplications. We include prayers for others throughout the world, in our diocese, and those connected to our congregation. This is the part of the liturgy where it is most evident that we would be noticeably less without the contributions of each person present. We voice prayers from our parish prayer list, as well as requests from the onsite and online worshippers.

**THE NICENE CREED**

**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 FOR EPIPHANY**

*Deacon or other leader*

You who by the leading of a star, guided the Magi to the brightness of the Holy Child of Bethlehem, lead us to the light of revelation, that we may value and honor the varied gifts of our sisters and brothers.

**Silence**



**Cantor:** Christ, be our light: **All: Shine in our hearts.**

You who patterned the stars and called the sun into being, who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos, pattern the hearts of people everywhere to see in each other the beauty of the universe and the splendor of creation, that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be recreated into one common humanity. [especially \_\_\_\_\_].

**Silence**

*Cantor*  
*People*

Christ, be our light  
**Shine in our hearts.**

You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest, the lost, and the least, shower the light of compassion on the sick, the sorrowful, and the suffering [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

**Silence**





Cantor Christ, be our light  
People **Shine in our hearts.**

You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity those who have died, welcome those whose lives have been cut short by violence, warfare, and strife [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Shine the light of hope.

**Silence**

Cantor Christ, be our light  
People **Shine in our hearts.**

Presider May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find us ever burning with the light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope. **Amen.**

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION**

**The people stand or kneel, as they are able.**

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Silence may be kept.**

All **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.**

Celebrant 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**

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

*The congregation greets one another in the Peace of Christ. We encourage you to exchange the Peace with words and gestures, rather than touch, to protect the most vulnerable among us.*

*The people sit.*

**PRAYERS FOR BIRTHDAY, ANNIVERSARY, AND TRAVEL**

*In the confession we admit the ways we have not lived as we were created to live, both individually, and corporately, and ask for forgiveness. The priest declares to us the wonderful grace of God's promise of forgiveness, reconciliation, and the absolute remission of guilt.*

*The Peace has been exchanged at the Eucharist since the time of the first Christians. It is a profound act to offer the miraculous peace of God to one another before we join in communion with God and each other.*



*I The Offertory is when we bring our gifts of bread, wine, money, and our very selves to present to the Lord as our initial act of Thanksgiving. This collection is a visible reminder that our whole lives are God's, and a part of what God has given us we give back in Thanksgiving for all that we have and all that we are.*

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*"You Will be Found"*  
from Dear Evan Hansen;

Music and lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Have you ever felt like nobody was there?  
Have you ever felt forgotten in the middle of nowhere?  
Have you ever felt like you could disappear?  
Like you could fall, and no one else would hear.  
So: let that lonely feeling wash away  
'cause maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay.  
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand,  
you can reach out your hand.  
And oh, someone will come runnin', and I know they'll take you home.  
Even when the dark comes crashin' through,  
when you need a friend to carry you,  
And when you're broken on the ground: you will be found.  
So let the sun come streamin' in,  
'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.  
Lift your head and look around: you will be found.  
There's a place where we don't have to feel unknown,  
And every time you call out, you're a little less alone.  
If you only say the word, from across the silence your voice is heard.  
And oh, someone will come runnin' to take you home.  
Even when the dark comes crashin' through,  
when you need a friend to carry you,  
And when you're broken on the ground: you will be found.  
So let the sun come streamin' in,  
'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.  
If you'll only look around: you will be found.  
Out of the shadows the morning is breaking and all is new!  
It's fillin' up the empty and suddenly I see that all is new!  
You are not alone.  
Even when the dark comes crashin' through,  
when you need someone to carry you,  
When you're broken on the ground: you will be found!  
So let the sun come streamin' in,  
'cause you'll reach up and you'll rise again.  
If you only look around: you will be found.



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*The people stand, as they are able.*

### OFFERTORY HYMN

*Doxology*

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 Eucharist, or Communion, is the act of offering, breaking bread, and sharing in Christ's life, death, and resurrection. It also reminds us that we are Christ's body in our world today.

As Episcopalians, the Eucharist is the principal act of worship, in which we always have a full proclamation of the heart of the Gospel. Celebrating Eucharist is something we do together, so we all take part in the prayers.

The Sanctus (holy, holy, holy) recalls the words of the prophet Isaiah, overwhelmed by the presence of God in the sanctuary, and these words were sung by the people as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The Sanctus reminds us that this is an offering of the whole creation, which joins in singing these praises.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer B, Page 367, Book of Common Prayer)

*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.**

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

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

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:

*All* **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.**



*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ (v), the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

*Celebrant* On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ (v) 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O God,

*All* **We remember Christ's death,  
We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;**

*Celebrant* And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (v), through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. (+) In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Gregory and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior (v), the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Great Amen is the only word in our Book of Common Prayer that is in all capital letters. It emphasizes that we all join together in asking Jesus to be present in the bread and wine, in boldly affirming our desire to receive God. It is appropriate to say this with enthusiasm!*



The Lord's Prayer is the prayer that Jesus gave to his followers when they asked him to teach them to pray. It links our daily bread to the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist.

The Fraction recalls Jesus breaking the bread at the Last Supper to share with the disciples, and reminds us that Jesus' body was broken on the cross for us to be shared with the world. Therefore we keep a moment of silence for prayers of awe and gratitude.

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

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.**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

All **Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**INVITATION**

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are invited to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free bread is available; please ask the clergy. Receiving the bread only is full communion in the body of Christ, so if you choose to not receive the wine, you may cross your arms over your chest as you pass the Eucharistic Minister, or take a cup of consecrated juice.*

*To receive communion, hold out your hands and you will be given the bread. Then take a cup of wine or juice from the Eucharistic Minister, move to the next tray, consume the Bread and wine there, put the empty cup in the tray, and replace your mask before returning to your seat.*

*Anyone who has not been baptized, or for other reasons desires to receive a blessing instead of Communion is invited to come forward, and cross your arms over your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing. If you seek a deeper relationship with Christ through baptism, please speak with a priest after the service.*



The Prayer for Spiritual Communion articulates a hunger for unity with Jesus Christ when you cannot physically receive the Body and Blood of Christ. This prayer connects the one(s) praying with the reception of Holy Communion. Those worshipping online are invited to say this prayer as those onsite receive Communion.

**PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION** (for those worshipping remotely)

*All at home* In union, gracious God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, O Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTHEM #1**

*"Let There Be Love"*

Music and lyrics by Lionel Rand and Ian Grant

Let there be you, let there be me,  
let there be oysters under the sea.  
Let there be wind, and occasional rain,  
chile con carne, sparkling champagne.  
Let there be birds to sing in the trees,  
someone to bless me whenever I sneeze.  
Let there be cuckoos, a lark, and a dove,  
but first of all: please, let there be love.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM #2**

*"Death Came a-Knockin'"*

By Ruthie Foster, arr. by Paul Rardin



1. You know that death came a - knock - in' on my moth- er's door sing - in'  
6. You know that death came a - knock - in' on my front\_\_ door sing - in'



"Come on, mo - ther, ain't ya read-y to go?" And my moth-er stooped down, buck-led  
"Come on, bro - ther, ain't ya read-y to go?" I'm gonna stoop right down, buck- le



up her shoes, and she moved on down by the Jor-dan stream. And then she  
up my shoes, and I'll move on down by the Jor-dan stream. And then I'll



shout, "Hal-le - lu - jah! Done done my du- ty, got on my tra-vel- in' shoes."

Verse 2: sister / her  
Verse 3: brother / his  
Verse 4: neighbor / his  
Verse 5: preacher / her





*The people stand, as they are able.*

**SENDING OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS** (when appropriate)

*Celebrant* We send you out to share Communion this week.

*People* **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

*Celebrant* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

*People* **Amen.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSING**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. **Amen.**

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. **Amen.**

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

*After Communion, we give thanks for being part of the communion of God's life and for being fed so that we may go out to feed and serve others in our world.*

*One of the roles of the priest is to declare the eternal truth of God's ever-present blessing to God's people.*



**EXIT HYMN**

*"Ain't Got Time to Die"*  
Music and lyrics by Hall Johnson

Lord, I keep so bus - y prais - in' my Je - sus, keep so bus - y prais -  
 Lord, I keep so bus - y work - in' for the King - dom, keep so bus - y work -  
 Lord, I keep so bus - y serv - in' my Mas - ter, keep so bus - y serv -

- sin' my Je - sus, keep so bus - y prais - in' my Je - sus, ain't got time to  
 - in' for the Kingdom, keep so bus - y work - in' for the Kingdom, ain't got time to  
 - in' my Mas - ter, keep so bus - y serv - in' my Mas - ter, ain't got time to

die. 'Cause when I'm heal - in' the sick \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm heal - in' the sick \_\_\_\_\_  
 die. 'Cause when I'm feed - in' the poor \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm feed - in' the poor \_\_\_\_\_  
 die. 'Cause when I'm giv - in' my all \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm giv - in' my all \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ when I'm heal - in' the sick I'm prais - in' my Je - sus, ain't got time to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm feed - in' the poor I'm work - in' for the Kingdom, ain't got time to  
 \_\_\_\_\_ when I'm giv - in' my all I'm serv - in' my Mas - ter, ain't got time to

die. 'Cause it takes all o' my time to praise my Je - sus, all o' my time to  
 (final verse only) Now won't you get out of my way, let me praise my Je - sus, out of my way, let me

praise my Lord. If I don't praise Him the rocks gon - na cry out,

"Glo - ry and hon - or! Glo - ry and hon - or! Ain't got time to die.

Having heard the Gospel and having been fed at communion, the final act of our common worship is the Dismissal. It is not an afterthought, but an integral part of the service. Jesus' final action on earth was to send his followers into the world to make disciples, baptizing and teaching them to obey all he had commanded. And so we are sent out into the world to proclaim the Good News and be Christ's hands and feet on earth.

*The Deacon dismisses the people, and the people respond,*

People **Thanks be to God.**

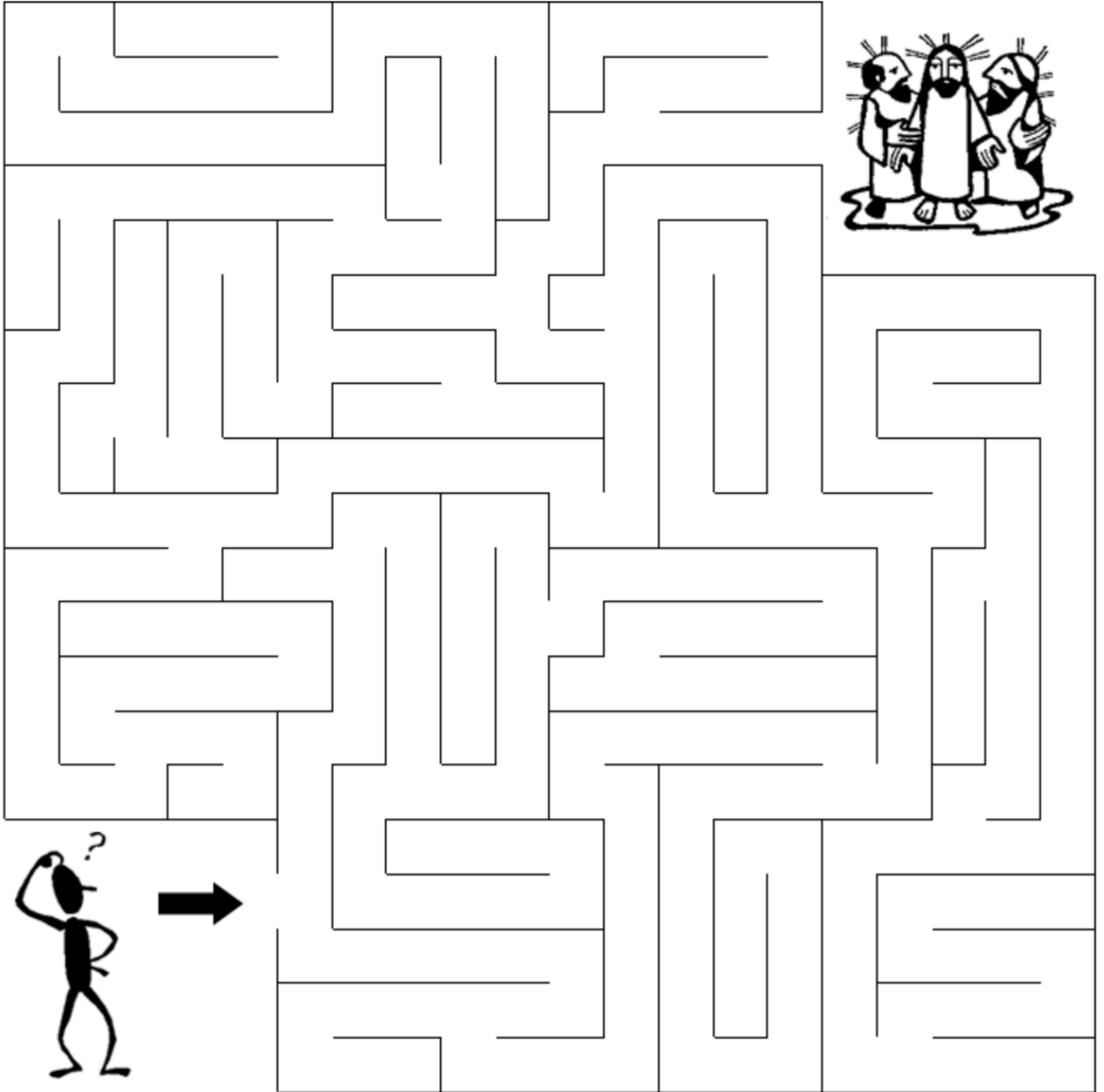


**POSTLUDE**

*"Soon We Will Be Done"*

Traditional spiritual arr. Kyle Pederson

Done with hatred and done with war,  
Come lift the lonely, come lift up the poor.  
Soon we will be done with the troubles of the world,  
When heaven comes to earth.  
No more weepin' and wailin' when heaven comes to earth.  
Done with the racism and sexism  
And all the -isms that bind us, that blind us from the hurt of another  
I want to be done, done with addiction,  
With any affliction that takes a hold  
    and won't let go and speaks in lies and fiction  
I want to be done, with the things that divide us,  
Instead of unite us, like the walls we build,  
The hate instilled, we fill with judgment inside us.  
I want to be done, done with the violence  
And the silence when facing injustice,  
    but I wonder if you'd trust us if love was our compass.  
Soon we will be done with the troubles of the world,  
When heaven comes to earth.  
No more weepin' and wailin' when heaven comes to earth.  
When we come together, when we stand up for each other,  
We will offer these hands and feet and be love, compassion, and grace,  
Come heaven to earth, oh Thy will be done!



Can you find the way to Jesus, Moses, and Elijah on the mountain?



# The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



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K O I J I I N N A R G O T E I  
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C D H N P Y E L I J A H E J F

FLASH	LIGHTNING	MOSES	JOHN	MOUNTAIN
CLOUD	PETER	CHANGED	VOICE	JESUS
JAMES	PRAY	CHOSEN	CLOTHES	ELIJAH
TALKING	FACE	BRIGHT	APPEARED	DISCIPLES

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## TELL ME THE TRUTH ABOUT RACISM Date Change

Due to our Annual Meeting, Tell Me the Truth About Racism will now take place TODAY! We will be meeting at our partner church, Trinity Highland Park at 11:30 am. This is a stand alone session for folks of all ages. So even if you haven't been able to come to previous sessions you are welcome to join us for music, a story, and wondering time!

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## COMMUNITY MEALS – Sunday, February 27th

We will have the opportunity to serve our neighbors in Waukegan TODAY! We meet at 12 noon and cook a hot meal and prepare bags of non-perishable food items for our guests. Please contact Barb Schaper at [bschaper7@aol.com](mailto:bschaper7@aol.com) or 847-948-8989 if you are planning to come or if you have additional questions.

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## ASH WEDNESDAY Services March 2nd at Noon and 7pm

Lent is almost here! Casey has compiled our Lent devotional with submissions from our partner congregations - so look for that soon in hard copy if desired and in email every day. We will have Ash Wednesday services onsite and online on March the 2nd. The noon service will be onsite ONLY - a simple service with no music. The 7pm service will be onsite and online with music. Both services will have Eucharist and imposition of ashes.



**"How good it is when congregations join together in Lent devotions."**

*—generous paraphrase of Psalm 133:1a*

This devotional is a collaborative effort with meditations, art, and music contributed by parishioners and staff from St. Elisabeth, St. Gregory's, St. Lawrence, St. Simon's, and Trinity.

Each page offers a rhythm of reflection, quiet, and prayer for this Lenten season. Whether you spend a few minutes with the printed scripture and reflection on the art for each day, or find more time to read the additional scriptures and listen to the musical selections, we hope this is a helpful resource for you.

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### STGS MOVIE CLUB - MONDAYS 7PM

Please contact Deacon Max Smith, ([max@stgregoryschurch.org](mailto:max@stgregoryschurch.org)) if you are interesting in join the group or you have any questions. Movie suggestions are welcome and remember they should be available on Kanopy and Netflix. Check our website for the upcoming and past movies to be discussed.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING SERVICE WITH PRAYERS FOR HEALING – 8AM ON ZOOM

Join our Wednesday morning spiritual practice via Zoom that can anchor your week in Prayer. This worship service includes prayers for healing (of body, mind, heart and soul) which can be especially helpful. Please contact Charlene ([parish@stgregoryschurch.org](mailto:parish@stgregoryschurch.org)) for more information. All are invited.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://tinyurl.com/2xe832v8>  
Meeting ID: 750 552 357 Password: 587299

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All Zoom links/info available at [www.StGsChurch.org](http://www.StGsChurch.org)