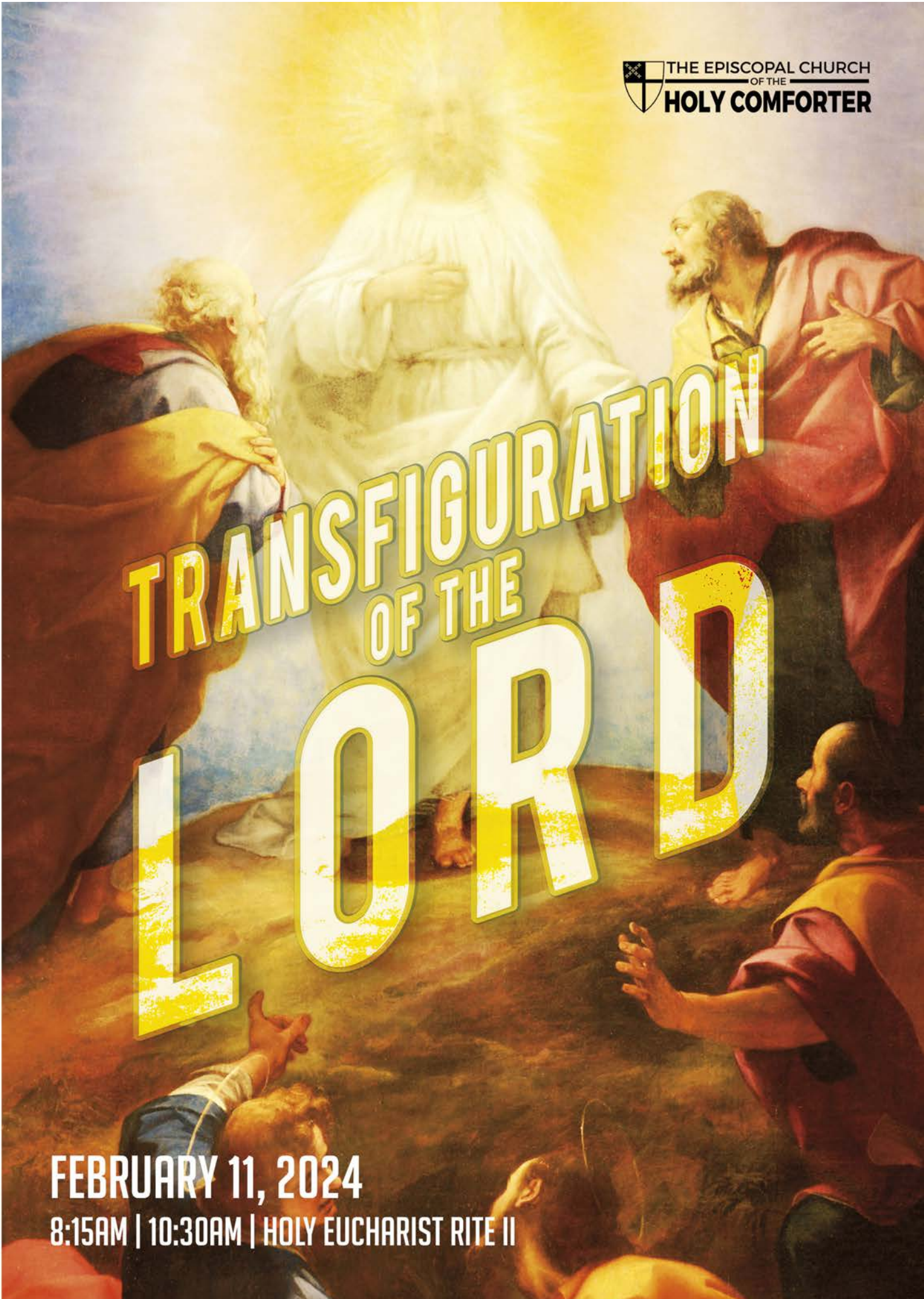


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THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
OF THE  
**HOLY COMFORTER**



# TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**FEBRUARY 11, 2024**

**8:15AM | 10:30AM | HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

# **THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU**

## **WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS**

Please complete the information card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the ushers.

## **WE, THE PEOPLE OF HOLY COMFORTER**

Though very diverse politically and socially, care for each other and care deeply for how our faith is manifested in the community. We believe all people are equal in God's hand. Our nurturing congregation has an appreciation for diverse perspectives and opinions. We grow through a continually evolving and questioning discussion regarding our faith, God, and society. We welcome all, without reservation, into our Christian body to be part of a loving and sharing family.

## **WE CARE**

Please call the church office at (336) 227-4251 if you or someone you know needs visitation, prayers or other assistance because of illness or inability to attend worship service.

## **OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

To worship God, revealed to us as Creator, as Jesus the Christ, and as the Holy Spirit, and experience God's presence within the church family, nurturing each other through a comprehensive parish program while affirming each other's individual ministries and responding to Jesus' continuing call to minister to others.



# PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN | 497

How bright appears the morning star

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Officiant**  
**People**

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.**

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.**

## GLORIA | S-280



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

**Officiant**  
**People**

The Lord be with you.  
**And Also with you.**

## **COLLECT**

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.**

## **All children are invited to follow the crucifer to Godly Play in the Children's Chapel.**

### **FIRST LESSON**

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

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.

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

## THE RESPONSE | S-409

Psalm 50:1-6 | *Deus deorum*

- 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 a- |bove \*  
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 EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

**Reader**  
**People**

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN | 133

O Light of Life, love given birth



1 O Light of Light, Love giv - en birth; Je - sus, Re -  
2 Two pro - phets, who had faith to see, with your e -  
3 May all who seek to praise a - right through pur - er



deem - er of the earth: more bright than day your face did  
lect found com - pan - y; the heavens a - bove your glo - ry  
lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glo - ry,



show, your rai - ment whit - er than the snow.  
named, your Fa - ther's voice his Son pro - claimed.  
now all



faith - ful hearts a - dor - ing bow.

The Officiant reads the Gospel, first saying

**Gospeler** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

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.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

## THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

**Officiant 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

Form I | BCP 383

The Reader and People pray responsively

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."



**Reader** For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For this city (town, village, \_\_\_\_\_), for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air [or through outer space], let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For \_\_\_\_\_, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**



**Reader** That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**People** **Lord, have mercy.**

**Reader** In the communion of [ \_\_\_\_\_ and of all the] saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**People** **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence. *The celebrant may add a concluding collect before the following.*

### **A TRANSITION PRAYER FOR HOLY COMFORTER**

Ever-present God,  
You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.  
We are not where we started.  
We have not reached our destination.  
We are not sure where we are or who we are.  
Transition is not a comfortable place.  
May we continue to remind ourselves of the wonderful resources of this Church Sanctuary and a warm and welcoming congregation.  
Be among us, we pray.  
Calm our fears, save us from discouragement.  
Encourage us to care for one another.  
And help us to stay on course.  
Open our hearts to your guidance so that our journey toward calling a new Rector continues as a journey of trust, and faith and love. **Amen**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, or the following Doxology*  
For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **GENERAL CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*BCP 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### **Officiant 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.**

*Celebrant concludes with an absolution or a suitable Collect.*

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

**Officiant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

BCP 376

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

: I Got Me Flowers

Daniel Burton

I got me flowers to strew thy way;  
I got me boughs off many a tree:  
But thou wast up by break of day,  
And brought'st thy sweets along with thee.

The Sun arising in the East,  
Though he give light, and the East perfume;  
If they should offer to contest  
With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,  
Though many suns to shine endeavour?  
We count three hundred, but we miss:  
There is but one, and that one ever.

### DOXOLOGY | 380 V.3

Old 100th

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

*The people remain standing.*

**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.**

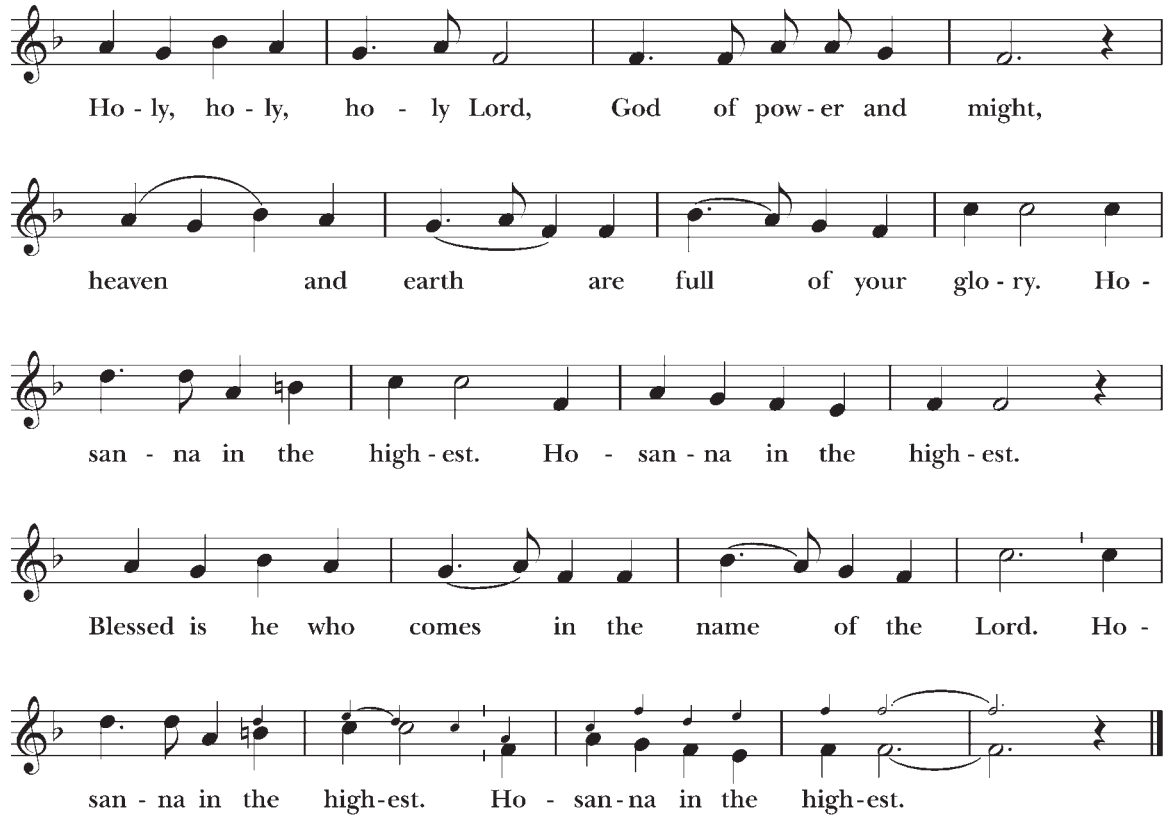
*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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:

## **SANCTUS | S-125**



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

*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:

**Officiant and People**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

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

### **Officiant 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

BCP 364

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

The choir will immediately sing the fraction anthem.

## FRACTION ANTHEM | S-155



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Facing the people, the Officiant says the following Invitation.  
The Gifts of God for you, who are also gifts of God.



Persons wanting a blessing instead of receiving bread or wine at the Altar may cross their arms over their chest.

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### 129 | Christ upon the mountain peak

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, with the first line starting with a numbered list of four verses. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

1 Christ up - on the moun - tain peak stands a - lone in  
2 Trem - bling at his feet we saw Mo - ses and E -  
3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came. God pro - claim - ing  
4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and pro - phets

glo - ry blaz - ing; let us, if we dare to speak,  
li - jah speak - ing. All the pro - phets and the Law  
in its thun - der Je - sus as his Son by name!  
fade be - fore him; first and last and on - ly One,

with the saints and an - gels praise him. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Na - tions cry a - loud in won - der! Al - le - lu - ia!  
let cre - a - tion now a - dore him! Al - le - lu - ia!

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123 | Alleluia, song of gladness



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia thou re - sound - est, true Je - ru - sa -  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia though we cher - ish and would chant for  
 4 There - fore in our hymns we pray thee, grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 lem and free; al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful mo - ther,  
 ev - er - more al - le - lu - ia in our sing - ing,  
 Trin - i - ty, at the last to keep thine Eas - ter



ev - er raised by choirs on high; in the house of  
 all thy chil - dren sing with thee; but by Bab - y -  
 let us for a while give o'er, as our Sa - vior  
 with thy faith - ful saints on high; there to thee for



God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.  
 lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.  
 in his fast - ing plea - sures of the world for - bore.  
 ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*BCP 365*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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 Lord, **Amen**

**PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

For those attending remotely.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. 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.**

# BLESSING

## RECESSIONAL | 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the

1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scep - ter his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

**DISMISSAL**  
Officiant  
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

# ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Phil and Audrey Deadmon in thanksgiving for the Newlin Partnership Board of Trustees and the numerous volunteers in the Partnership.

## OFFICIANT

The Rev. Melanie Barbarito

## LAY MINISTERS

VERGER

Steven Swanner

ORGANIST

Christin Baker

USHERS

8:15am - Tom McLean  
10:30am - Phil Savage, Micah Ash

READERS

8:15am - Curt Odem  
10:30am - Meredith Patterson, Martha Stewart

ACOLYTES

8:15am - Curt Odem  
10:30am - Chalcist - Martha Stewart  
Crucifer - Richard Parker  
Left Torch Bearer - Mourine Todd  
Right Torch Bearer - Gabe Johnson  
Gospel Bearer - Lorenzo Johnson

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Adriane Newbauer, Rachel Hayes

VESTRY COUNTERS

George Blaisdell, Derek Bates

FLOWER GUILD

Connie Griner

ALTAR GUILD

Joanne McClusky, Cheryl Miner, Tish Murray, Susan Ryan,  
Julie Smith, Nancy Smith, Janice Davis McAdams

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

Martha Adams, Jennell Harris, Chappy Moser  
Cheryl Miner, Janie Sellers

## COMMITMENT TO MINISTRY | COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

**JANUARY 7 SERVICE COUNT 8:15AM 17 | 10AM 94 | REMOTE 43**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 29 - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

GENERAL FUND.....	<b>\$80.00</b>
PLEDGED .....	<b>\$5,935.00</b>
OTHER.....	<b>\$915.00</b>
TOTAL .....	<b>\$ 6,930.00</b>



### **What is the Absalom Jones Fund?**

The Absalom Jones Fund for Episcopal HBCUs supports two institutions affiliated with The Episcopal Church since the 1800s: Saint Augustine's University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Voorhees University in Denmark, South Carolina.

In 1804, Absalom Jones became the first African American to be ordained a priest in The Episcopal Church. His witness to the way of Jesus included efforts to abolish slavery and to lift up all those cast down. He understood that education is the key to empowerment. We honor Absalom Jones by supporting our HBCUs, which prepare the talented leaders who will continue the work of building a more just and humane society.

### **What is an HBCU?**

Historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) were founded to create dynamic, supportive, and empowering educational environments for young people from diverse backgrounds. Today there are more than 100 HBCUs in the United States, including public and private institutions and professional schools of law and medicine.



## **ABSALOM JONES FUND**

According to a study published by the United Negro College Fund, today's historically Black colleges and universities are responsible for producing approximately 70 percent of all Black doctors and dentists, 50 percent of Black engineers and public school teachers, and 35 percent of Black lawyers.

### **Why support our Episcopal HBCUs?**

Voorhees University and Saint Augustine's provide an excellent liberal arts education to thousands of students, the majority of whom come from low-income households, and over 40% of whom are the first in their families to attend a four-year college. The Gospel work of education and emancipation, evangelism and formation, reconciliation and commitment to a just and humane society and world is happening at these schools! Yet in today's economic and political climate, HBCUs increasingly struggle to secure the funds they need to maintain their facilities, retain excellent faculty, and provide much-needed student financial aid.

### **Collect for the Feast of Absalom Jones**

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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