GRACE EPISCOPAL Church



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany ~ *The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

February 19, 2023

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ELCOME to all who are joining with us <u>virtually</u> as we celebrate *THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year A

Anna Bon (d. c.1769)

Mass Setting: Communion Service in E major Leo Sowerby (d. 1968) This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.

Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Voluntary: Sonata No. 4 for Flute and Continuo: Andante~Allegro assai Leonor Snow, transverse flute

Mode VIII

Introit (choir) In excelso throno

[Antiphon] On a throne in heaven I beheld a Man sitting, whom a legion of angels worship, singing together, "Behold, the name of his kingdom shall endure to all ages." [Psalm] O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. /*Repeat antiphon.*/

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: ♥ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

A LMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no ${
m A}$ secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison *(choir)*

K YRIE eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. [Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]

Gloria in excelsis *(choir)*

L. Sowerby

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 \neg LORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We ${f J}$ praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, ∗ art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

OGOD, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto 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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 24: 12-18 [NRSV]

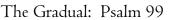
A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

THE LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

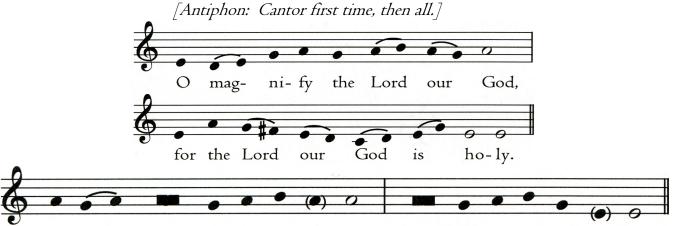
The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

Tone IV.4



m 99 *Dominus regnavit* (Congregation sings antiphon as indicated, and the italicized verses.)



^I THE LÖRD is King, be the people never | so impatient; **he sitteth between the Cherubim, be the earth ne-/ver so unquiet.*

2 The LORD is | great in Sion, * and high | above all people.

- 3 They shall give thanks un- | to thy Name, * which is great, won- | derful and holy. [All repeat antiphon.] (MOSËS and Aaron among his priorite and Samuel among such as call up | on his Nam
- 6 MOSËS and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among such as call up- | on his Name: * these call'd upon the | LORD and he heard them.
- 7 He spake unto them out of the | cloudy pillar; * for they kept his testimonies and the | law that he gave them.

8 Thou heardest them O | LORD our God;
* thou forgavest them O God, though thou didst punish | their wicked doings.
9 O magnify the LORD our God, and worship him upon his | holy hill;
* for the LORD | our God is holy. [All repeat antiphon.]

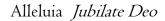
The Epistle: 2 Peter I: I6-21 [*NRSV*]

A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



Tone VI



 The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 17: 1-9 [RSV]

 Celebrant:
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

 People's response:
 ♥ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

AND after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led Athem up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and

one for Elijah." He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of man is raised from the dead."

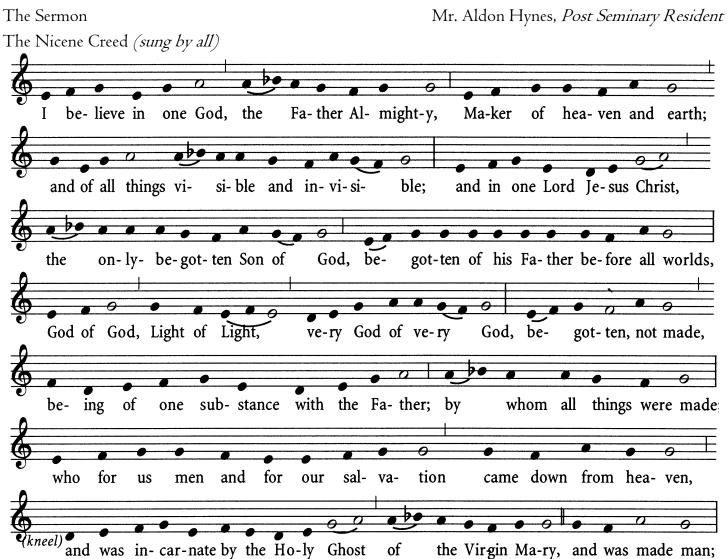


The Gospel of the Lord.

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.



Transfiguration of Christ; Bellini, Giovanni, d. 1516



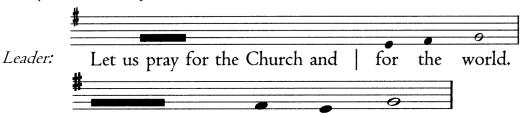
(stand) and was cru- ci- fi- ed al- so for us der Pon-tius Pi- late; unsuf- fer- ed and was bu- ried; and the third day he rose ahe gain . . cor-ding to the Scrip-tures, and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven, and sit- teth on the acright hand of the Fa- ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo-ry, judge both to • whose king-dom shall have no end. the quick and the dead; And I be-lieve in the 0 $\overline{\mathbf{0}}$ Holy Ghost the Lord, and Gi-ver of Life, who pro-ceed eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-ge-ther wor-shipp'd and glo-riis fi- ed; • spake by the Pro-phets. And I be-lieve one ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A- po- stowho 0 • • . lic Church; I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins: and I look for the re- sur-rec-tion of the dead, "and the life of the world to come. Amen.





The Prayers of the People

Form IV



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (Silence)

- (Sung after every intercession) Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. *(Silence)* Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer*.
- Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. *(Silence)* Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer*.
- *Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (Silence) Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.
- Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad *[especially N.]*. Defend them day by day with thy 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 thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer*.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (pause); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer*.

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (pause); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. People

0 A-men.

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

- *Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.
- *People:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, * pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew II: 28* God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16*

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (choir) Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten (d. 1976)

O BE JOYFUL in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Presentation of the alms and oblations

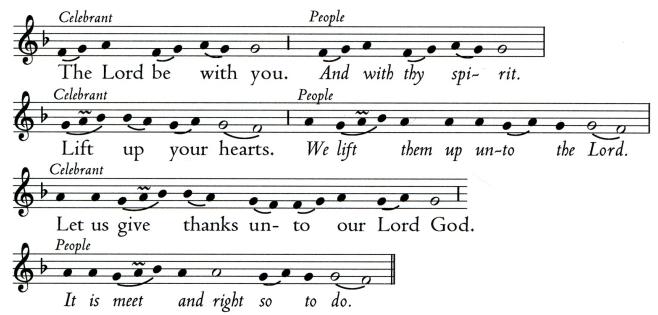
Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

- *Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.
- *People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

 $B^{\rm ECAUSE}$ in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in Bour hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Sanctus and Benedictus (choir)

L. Sowerby

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. * Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! The Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." \blacksquare

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." \blacksquare

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, \blacksquare be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

 \mathbf{B}^{Y} whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be Bunto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

A- men.

The Lord's Prayer *(sung by all)*

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



Agnus Dei *(choir)*

L. Sowerby

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access *(said by all)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The 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.

Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the People: word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (choir) Visionem

THE VISION which ye have seen, tell to no man: until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion *(said by those worshipping virtually)*

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.



Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Epiphany Blessing

May God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only-begotten at his baptism in the Jordon 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 always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord. *The People respond:* Thanks be to God.

The Last Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN THE BEGINNING was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.



St. John I:I-I4

Ave Regina caelorum (choir)

Ave Regina caelorum, Ave Domina Angelorum. Salve radix, salve porta, ex qua Mundo lux est orta. Gaude Virgo gloriosa, super omnes speciosa. Vale, o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

[Welcome, O Queen of heaven, welcome, O Lady of Angels. Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate, from whom unto the world a light has risen. Rejoice, O glorious Virgin, lovely beyond all others. Farewell, most beautiful maiden, and pray for us to Christ.]



The Angelus

- Celebrant: The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.
- *People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- *People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
- Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
- *People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.
- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- *People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(Here genuflect) Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

(Here rise) People: And dwelt among us.

- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- *People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
- Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
- *People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen*.



Voluntary: Suite in G for Flute and Continuo

Michel de la Barre (d. 1745)

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BULLETIN INSERTS

February 19, 2023 – Last Sunday in Epiphany (A) Intro: Life Transformed – The Way of Love in Lent

The journey through Lent into Easter is a journey with Jesus. We are baptized into his life, self-giving, and death; then, we rise in hope to life transformed. This Lent, communities are invited to walk with Jesus in his Way of Love and into the experience of transformed life. Together, we will reflect anew on the loving actions of God as recounted in the Easter Vigil readings. Together, we will walk through the depths of salvation history into the fullness of redemption. Throughout Lent, come along with us as we explore Life Transformed: The Way of Love in Lent, produced by Hillary Raining and Jenifer Gamber. You can find resources mentioned below at *iam.ec/lifetransformed* or by scanning the QR code to the right.



Intro

Wednesday, February 22

Today's Prompt: How do you incorporate rest into your life?

Read: "Thus says the Lord: Stand at the crossroads and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it." – Jeremiah 6:16

Thursday, February 23

Today's Prompt: How does community help or hinder your growing in Christ?

Read: "But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God." – John 1:12-13

Friday, February 24

Today's Prompt: Where do you see the seven practices of the Way of Love in this story? *Read:* "Finding no way to bring him in because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him

down on the stretcher through the tiles into the middle of the crowd in front of Jesus." – Luke 5:19

Saturday, February 25

Today's Prompt: How might you connect with others in the spirit of renewal? *Read:* "He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence." - 1 Kings 19:11-12

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THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<mark>A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.</mark> <u>Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).</u>

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Molly, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, Chuck, our Vocational Deacon Intern, and Aldon, our Post Seminary Resident.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will; for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. Barnabas', Greenwich; Christ Church, Guilford; St. John's, Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; all parish-based mission partnerships; ECCT-wide mission partnership networks; and the Companions in Mission Network.
- Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church): Brian, Lars, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, Charles, Warren, and Mike.
- *Sick or in need:* Abigail; Tom; Pamela; Tom & Elaine; James; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Stephen & Ratana; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig, & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Maria; Judy; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Dave; Robert; Jerome; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Diane; Nazra; Nelda Sue & Larry; Eugenia; Frank; Hugh; Jean; Lesley; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters, including those affected by the pandemic.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Sally Thompson, Leonard Bannister, Terri Sajda, Patricia Weiss, Vincent James Tarricone, all soldiers & civilians killed in war or civil strife, all those who have died from CoVid-19, and in memory of Carol Hilton, Roger Billings, Loretta & Ken Orr, John Staffeld, William Morse, and Emily Flechner.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE Sunday, February 19 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany ~ The Transfiguration 8:00 am: Low Mass 10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live) Monday, February 20 Feria **7:30 a.m.**: Facebook Live Morning Prayer **6:00 p.m.**: Facebook Live Evening Prayer Tuesday, February 21 Peter Damian, Bishop, 1072 **7:30 a.m.**: Facebook Live Morning Prayer ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22 The First Day of Lent 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.: "Ashes to Go" in front of Grace Church, 55 New Park Avenue 9:15 a.m.: Low Mass with Imposition of Ashes (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's **5:00 to 6:15 p.m.**: "Ashes to Go" in front of Grace Church, 55 New Park Avenue 7:00 p.m.: SOLEMN HIGH MASS WITH IMPOSITION OF ASHES (also on Facebook Live) Thursday, February 23 Lenten Feria **8:00 a.m.**: Facebook Live Morning Prayer **10:00 a.m.**: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution Friday, February 24 SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE **5:45 p.m.:** Lenten Organ Meditation (also on <u>Facebook Live</u>) 6:00 p.m.: STATIONS OF THE CROSS (also on <u>Facebook Live</u>) Sunday, February 26 The First Sunday in Lent 8:00 am: Low Mass **10:30 a.m.:** Solemn High Mass (also on <u>Facebook Live</u>) Visit "<u>Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford CT</u>" on FACEBOOK. Please join, and help us spread the good news on line!





ASH WEDNESDAY, February 22nd Ash Wednesday Liturgy and Distribution of Ashes 9:15 A.M. Low Mass 7 P.M. Solemn High Mass FRIDAYS IN LENT

5:45 P.M.: Lenten Organ Meditation (also on <u>Facebook Live</u>) 6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross and Benediction (also on <u>Facebook Live</u>)