

**St. Thomas' Episcopal Church**  
**The Transfiguration**  
**August 6, 2023**



## 8:00 a.m. – The Holy Eucharist, Rite I

*Children are always welcome in the church.  
Please be sure your cell phone is inaudible.*

### Prelude

Opening Hymn #657 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

Opening Acclamation Book of Common Prayer, page 323

The Collect for Purity page 323

Gloria page 324

Collect, Readings and Gospel *(pages 3-5 of Bulletin)*

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Prayers of the People *(pages 5-6 in your bulletin)*

Confession and Absolution page 331

The Peace

Announcements and Birthdays *(Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin)*

Offertory Voluntary

Doxology Hymn 380 (v. 3) *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II page 340

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The Breaking of the Bread page 337

Prayer of Humble Access page 337

The Communion

Communion Voluntary

Postcommunion Prayer page 339

Blessing

Dismissal Hymn #199 Come Ye Faithful *St. Kevin*

The Dismissal

Postlude



# 10:00 am – The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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## Prelude

**Opening Hymn #657** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*

**Opening Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer, page 355

**Gloria in Excelsis** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Mathias* Hymnal S278

**Collect and Readings** (*pages 3-4 of Bulletin*)

**Sequence Hymn #318** Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face *Nyack*

**The Gospel** (*page 4-5 of Bulletin*)

**Sermon** The Rev. Paul Briggs

**Nicene Creed** page 358

**Prayers of the People** (*pages 5-6 in your bulletin*)

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**The Peace** page 360

**Announcements and Birthdays** (*Birthday Prayer page 6 of Bulletin*)

**Offertory**

**Offertory Hymn 380** (v.3) *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C** page 369

**Sanctus** (*insert in Hymnal*) *Mathias* Hymnal S128

**The Lord's Prayer** page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**The Communion**

**Communion Voluntary**

**Postcommunion Prayer** page 365

**Blessing**

**Dismissal Hymn #199** Come Ye Faithful *St. Kevin*

**The Dismissal**

**Postlude**



## The Collect

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the King in his beauty; who with you, O Father, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The 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.

## Psalm 99

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

- <sup>5</sup> Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- <sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.
- <sup>7</sup> He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- <sup>8</sup> O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them,  
yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- <sup>9</sup> 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 Reading**

## **2 Peter 1:13-21**

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” 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.

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.

**Prayers of the People**

*Leader: Gracious God, your Son laid down his life and called us friends: Hear our prayers for the whole human family and for the world, as we say: Sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.*

*Leader: Loving God, your Church is your community, and you have taught us that we are born of God: Help us to show our love for you by following your command to love all your children.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader: You have shown your justice openly in the sight of the nations. Extend your kingdom over all the earth and instill your Spirit of love and compassion to all in authority with, that they may serve the world in peace and justice.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader: All creation testifies to God’s goodness; the sea and the lands, the rivers and hills, they all ring out with joy before the Lord: Bless and protect this world.*

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader:* You have taught us to keep your commandments by acting out of your love. Bless this community so that your joy may be in us and that our joy may be complete.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Leader:* Hear our prayers for our friends and for all who suffer, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Help us remember moments both great and small that make us grateful, especially for \_\_\_\_\_.

We entrust to your never-failing love those who have died, especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Sing to the Lord a new song;

**All: for God has done marvelous things.**

*Clergy: Almighty God, you have loved us, chosen us and appointed us to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last: Honor the faithful prayers of your people, that all the earth may know your love and joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and Holy Spirit, lives and reigns one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Birthday Prayer

Watch over thy children, O Lord, as their days increase. Bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand, comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful, raise them up if they fall. And in their heart, may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



*The flowers this morning are given in Thanksgiving and Celebration for  
Dean and Kate Jackson's 44<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*



*Restrooms are located down the right aisle, past the Chapel, at the end of the corridor on the left side.  
Additional restrooms are located in the basement (down the same corridor, via the stairway on the left).*

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## ***Liturgical Ministers***

**Celebrant & Preacher:**  
**Organist:**

The Rev. Paul Briggs  
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### **8:00 a.m. Liturgy**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Pam Bardon  
**Lay Readers:** Edmund Hartt, Pam Bardon  
**Prayers of the People:** Pat Ayers  
**Usher:** Edmund Hartt

### **10:00 a.m. Liturgy**

**Lay Eucharistic Minister:** Dean Jackson  
**Acolytes:** Charlotte Watkins  
**Lay Readers:** Charlotte Watkins, Sarah Groman  
**Prayers of the People:** Jeff Conrad  
**Ushers:** Phil Groman

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