



**ST. JAMES'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**The Feast of the Transfiguration**

**August 6, 2023  
9:30 am**

*Welcome to St. James's!*

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship  
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,  
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,  
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;  
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,  
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,  
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,  
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

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**9:30 am** The Feast of the Transfiguration, Morning Prayer, Rite II

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**Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

1 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;  
 2 Like a mo - ther you en - fold me, hold my life with - in your own.  
 3 Like a fa - ther you pro - tect me. Teach me the dis - cern - ing eye.  
 4 Friend and lov - er in your close - ness I am known and held and blest:  
 5 Lov - ing Spi - rit, lov - ing Spi - rit, you have chos - en me to be;

you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.  
 Feed me with your ver - y bod - y, form me of your flesh and bone.  
 Hoist me up up - on your shoul - der, let me see the world from high.  
 in your prom - ise is my com - fort, in your pres - ence I may rest.  
 you have drawn me to your won - der, you have set your sign on me.

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## Opening Sentences

*Officiant* We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks,  
 calling upon your Name and declaring all your wonderful deeds.

## Confession of Sin

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,  
 opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in  
 each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
 We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the  
 evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through  
 our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love  
 and serve only your will. Amen.

*Officiant* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through  
 the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the  
 power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

# The Invitatory and Psalter

## Opening Versicle

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*All* Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

## Invitatory Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7 (*Venite*)

1. Come, let us sing with joy un - to the Lord,  
2. Great is our God and great - ly to be praised,  
3. Come, let us kneel be - fore the Lord our God;  
and for our sav - ing Rock let us re - joice.  
sov - ereign a - bove all powers of heaven and earth.  
to our Cre - a - tor let all hearts draw near.  
In - to God's pres - ence come with hymns of praise;  
Both depths and heights are held with - in God's hand,  
13 This is our God, who cares for us like sheep  
with thank - ful hearts new psalms and an - thems raise,  
who made the sea and mold - ed the dry land,  
and who with stead - fast love our lives will keep.  
17 till all earth's tongues be joined in one great voice.  
and from whose life all crea - tures have their birth.  
Oh, that to - day you would God's call - ing hear!

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The LORD is King; let the people tremble; \*  
 he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

The LORD is great in Zion; \*  
 he is high above all peoples.

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
 he is the Holy One.

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
 you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God  
 and fall down before his footstool; \*  
 he is the Holy One.

Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
 and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
 they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
 they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
 you were a God who forgave them,  
 yet punished them for their evil deeds.

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 First Reading:** Exodus 34:29-35

Donna Thompson

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle:** Phillipians 2:5-11 *(To be said in unison)*

Mary Buchinger

Have that mind among yourselves,\*  
which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he was in the form of God,\*  
did not count equality with God as a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,\*  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form, he humbled himself\*  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God has also highly exalted him,\*  
and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,  
that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,\*  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess\*  
that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.\*  
Amen. Amen.

**The Second Reading:** Luke 9:28-36

Mary Buchinger

A reading from the Book of Luke.

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.

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**Canticle: A Song of Creation**

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1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.  
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,  
 3. O men and wo - men ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;



Sun, moon, and stars, peal out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.  
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.  
 let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.



Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -  
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air-borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -  
 No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum-ble souls and meek of heart: ex -

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The image shows a musical score for three voices (alt, alt, alt) and a bass line. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: alt the God who made you. The score includes first, second, and third endings. The first ending is a repeat of the first two measures. The second ending is a repeat of the first two measures with a different bass line. The third ending is a repeat of the first two measures with a different bass line.

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## Sermon

JT Kittredge

## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offertory Sentence

*Officiant* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,  
an offering and sacrifice to God.



1."Come, eat and drink, my table is set, the feast is laid out and all is pre-  
 2."Come, eat and drink, my table is set, my wine has been mixed, my servants sent  
 3."My house is built, my table is set, here may you turn in, you sim-ple of  
 8  
 pared; come eat and drink, all you who would live, my of-fer of life is for  
 out; I call from the high-est plac-es in town, 'My of-fer of life is for  
 heart, and learn to walk with in - ner sight, My of-fer of life is for  
 16  
 you." She calls and she offers her food and drink, she nourishes us from with - in;  
 you."  
 you."  
 25  
 let us lay a-side all mindlessness, and walk in her way, the way of the wise.

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## The Prayers

### The Lord's Prayer

*Officiant* Hear our cry, O God.  
*People* And listen to our prayer  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

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.

## Suffrages

*Officiant* Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
*People* And grant us your salvation.  
*Officiant* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
*People* Let your people sing with joy.  
*Officiant* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
*People* For only in you can we live in safety.  
*Officiant* Keep this nation under your care;  
*People* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
*Officiant* Let your way be known upon earth;  
*People* Your saving health among all nations.  
*Officiant* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
*People* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
*Officiant* Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
*People* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Officiant says*

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.**

## Collect for Peace

*The Officiant says*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Collect for Mission

*The Officiant says*

O gracious and loving God, you work everywhere reconciling, loving, and healing your people and your creation. In your Son and through the power of your Holy Spirit, you invite each of us to join you in your work. We, young and old, lay and ordained, ask you to form us more and more in your image and likeness, through our prayer and worship of you and through the study of your scripture, that our eyes will be fully opened to your mission in the world. Then, God, into our communities, our nation, and the world, send us to serve with Christ, taking risks to give life and hope to all people and all of your creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## Benediction

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Officiant* Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Announcements & Celebrations

*The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:*

May God bless you;

May God keep you;

May God's love be with you;

May God grant you peace and wisdom;

May God ever be with you.

1. Filled with the Spirit's power, with one ac - cord  
 2. Now with the our mind - it's of good, Christ Spir - set us to on fire,  
 3. Wid - en the our love, of good Spir - it, to em - brace

5  
 the in - fant church con - fessed its our ris - en Lord.  
 that in u - ni - ty care may all be those our great - en sire.  
 in your strong care may all those of ev - ery race.

9  
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, in the church to - day  
 Give Like joy and peace; give with faith life to a - mong your us call,  
 Like wind and and fire with life to a - mong us move,

13  
 no less your power of fel - low - ship dis - play,  
 and read - i - ness known in as each Christ's, to work for all.  
 till we are known in as each Christ's, and work for all.  
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### The Peace

Officiant The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

*The community is now invited to greet each other and depart when they so wish.*



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         \_\_\_\_\_ seeking a new church home.      \_\_\_\_\_ to receive a call or email from St. James's.

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