Transfiguration Sunday
Parish-wide Festival Eucharist
August 6, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Voluntary
Ricercare Girolamo Frescobaldi

Opening Hymn
All Are Welcome

The People stand as they are able.

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell
2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, And words are strong and true, Where all God’s children dare to seek
3. Let us build a house where love is found In yonder wine and wheat: A banquet hall on holy ground, Where peace and justice serve and teach,
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell

Built of hopes and dreams and visions, new. Here the cross shall stand as witness meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, known. Here the outcast and the stranger
Opening Acclamation

Presider  Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People  Glory to God for ever and ever.

The Collect of Purity

Presider  God be with you.
People  And also with you.
Presider  Let us pray together.

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.
HYMN OF PRAISE

Cantor

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Fa-ther.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Son______.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spi-rit.

Congregation

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Fa-ther.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Son______.
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spi-rit.

Cantor

To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Group 1

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 2

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 3

Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider  God be with you.
People    And also with you.
Presider  Let us pray.

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 WORD OF GOD

The people are seated

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
Thanks be to God.
Psalm: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Refrain - sung by cantor, then by all.

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.

Verse 1, sung by cantor
The Lord is king, let the earth rejoice;
Let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him,
Justice and judgement are the foundation of his throne.

All repeat refrain

Verse 2, sung by cantor
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice,
All peoples see his glory.

All repeat refrain

Verse 3, sung by cantor,
Because you, O Lord,
are the Most High over all the earth
Exalted far above all Gods.

All repeat refrain
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.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

The People stand as they are able.

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

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

Verse sung by cantor.
All repeat refrain.

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The Gospel


The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Hornbeck

A period of silence is kept.

Affirmation of Faith

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

The People stand as they are able.

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship You. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Presider
Let us go to the mountain of God’s generosity, offering our prayers as we respond, “Hear us, God of Glory.”

Leader That we may offer ourselves to the refashioning hands of the Divine Potter, who centers, molds, and changes us into vessels of grace; let us pray.

People Hear us, God of Glory.

Leader That we may admit our faults, our desire to keep things as they are and to return to things that never were, so that when Christ invites us into a transformed life, we may readily answer his call; let us pray.

People Hear us, God of Glory.

Leader For a vigorous spirit of mutual cooperation and unity, that we may treasure the common ground which we share with the whole Anglican Communion, and work together to share in the fruits of God’s kingdom across our nations, cultures, tribes, and peoples; let us pray.

People Hear us, God of Glory.

Leader For the cessation of war, that the armaments of destruction may be made into tools for development, and that resources spent on the fields of battle may instead support the basic necessities of life; let us pray.

People Hear us, God of Glory.

Leader For the commitment to a life of simplicity, that we may preserve for generations to come the beauty of land and seas and sky, and the complexity of every living creature; let us pray.

People Hear us, God of Glory.

Leader That those who have died may experience the blessed rest of everlasting peace; let us pray.

People Hear us, God of Glory.

Leader Continue to mold us into your perfect wholeness as we add to these prayers.

Please add your own prayers at this time, either silently or aloud.
Presider
Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept
the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

Presider 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.

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BLESSINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Presider
Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to God.
Offertory Anthem

Transform us as you, transfigured, stood apart on Tabor’s height. Lead us up our sacred mountains, search us with revealing light. Lift us from where we have fallen, full of questions, filled with fright.

Transform us as you, transfigured, once spoke with those holy ones. We, surrounded by the witness, of those saints whose work is done, live in this world as your Body, chosen daughters, chosen sons.

Transform us as you, transfigured, would not stay within a shrine. Keep us from our great temptation. time and truth we quickly bind. Lead us down those daily pathways where our love is not confined.

Doxology

The People stand as they are able.

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God for all that love has done;


Music: Old Hundredth, Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561); Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1710), adapt.
The Great Thanksgiving

Presider  God is with you.
People  And also with you.
Presider  Open your hearts.
People  We open them to the Lord.
Presider  Let us give thanks for God’s infinite mercy.
People  God’s mercy endures for ever.

Presider
We praise you, Merciful One, for the creative power of your love. Through its ceaseless yearning you bring all things into being and delight in the endless play of creation’s growth and change. In your light, we see light, the spark of your Holy Wisdom blazes forth in all things so that we may share in your eternal life.

Your Holy Wisdom has been with us in the unfolding of creation; she established the covenant of holiness and freedom with your people, Israel; she inspired the prophetic call to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. Holy Wisdom revealed herself in your beloved Son, Jesus, who embodied your love and called us to open our hearts to receive its fullness. In his willingness to suffer with us and for us, Jesus revealed the depths of your love and released a flood of mercy to sanctify and renew the whole creation. Through the Spirit of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Wisdom of God continues to be incarnate in those who follow the way of love.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels, Archangels and all the celestial beings, giving voice to the whole creation as we sing,

Sanctus

Land of rest

Bless-ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.
The Presider continues

We gather now at this table, Holy God, to remember the mystery of Jesus’ self-giving love, and to receive the gift of union with you that he promised. For on the night before he died for us, Jesus gathered at the table with his disciples to celebrate the feast of freedom and life. He took bread, blessed, broke and gave it to them saying, “Take, eat. This is my body which is broken so that you may have life. Do this in remembrance of me.”

After supper, he took the cup of wine, blessed it and shared it with them saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for your redemption. Do this in remembrance of me.”

We ask that your Holy Spirit sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that by them we may receive the mind of Christ, and embody divine wisdom and compassion in our lives. May we be united with Christ in this offering of self-giving love, making our hearts a channel through which the stream of divine mercy continually flows to heal and bless the world. Let the mystery of faith shine forth in us:

Presider and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Presider

We remember Jesus, you Holy Wisdom, and pray for the grace to be united with him in his life, death, resurrections, and ascension. Grant that, with the Blessed Mary and all your saints, we may become the Body and Blood of Christ given for the salvation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the power of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, O Merciful One, in voices of unending praise. Amen.

Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM: O taste and see

Presider
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Wherever you find yourself on your spiritual journey, you are welcome to share
Communion (or receive a blessing in which case, please cross your arms in front of your
chest as a sign to the minister). If you need gluten-free bread, it will be provided. We
have returned to the common cup, which is optional. Please refrain from intincting
(dipping bread in the wine).

Please come forward to receive the Eucharist.
The People stand as they are able.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider & People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.
THE BLESSING

The Presider blesses the congregation with appropriate words.

FINAL HYMN

Go to the World

1. Go to the world! Go into all the earth. Go
   preach the cross where Christ renews life’s worth, bap-
   tizing as the sign of our rebirth.

2. Go to the world! Go into every place.
   Go live the Word of God’s redeeming grace.
   Go seek God’s presence in each time and space.

3. Go to the world! Go struggle, bless and pray; the
   nights of tears give way to joyous day.

4. Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for
   I am with you ‘til the age shall end.
   All the hosts of glory cry ‘A-men!’

   le - lu - ia.
   Al - le - lu - ia.

Tune: SINE NOMINE, 10 10 10 with alleluias; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, © Oxford University Press

DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

Prelude in C J.S. Bach
Acknowledgements

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Acolytes: Evelyn Fox, Louisa Kearns
Greeter: tbd
(C.O.W. is on hiatus for the Summer. Children & youth remain in church with families.)
Coffee Hour: Grill on the Hill Potluck lunch, led by the Vestry
Altar Guild: Hillary Smith, Betsy Robinson, Loretta Faulkner, Bob Adams, Jane Lintott, Judy Castillo
Flower Guild: Michele Charles
Livestream Tech: Tim Fox, Mike Robinson

*The Eucharistic Prayer used today, Anaphora of Holy Wisdom, was written by The Rev. John Kirkley, Rector at St. James, San Francisco. He writes:
A consistent theme of Wisdom is evident throughout the liturgy, using language most often found in the sapiential (wisdom) books of the Bible (Psalms, Job, Ecclesiastes, Wisdom of Solomon). It is inspired by Jesus’ statement in Luke 7:35 indicating that we, along with him, are Wisdom’s children, and St. Paul’s description of Christ as the Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24).
“Wisdom” is a personification of the divine, the second-person of a “bi-narian” understanding of God in Hebrew scripture; possibly a lingering trace of a female divine consort of Yahweh. This “second-person” of the Divine Being becomes the Word or Logos in Greek-speaking theology; for example, John’s Gospel. Jesus is the incarnation of Holy Wisdom.
One of the interesting things about this strand of the tradition is that it gives us feminine images of the divine: “Wisdom” is a feminine gendered word in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.