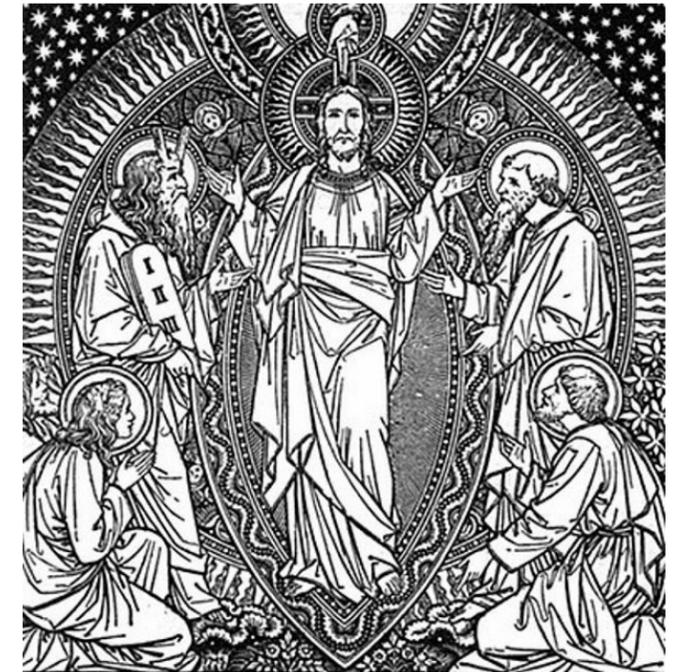


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February 11, 2018

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

PRELUDE: Andante Religioso Felix Mendelssohn
HYMN 460: "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" Hyfrydol
INTROIT: *The lightnings shone upon the ground; the earth was moved and shook withal. O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of Hosts. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. Glory be...*
OPENING SENTENCE (BCP 323):
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP 323) kneel
Celebrant begins: Let us pray
Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no 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.

KYRIE ELEISON: S-91 "Missa Sancta Maria Magdalena" Healey Willan
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS: S-202 *found in the front section of *The Hymnal 1982*

COLLECT OF THE DAY:
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And with thy spirit.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

LENTEN OUTREACH - During Lent St George's will be devoting special attention to The City Mission food pantry. Please remember the City Mission food pantry when doing your food shopping. You are encouraged to commit to placing forty items in the City Mission food pantry during Lent - one for each day!

WEEKLY SHAPENOTE SINGING Every Wednesday Sacred Harp tunebook in the Great Hall. More information at albanyshapedharp.org.
Schedule: February 7th and 28 in the Great Hall 6-8:30 PM, February 15th Canceled Ash Wednesday, February 22nd 6-8:30 in the Nott Memorial Union College.

THIS WEEK AT ST. GEORGE'S

Sunday, February 11 *THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY*

9:00 Bible Study

9:30 AM Prayer

10:00 AM Mass, Rite I

11:45 AM VESTRY MEETING

Monday, February 12 Feria

Tuesday, February 13 Absalom Jones, Priest

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Rite I Mass

2:00 ALM Capital Living

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00 AM Mass Rite I

Noon ALM Scotia Mansion

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

7:00 PM Mass Rite I

Thursday, February 15 *Lenten Feria*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

9:00 AM Mass Rite II

2:00 ALM Kingsway

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Friday, February 16 *Lenten Feria*

8:30 AM Morning Prayer

12:15 PM Mass, Rite I

5:00 PM Evening Prayer

Saturday, February 17 Scholastica, Virgin and First Benedictine

Parish Intercessions-Dorothy, Larry, Bob H., Joan P., Jill, Aileen, Craig, Shirley, Nicholas, Kate, Robert H., Martha, Loren & family, Pat, Dagmar Mary, Pat R., Douglas, Alice, Patricia, George, Katherine, Michele, Ken, Polly, Christian, Francis, Richard, and Sam.

Birthdays: Suzanne Unger 2/14, Michael Thiessen 2/15

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Today's Celebrant & Servers

Officiant-The Reverend Matthew R. Stromberg

Organist & Director of Music – Andrew Krystopolski

Crucifer/Acolytes-, Alice Polumbo, Steve Hartz, JJ Moran

Thurifer–Chris Henry, MC-David Kennison

Greeters: Johnnie & Nancy Angus, Lector: Sue Hartz

Counters: Jeff Wengrovius & Gregory P. Thomas

WELCOME GUESTS-We are glad that you are with us today! Please complete a visitor card and give it to Father Matt as you leave and please consider joining us for a coffee reception in the Great Hall after the service. Please note that Sunday School is available for children ages 3-8 during Mass upstairs in the Great Hall.

ASH WEDNESDAY Join us February 14th, as we begin the Lenten season with a mass and imposition of Ashes. A simple said mass will be observed at 8AM in the chapel and a choral mass at 7PM in the church. Invite your friends. All are welcome!

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY Saint George's is proud to announce that we have hired a new Director of Music Ministry! Brandon Dumas is a gifted, accomplished, musician and choir director as well as being an all around nice guy. He has served as an organist and choir director in several large Episcopal congregations and cathedrals around the world, but the capital district here in New York is his home. Brandon grew up worshiping and serving at the Cathedral of All Saints in Albany where his parents are still active members. Brandon will begin his role as Director of Music Ministry on March 1, 2018 and take up residency in St. George's house sometime shortly after that date.

BIBLE STUDY Join us Sundays at 9am in the Shaw Lounge (Great Hall) as we study the Book of Hebrews.

BREAKFAST IN THE GREAT HALL As a gesture of thanks to our St. George's Family, Kevin Grace will be preparing a full breakfast in the Great Hall next week, February 18, after Mass. Please join us.

THEOLOGY ON TAP Our next date for theology on tap are Mar 8th at the Van Dyck 7:30 PM. The topic will be, "Is Easter a thinly veiled pagan holiday?"

LENTEN SUPPER SERIES **Beginning tonight** 2/11 and running throughout Lent (with the exception of 2/25) St. George's will be hosting a Lenten discussion series Sunday evenings at 6PM based on Anglican Bishop NT Wright's *Surprised by Hope*. In six transforming, faith-inspiring sessions, Wright, a premiere biblical scholar, opens your eyes to the amazing full scope of what God's Word has to say about the world to come and the world that is. Sessions will include a potluck supper. Sign up sheet in the back

FAURE REQUIEM On the evening of Sunday 2/25 3PM join us for a special Evening Service featuring the Music of the Faure Requiem. A number of guests will join the St Cecilia choir to offer this beautiful evening of music as the final service of Andrew Krystopolski's time as musical director at St. George's.

ALL ON THE SAME PAGE St. George's book club will meet on April 8th following the 10 AM Mass. The title is "Behold the Dreamers"

CITY MISSION FOOD PANTRY- St George's maintains ongoing support through donations to the City Mission Please remember to donate when doing your grocery shopping as your contributions assist those who are not able to consistently realize proper nutrition for themselves or their families.

ANNUAL MEETING RAFFLE - Thank you to everyone who supported last week's annual meeting raffle. \$220 was collected for St George's general operating fund. Congratulations to Jeff Wengrovius, Suzy Unger, Joan Pearson, Jean Green-span, Steve Hartz and Rosemary Pannone, winners of the raffle's fabulous prizes.

THE FIRST READING: 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.

Psalm 50: 1-6 Deus deorum Anglican Chant by Edward John Hopkins

- 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 above *
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: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN 137: “O wondrous type! O vision fair”

Wareham

ALLELUIA: *He is the brightness of the everlasting light; the unspotted mirror and the image of his goodness.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 9: 2-9 *stand*

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

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to thee, O Christ

THE SERMON

Fr. Matt Stromberg

NICENE CREED (BCP 327)

stand

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP 328)

CONFESSION (BCP 331)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we earnestly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Officiant: 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 .

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: *Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth for ever, alleluia.*

***OFFERTORY HYMN:** “How shall I sing that Majesty” (insert) *Coe Fen*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (BCP 333)

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant: *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... 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 & BENEDICTUS: S-114

Healey Willan

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER I: (BCP 334)

kneel

LORD’S PRAYER

THE FRACTION (BCP 337):

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People: Therefore Let us keep the feast

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be with you

People: And with thy spirit

AGNUS DEI: S-158

Healey Willan

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (BCP 337):

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.

Celebrant: Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

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

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION:

(All baptized Christians may receive, regardless of age or denomination.)

COMMUNION SENTENCE: *Tell the vision which ye have seen to no man until the Son of man be risen from the grave*

COMMUNION ANTHEM: “Christ upon the Mountain Peak” P. Bouman

This text is found in hymn 129/30

POST COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP 339):

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.

***FINAL HYMN 618:** “Ye watchers and ye holy ones” *Laast uns erfreuen*

POSTLUDE: Tuba Tune

Craig Sellars Lang