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THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE TRANSFIGURATION

FEBRUARY 14, 2021



THE TRANSFIGURATION BY MARY ANNE CARLEY

Prelude “Herr Jesu Christ, wahr’ Mensch und Gott” from Cantata BWV127/1 for the Last Sunday before Lent by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750),
Crescendo Vocal Ensemble, Tricia van Oers, recorders

German

Herr Jesu Christ, wahr' Mensch und Gott,
Der du litst Marter, Angst und Spott,
Für mich am Kreuz und endlich starbst
Und mir deins Vaters Huld erwarbst:
Ich bitt durchs bitter Leiden dein,
Du wollst mir Sünder gnädig sein.

English (Translated by Catherine Winkworth, 1855)

Lord Jesus Christ, true man and God,
Who borest anguish, scorn, the rod,
And diedst at last upon the tree
To gain Thy Father's grace for me:
I pray Thee, through that bitter woe,
Let me, a sinner, mercy know.

Pastor Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Gloria “Glory to God”

Gevert 2017

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray together our collect.

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.

The Second Book of 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

- 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.

Paul's Second Letter to the 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.**

Gradual Hymn "Deep River" • Traditional Spiritual, arr. by Adriano Secco (b. 1961)

Deep River, My home is over Jordan.
Deep River, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go to the Gospel feast;
That Promised Land, where all is peace?
Deep River, Lord, want to cross over into campground.

Pastor The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:2-9

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Heidi Truax

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.**

The Prayers of the People

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, for Ian and Laura our Bishops, for Blessed Absalom Jones, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those on our parish cycle of prayer, Theresa and Brian Kenny, Richard and Celia Kirby, and Sue Kozlowski, and for their families. For all who live and work in our communities, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, all who suffer and those who have asked for our prayers (*we read from the book and leave time for people to add names;*) for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church (*we read from the book and leave time for people to add names,*) and especially for Richard Carley, in whose loving memory the altar flowers have been given. And for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the blessings of our lives especially all we lift up in prayer at this time (*we leave time to lift up our thanksgivings.*) Give us grateful hearts, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

The Prayer List

SICK

Millie

Allie

Sam

Marlene

Christie Garfield

Jerry

Tom and Susanna Schindler

Betsy H.

Roberto

Alice Tweed

Brianna

Danielle L.

Dimitri

All cancer patients as they continue their recovery

All caregivers

And all those suffering with COVID-19

REST IN PEACE

Patricia Hedges

Ron Jones

Mary Louise Kemper

Dr. Miguel Sala

Jane Dwight

Leslie C.

Judy Maldarelli
Ed Kirby
John Taylor
Betsy Smith
Mr. and Mrs. James Boltrom
Caroline Lovejoy
Patsie Sturges
Thomas Mullen
Henry Carley
Katie Sherwood
All who have died from COVID-19

The Peace

Priest The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Offertory “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” Traditional Spiritual

arr. Christopher Martin Hampson (b. 1980)

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
Coming for to carry me home.
A band of angels coming after me,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

The brightest day that ever I saw
Coming for to carry me home.
When Jesus washed my sins away,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
Coming for to carry me home.
But still my soul feels heav'nly bound,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout for joy:

Holy, Holy, holy

by Christine Gevert (b. 1964)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you call a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to 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.**

Fraction Anthem

by Christine Gevert (b. 1964)

**Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Prayer for Spiritual Reception

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who have witnessed anew these holy mysteries, though unable to receive the physical elements of the Sacrament, may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

By the Rev. Ben Brockman

Postcommunion Prayer

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lesser Feasts and Fasts: A. Jones

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine on you, and scatter the darkness from before your path and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Final Hymn “Go down, Moses” Soloist: Jermaine Woodard Jr., baritone

Go down, Moses

When Israel was in Egypt’s land,
Let my people go,
oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell ol’ Pharaoh: Let my people go.

SOLO: The Lord told Moses what to do,
Let my people go,
to lead the children of Israel through,
Let my people go.
Refrain: Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell ol’ Pharaoh: Let my people go.

ALL: As Israel stood by the waterside,
Let my people go,
at God’s command it did divide,
Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell ol’ Pharaoh: Let my people go.

SOLO: When they had reached the other shore,
Let my people go,
they sang the song of triumph o’er,
Let my people go.

Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell ol’ Pharaoh: Let my people go.

ALL: Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
Let my people go,
and let us all in Christ be free,
Let my people go.
Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt land,
tell ol’ Pharaoh: Let my people go.

Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Postlude Organ Improvisation on “Go down, Moses”

Gevert

*The Altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Richard Carley
by his family.*

Serving Today

Rector: The Rev. Heidi Truax
Music Director and Video Editor: Christine Gevert
Lector: Judith Frost
Psalmist: John Oler
Epistoler: Janet Walker
Intercessor: Mary Anne Carley
Flowers: Jacqueline Kuhn
Counter: Martha Nesbitt
Verger: Geoff Brown

Announcements

Today 11:30 AM Coffee Hour

This Wednesday 12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday service on YouTube
Come by the church any time to pick up ashes outside on table

Sunday, Feb. 21 10:30 AM The First Sunday of Lent Eucharist online
11:30 AM Coffee “Hour”
12:00 Noon Vestry Meeting

Thursdays 12:30 PM Bible Study

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- **Organ Improvisation on tune *Go down Moses***

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