



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

February 15, 2026  
The Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
*10:30 am Holy Eucharist*



**-- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD --**

On this final Sunday before Lent, we always hear the account of Jesus' Transfiguration during a hike, probably up Mount Tabor (possibly Mount Hermon) with three of his disciples. They have been struggling to understand Jesus' prediction of his crucifixion, coupled with his insistence upon going to Jerusalem. Will this experience give them the reassurance they need, to trust their teacher and follow him into danger? Peter's testimony in today's Epistle indicates that in hindsight, the disciples realized the Transfiguration was a prophetic vision from God.

**New to our church?** We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

**All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here**, no questions asked. We will bless homemade gluten-free Bread, which you may dip into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice. Or just cross your arms over your chest to decline receiving the wine. You may also ask a blessing from the Presider.

**Hymn #** These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

**WLP #** These hymns are located in the green hymnal "Wonder, Love & Praise"

## *The Gathering of the Community*

**Prelude** \_\_\_\_\_

**Opening Hymn #372** \_\_\_\_\_ **Praise to the living God!**

## Greeting & Collect for Purity

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Song of Praise: *Glory to God* \_\_\_\_\_ sung "call and response"

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

To God be glory for ever. Alleluia, Amen.

## Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray together.

All 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 Proclamation of the Word*

### The First Reading Please be seated \_\_\_\_\_ Exodus 24:12-18

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of

the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
Response    **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 99*

- 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; \*  
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; \*  
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; \*  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God,  
and fall down before his footstool; \*  
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,  
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, \*  
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; \*  
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; \*  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 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 1:16-21

*Reader* A Reading from the Second Letter of Peter.

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn #137** \_\_\_\_\_ *O wondrous type! O vision fair*

**The Gospel Reading** *Please remain standing, as able* \_\_\_\_\_ *Matthew 17:1-9*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

*The Rev. Susan A Williams*

*Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

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*Deacon* We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say,  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Open the ears of your church, to listen to Jesus and follow where he leads. Bless  
Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our assisting Bishop, and the leaders of our  
diocese and parish. Give us courage to work for justice, mercy, and peace.  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep the needs of all people foremost in the minds and intentions of our elected  
leaders, that human dignity may be honored and the welfare of your creation be  
improved. Help them to govern out of concern for those made vulnerable by  
climate change, warfare, and systems of injustice. Rescue those being persecuted  
unjustly, and thwart the schemes of the wicked.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shower your blessings on this congregation, that we might know and feel your  
presence in our lives, and act in that confidence for the good of all our neighbors.  
Give us visions of transfiguration, to see in all people the light of Christ's  
redeeming work.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring wholeness and peace to all who suffer; free them from their afflictions and  
instill in them the hope of Christ. We pray especially for those on our Prayer  
List, and others we name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome into your embrace all those who have died, and so bless our lives that  
we may look forward to our reunion with them in eternal peace. Especially we  
lift up those we love and miss today....

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* O God of every blessing, hear our prayers for all who are in need, and enable us  
to do your will; we ask as disciples of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution: *the people may kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All **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.**

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

## **The Peace** *Please stand, as able* \_\_\_\_\_ *Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!*

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

## Milestones and Announcements \_\_\_\_\_

## **Stump the Priest!** \_\_\_\_\_ *Answering your questions*

## **The Offertory**, following an invitation to generosity from the Presider

*If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving form!*



## **Offertory Anthem** \_\_\_\_\_ *O God, Who on the Holy Mount*

*O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glist'ning: 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, forever and ever: Amen.*

## **The Doxology** *Please stand & join in singing* \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Amen.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

### Sanctus

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setting by Wendy Vickers

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people remain standing or may kneel*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All      We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN!

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we make our prayer:

**The Lord's Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_ *setting by David Vickers*



Our Fath-er in heav - en, \_\_\_\_\_ hal-low-ed be your Name. \_\_\_\_\_ your King-dom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heav - en. \_\_\_\_\_ Give us our dail-ly bread. \_\_\_\_\_ For-give us our sins. \_\_\_\_\_ as we for-  
give those \_\_\_\_\_ who sin a-gainst us. \_\_\_\_\_ Save us from the time of trial, \_\_\_\_\_ and save us from  
e - vil. \_\_\_\_\_ For yours is the king-dom, pow'r and the glo-ry, now and for e-ver more. \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ men. \_\_\_\_\_

## The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

## Fraction Anthem: WLP #866 \_\_\_\_\_ setting by Owen Burdick

An Invitation to Communion is said by the clergy \_\_\_\_\_ source: Iona Community

Priest Our feast of bread and wine is now made ready.  
It is the feast of company with Jesus, and all who love him.  
So come and share in this banquet:  
You have much faith and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often,  
and you who have not been for a long time;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.  
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.  
These are gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

## The Communion

Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.

Communion Hymn #178 \_\_\_\_\_ Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* \_\_\_\_\_

Presider Let us pray.

All     Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing is said by the Presider \_\_\_\_\_

### *The Sending Out*

Sending Out Hymn #690 \_\_\_\_\_ Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Sending Out \_\_\_\_\_

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*

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

Postlude \_\_\_\_\_

The altar flowers that decorate our church this morning were given by Lynne Ronthi in celebration of loved ones on Valentines Day.

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