

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 15, 2026  
10:30 AM



*Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.*

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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC PRELUDE SUR L'INTROIT DE L'EPIPHANIE

by M. Durefle

*Philip Cordell, organ*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW

by R.J. Hughes

*Philip Cordell, organ*



**GATHERING**



*Please stand as you are able.*

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, the Creator of heaven and earth,  
the Word who spoke life into being,  
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Mighty God, lover of justice,  
you call us to life in community,  
but we have served our own interests  
at the expense of our neighbors.

We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you.

Turn us to seek your face.

Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,  
that we may do justice, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.

Amen.

The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares:

Like a spring of water that never fails,  
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,  
and forgives your sin in **+** Jesus' name.

May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,  
and bless you with the gift of peace.

Amen.

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And also with you.

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. Amen.

## GLORY TO GOD

Assisting minister

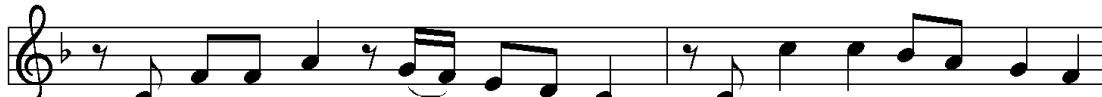


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

All



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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



*Please be seated.*

### FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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 Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*The Psalm will be sung responsively.*



<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations <sup>1</sup> in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter <sup>1</sup> empty threats?

<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes <sup>1</sup> plot together,  
against the LORD and against the <sup>1</sup> LORD's anointed?

<sup>3</sup> "Let us break their <sup>1</sup> yoke," they say;  
"let us cast off their <sup>1</sup> bonds from us."

<sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heav- <sup>1</sup> en is laughing;  
the LORD holds them <sup>1</sup> in derision. R

<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God <sup>1</sup> speaks to them,  
and in rage fills <sup>1</sup> them with terror.

<sup>6</sup> "As for me, I have anoint- <sup>1</sup> ed my king  
upon Zion, my <sup>1</sup> holy mountain."

<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree <sup>1</sup> of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I be- <sup>1</sup> gotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for <sup>1</sup> your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for <sup>1</sup> your possession.

<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an <sup>1</sup> iron rod  
and shatter them like a <sup>1</sup> piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> And now, you <sup>1</sup> kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers <sup>1</sup> of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the <sup>1</sup> LORD with fear,  
and with trembling <sup>1</sup> bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden <sup>1</sup> blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take ref- <sup>1</sup> uge in God!

## SECOND READING

## 2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

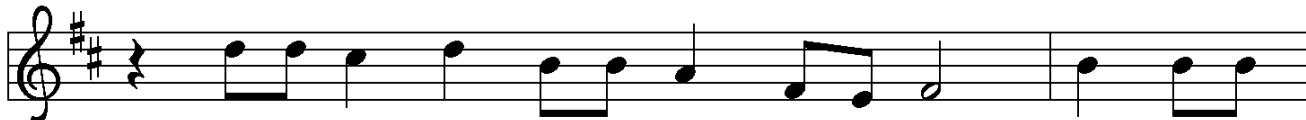
<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> 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.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

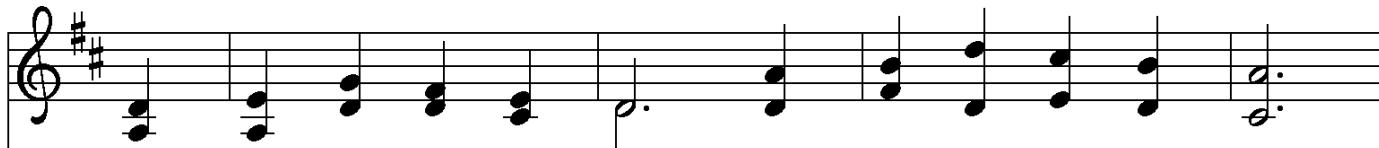
Pastor Jonathan Bull

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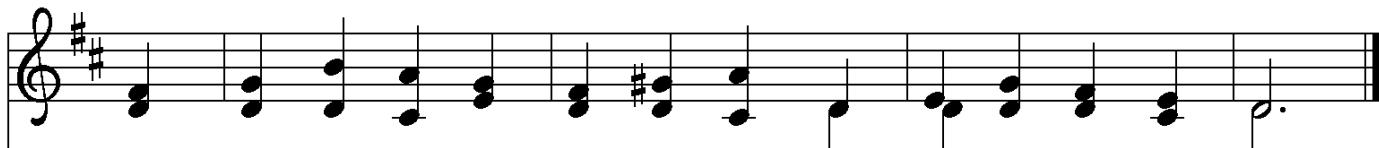
SERMON HYMN

HOW GOOD, LORD, TO BE HERE

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1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.



## NICENE CREED

*With the whole church, let us confess our faith.*

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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence.*

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## PEACE

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

*Please be seated.*

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

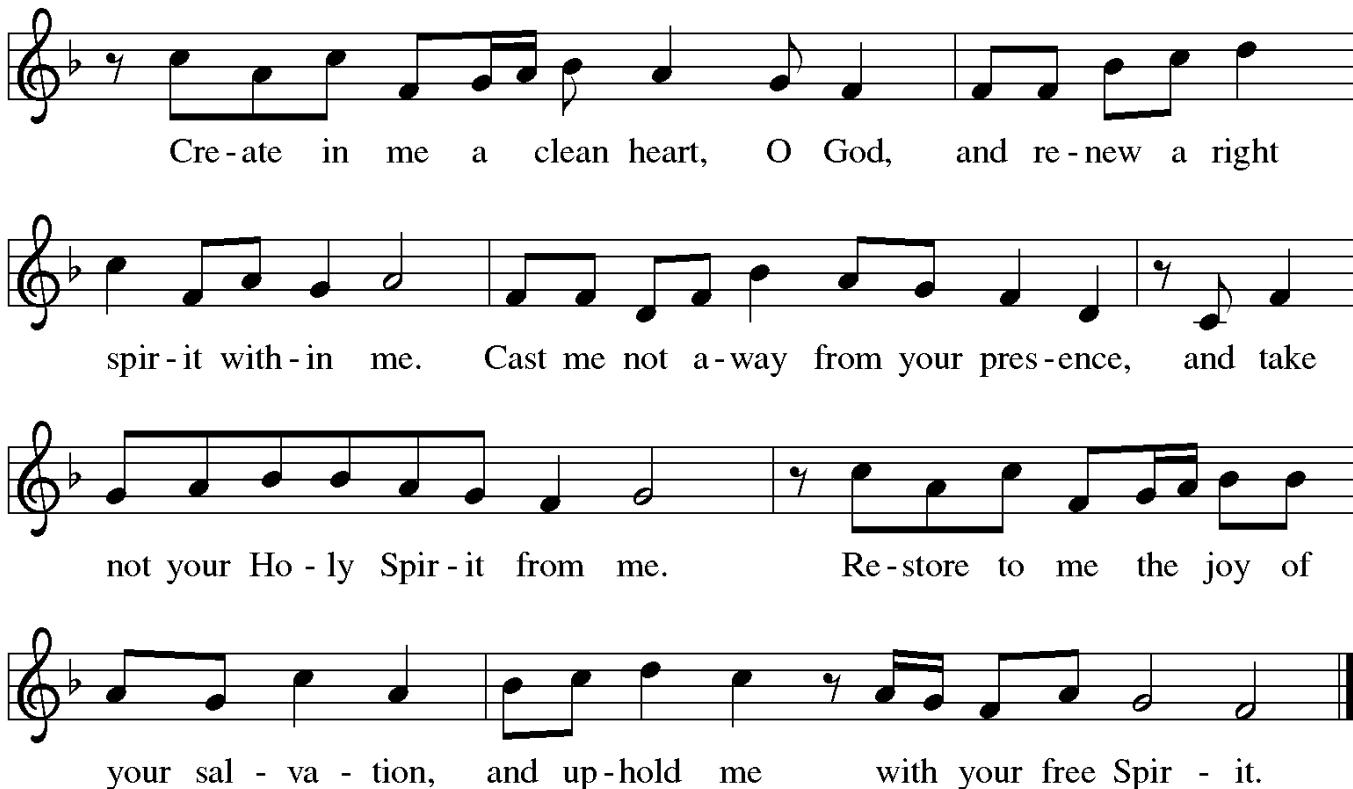
### I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

*The Bells of St. Paul*

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OFFERING



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take  
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of  
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,  
no eye has seen, no ear has heard  
what you have prepared for those who love you,  
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.  
Use what we have gathered  
to feed us with the reign of God come near,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.



## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

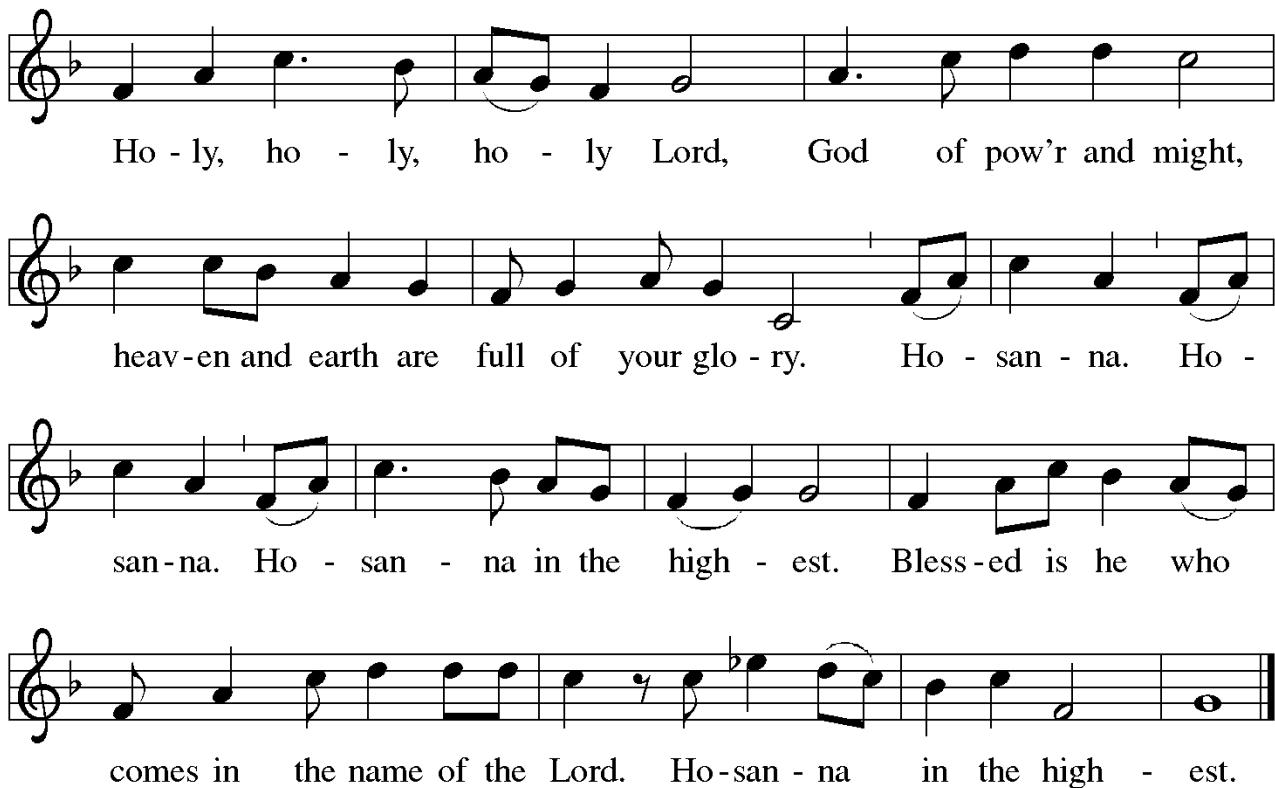
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san - na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

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,  
    forever and ever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord  
It is made ready for those who love God  
    and for those who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith  
    and you who have little;  
You who have been here often  
    and you who have not been here long;

You who have tried to follow  
    and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

## LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.  
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Continued on the next page*

*Refrain*

Musical notation for the first part of the refrain. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes on the treble clef staff, with a bass line providing harmonic support on the bass clef staff. The lyrics are: "I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry".

Musical notation for the second part of the refrain. The key signature is B-flat major (two flats). The melody continues on the treble clef staff, with the bass line providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love." The music concludes with a final chord on the bass staff.

*Please stand as you are able.*

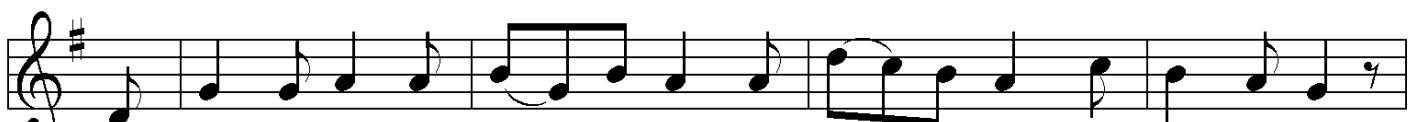
## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
Amen.

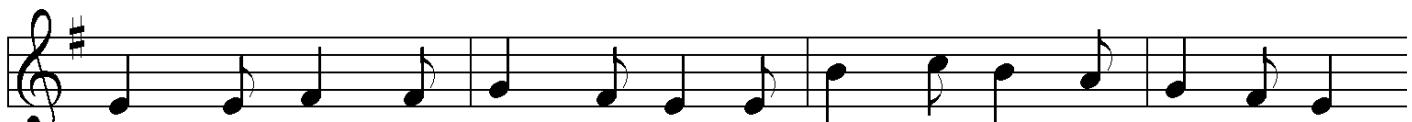
## SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev- 'ry- one what he has done.



Let ev- 'ry- one who seeks the Lord re - joice and proud- ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God,  
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.  
In the sacrament of his body and blood  
you have drawn us to your heart.  
Send us from this table with delight,  
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,  
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

✚    ✚    ✚    **SENDING**    ✚    ✚    ✚

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
Amen.

## SENDING SONG

## SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

## ELW 671

*Refrain*

Shine, Je-sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa-ther's glo-ry;



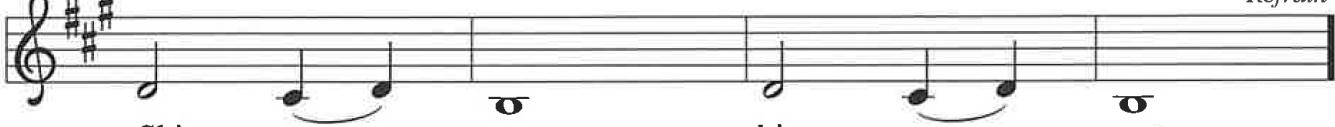
blaze, Spir-it, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv-er, flow, flood the na-tions with grace and mer-cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

1 Lord, the light of your love is shin-ing, in the midst of the  
2 As we gaze on your king-ly bright-ness, so our fac-es dis-dark-ness, shin-ing; Je-sus, light of the world, shine up-on us,  
play your like-ness, ev-er chang-ing from glo-ry to glo-ry,set - us free, by the truth you now bring - us.  
mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.*Refrain*Shine on me, shine on me:  
Shine on me, me,

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy. Experience God's love!  
Thanks Be to God!

## POSTLUDE

### BLESSED DAY

*Philip Cordell, organ*

by J. Scjroveynner

*(Livestream)*

### I BIND UNTO MYSELF TODAY

*Philip Cordell, organ*

by J.H. Schaffner

*The altar flowers are given today by Ashley & Phil Rudd,  
In honor of James' 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday,  
and in memory of Brandon Huston.*

Prayer requests may be sent to [prayer@splcwestererville.org](mailto:prayer@splcwestererville.org)

## This Week's Activities at St. Paul

### **Sunday, 2/15**

- 9 AM: Praise Worship (Sanctuary)
- 9 AM: Journeying with Jesus (Lower Level)
- 9 AM: Adult Forum (Lower Level)
- 10 AM: Congregational Meeting (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM: Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 AM: Discussions in Today's World (Library)
- 12 PM: Souper Bowl Potluck (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM: Confirmation & High School Youth (Fellowship Hall)

### **Monday, 2/16**

- 3 PM: Music Lessons (Nursery)
- 5:30 PM: Yoga (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 PM: Drum Circle (Puppet Posse Room)

### **Tuesday, 2/17**

- 12 PM: Shrove Tuesday for Seniors (IHOP)
- 12 PM: Lunch Bunch (Fellowship Hall)
- 6 PM: Ladies Night Out (Mi Tradicion)
- 7:30 PM: Praise Team Rehearsal (Sanctuary)

### **Wednesday, 2/18**

- 9:30 AM: Piece & Sew (Lower Level)
- 6 PM: Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- 7 PM: Ash Wednesday Worship (Sanctuary)

### **Thursday, 2/19**

- 10 AM: PBS (Library)
- 6:45 PM: Bell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 7 PM: PBS (Library)

### **Friday, 2/20**

- 7 PM: Game Night (Fellowship Hall)

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### HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We welcome you to join us at the table of the Lord. Our Communion Bread is gluten, peanut, tree nut, soy, and dairy-free. **White grape juice is always available in the center of the tray.** All are welcome.

### NURSERY

The nursery is located at the top of the ramp of the main entrance to the church. Currently, the nursery is not staffed, however, it is available for you to use with your child. Also, for our young worshippers, please find **Worship Wonder Bags** on the small coat rack in the rear of the sanctuary, untie, and enjoy. After worship, please put the **UNTIED bag back** on the rack to be replenished and cleaned.

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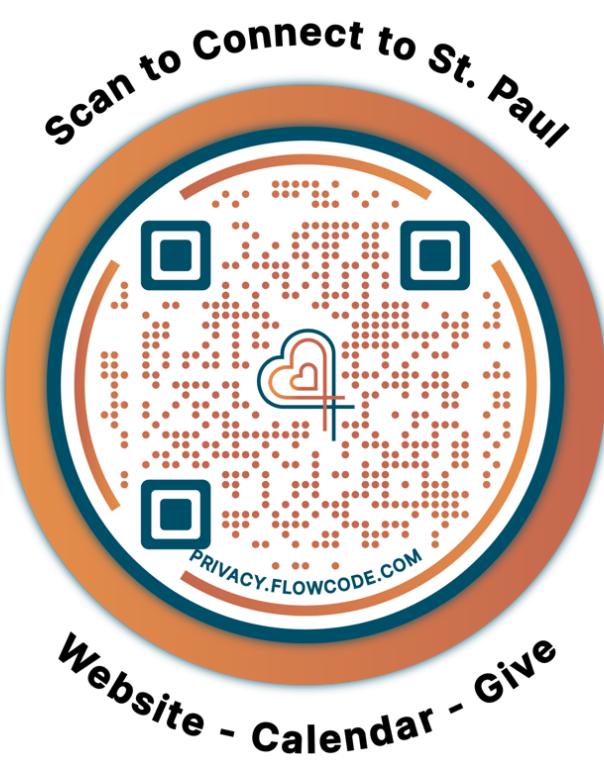
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