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Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

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The Feast of the Transfiguration of Our Lord

St. Barnabas Mission Statement

We experience God’s redeeming love in all and through all and respond to love through faithful worship, life-long spiritual growth, and committed outreach.

On a high mountain, Jesus is revealed as God’s Beloved One, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem—a foretaste of the resurrection of Christ and the reign of Love.

A bell tolls.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We invite you to quiet your heart and mind as we prepare for worship.

THE PRELUDE

Nun Komm, Der Heiden Heiland

J. S. Bach

The Liturgy of Gathering

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE GATHERING HYMN*

O Wondrous Type! H-137

O wondrous type! O Vision fair of glo - ry
 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in - car - nate
 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ deigns to
 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by this great
 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and Ho - ly
 that the Church may share, which Christ up - on the
 Lord holds con - verse high; and from the cloud, the
 man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
 Spi - rit, ev - er One, vouch - safe to bring us
 moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 Ho - ly One bears re - cord to the ly Son.
 theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
 strains we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 by thy grace to see thy glo - ry face to face.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

+Blessed be the one, holy, and living God:
Glory to God for ever and ever.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray...O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved One, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the Christ in his beauty; who with you, O Abba, and you, O Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT FOR THE ELECTION OF THE PRESIDING BISHOP

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Please sit.

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

Exodus 34:29–35

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the book of Exodus.

As Moses came down from Mount Sinai carrying the two tablets of the Covenant, he was not aware that the skin on his face was radiant from speaking with God. When Aaron and the other Israelites saw Moses, they were afraid to approach him because of the radiance of the skin of his face. Only when Moses called to them did Aaron and the leaders of the community come near, and then Moses spoke to them.

Later, all the Israelites gathered around, and Moses gave them the instructions he had received from YHWH on Mount Sinai. When he finished speaking to them, Moses put a veil over his face. Whenever Moses entered the presence of YHWH, he would remove the veil until he came out again, and when he would come out and tell the Israelites what had been commanded, they would see that the skin on his face was radiant. Then he would put the veil over his face again until he went in to speak with God.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99

Dominus regnavit

The psalm is prayed responsively whole verse on whole verse.

God reigns; let the people tremble; *
God is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

**God is great in Zion *
and is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess God's Name, which is great and awesome; *
God is the Holy One.

**“O Mighty Ruler, lover of justice,
you have established equity *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.”**

We proclaim your greatness, O God,
and fall down before your footstool; *
you are the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your Name, *
they called upon you, and you answered them.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept your testimonies and the decree that
you gave them.

**“O holy God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.”**

Proclaim the greatness of our God,
and worship on God's holy hill, *
for our god is the Holy One.

**Glory to God, Source of All Being, Incarnate
Word and Holy Spirit; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be
for ever. Amen.**

THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES *2 Peter 1:13–21*

The reading is introduced.

A reading from the second letter of Peter.

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 Creator when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Beloved One, 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.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:28–36

The reading is announced.

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

About eight days after saying this, Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up onto a mountain to pray. While Jesus was praying, his face changed in appearance and the clothes he wore became dazzlingly white. Suddenly two people were there talking with Jesus— Moses and Elijah. They appeared in glory and spoke of the prophecy that Jesus was about to fulfill in Jerusalem.

Peter and the others had already fallen into a deep sleep, but awakening, they saw Jesus' glory—and the two people who were standing next to him. When the two were leaving, Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, how good it is for us to be here! Let's set up three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah!" Peter didn't really know what he was saying.

While Peter was speaking, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and the disciples grew fearful as the others entered it. Then from the cloud came a voice which said, "This is my Own, my Chosen One. Listen to him!"

When the voice finished speaking, they saw no one but Jesus standing there. The disciples kept quiet, telling nothing of what they had seen at that time to anyone.

A brief silence, then:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please sit.

THE HOMILY

Ms. Patti Walter

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we experience the Season of Pentecost, we offer our prayers that all people may make themselves available to receive the power of the Holy Spirit that Jesus intends for all.

Silence for reflection.

For all who seek Love, wherever they are in their quest, that they may realize the power of the Holy Spirit at work in their lives.

We offer this prayer.

For the Anglican Communion, its members, and those who guide us, especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Kym, our own Bishop, and Jeffrey, our Rector, that they may be sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit in all they do.

We offer this prayer.

For all who have heard the cry of the planet, that they may be empowered to continue in their quest to bring healing and wholeness to the earth.

We offer this prayer.

The Communion Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... Almighty God, whose Beloved One, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

It is our custom to hold hands during The Lord's Prayer.

As Jesus has taught us, we pray those words that bind us together:

Our Fa-ther in hea ven, hal-lowed be your Name, your king-dom come, your will be done,
on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins
as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the power, and the glo-ry are yours,
now and for-ev-er. A-men.

Lamb of God

Jesus, Lamb of God: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: **have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world: **grant us peace.**

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this, your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Please sit. Jesus welcomed everyone to his table, and so we at St. Barnabas welcome everyone to this table. Gather around the Altar as you are directed. You may stand or kneel as is your custom. The Celebrant will place the gluten-free bread into your hand. You have two options to receive the wine. A Chalice Bearer will offer the Common Cup from which you may drink, or you may dip the bread in the wine when a second chalice comes in turn. You may also choose not to partake of the Cup. When you have received the Sacrament, please return to your seat. If you or your children prefer only to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

For the summer there will be no music during communion. We invite you into the silence to bask in and reflect on Christ's presence with us in the Sacrament.

Please stand in body or spirit.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray...Eternal God, heavenly Abba,

you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Beloved One Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's 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.

The Liturgy of Sending

THE SENDING OUT OF EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (Occasional)

N., in the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

We who are many are one Body, because we all share one Bread, one Cup.

THE BLESSING

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind; and +the blessing of the One who made us, who loves us, and who walks the way with us still be with us this day and remain with us always. **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN*

We are Marching in the Light of God ELW-866

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It features a melody with several triplet markings. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march-ing in the light of God." The score is arranged in five systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part consists of chords and rhythmic patterns that support the vocal melody. The lyrics are placed below the vocal line, with some words like "oh" and "march-ing" appearing on separate lines.

2. We are dancing.....

3. We are praying.....

4. We are singing.....

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

Wir Danken Dir, Herr Jesu Christ J. S. Bach

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